
**Tuesday, February 12, 2019
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ORDER PAPER (SC-2018-21)

2018-21/0 SMUDGING CEREMONY

2018-21/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2018-21/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:00PM in **Council Chambers** at University Hall.**

2018-21/2 PRESENTATIONS

2018-21/2a **FLAMAN MOVES to allow a presentation regarding the University of Alberta Board of Governors**

Presentation Title: 'University of Alberta Board of Governors'

Presenter(s):

- Michael Phair - Chair, University of Alberta Board of Governors

Abstract:

This presentation by Chair Michael Phair will explain who the Board of Governors is and what they do, followed by a brief Q&A session.

2018-21/2b **LARSEN MOVES to allow a presentation on Council Order Papers and Standing Orders.**

Presentation Title: "Council Order Papers Reform"

Presenter(s):

- Reed Larsen - President (Students' Union)

Abstract:

Council tasked President Larsen to collect and present options for updates to Council Standing Orders and Order Papers. This presentation will outline the broad ideas and updates, give an opportunity for input, and outline the next steps to complete an update to standing orders.

2018-21/2c **LARSEN MOVES** to allow a presentation in regards to an update on the Strategic Planning Committee Progress.

Presentation Title: Strategic Planning Committee Progress and Draft

Presenter(s):

- Reed Larsen - President (Students' Union)

Abstract: President Larsen will give an overview of the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee, the provided rough draft of the strategic plan, and timeline for the Strategic Plans competition.

See SC-2018.21.08.

2018-21/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2018-21/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

2018-21/5 **OPEN FORUM**

2018-21/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2018-21/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-21/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2018-21/8a **RIPKA MOVES** to appoint four (4) members of the Council to the Executive Compensation Review Committee.

2018-21/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-21/9b Vice-President, Academic - Report.

See SC-2018.21.01.

2018-21/9d Vice-President, Operations and Finance - Report.

See SC-2018.21.02.

2018-21/9f Students' Council - Attendance.

See SC-2018.21.03.

2018-21/9e Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2018.21.04.

2018-21/9f Executive Committee Motion Tracker

See SC-2018.21.05.

2018-21/9g Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2018-20)

See SC-2018.21.06.

2018-21/9j Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2018-19)

See SC-2018.21.07.

2018-21/9h Strategic Plan - DRAFT

See SC-2018.21.08.

2018-21/9i DIE Board Ruling 2018-08

See SC-2018.21.09.

Date: 7 Feb 2019

To: University of Alberta Students' Union Council

Re: VP(A) 2018/19 Report #19

Dear Council,

I will be out of office for three weeks, so if you have any questions regarding my portfolio, please email me and I will get back to them as soon as I am back. In the meantime, President Larsen and VP Ripka have taken on my several committee's and other obligations and I have created action plans so my goals do not fall behind. Let me know if you have any questions!

1. University Governance Meetings

GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (GFC CLE): Zero Textbook Cost Course Indicator on Bear Tracks

- So I did a presentation to CLE about this issue and wanted to see our University take on this project. The entire committee had amazing questions, and had great feedback. One strong piece of feedback was that it was actually very alienating to have a cost indicator beside a course because in good faith, most professors try to keep their costs down. This entire project's goal was to create education and awareness around OERs and so we floated the idea of the OER indicator instead and...IT WENT SO WELL!!! I really thought there was not going to be a taste for this, but because someone mentioned it, I latched on!!! IST, the Registrar, the Center for Teaching and Learning, a Vice-Provost and (almost) all of the Committee spoke in favor of piloting this except for one. Next CLE meeting, there will be a presentation around what OERs are, and what they mean in terms of enhancing the classroom experience. I am so EXCITED!! This is amazing for OE awareness on campus, and next meeting pending an OER presentation we will come back to how we can logically execute this project.

GFC EXEC

- This will be on Monday and we will talking about the:
 - Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act
 - Will impact students with parents who work at the UofA
 - Workplace Impairment Policy and Procedures
 - Will impact students who work at the UofA in labs/as TAs/ etc.
 - Terms of Reference for the Council on Student Affairs (COSA)
 - Will be letting full GFC decide. The argument is to have or not to have a Grad and Undergrad Indigenous Rep, since theoretically ASC represents both. Thoughts? Let me know. Right now, I will be voting for both reps to have a seat.
 - Proposed Revisions to Standing Committee Terms of Reference GFC Executive Committee
 - Just changes to delegations of authority.
 - EARLY CONSULTATION
 - Proposed Revisions to Terms of Reference - General Faculties Council
 - Proposed Revisions to Standing Committee Terms of Reference - GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC)

- DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - Report of the Campuses and Facilities Safety and Security (CFSS)
 - Green and Gold Scholar
 - Update on Changes to the University Calendar
 - 2019-2020 University Consolidated Budget

2. Faculty Associations

- BSA Elections are on Feb 15th, woot! I went to their Candidates Forum right before Council!
- I attended APSA's Candidates Forum on Wednesday, Feb 6th.
- COFA Meetings will be before Feb 14th.
- ESA and LSA FAMF questions are on the Executive Ballot.

3. Stride

We had our last Stride Session on Thursday and it was so great. I was on a Panel with Councillor Kim and Isha Godra, and I'm still inspired by their team. The members of Stride really taught me how to believe in myself, when really no one around me did, and I am so happy to call some of them my best friends.

5. University EDI Strat Plan

- This whole year, I've been working with the University to develop a campus EDI Strategic Plan. On **February 13th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in CCIS Room 1-430 (North Campus)**, we will be officially launching this plan. The launch event will include a panel discussion and I'll be giving remarks on behalf of students. If you're interested in attending, check out the invite in your email's! It's open to all members of the public.

6. Additional Things To Note

- An eClass Survey is being created in conjunction the SU, IST and CTL as I think it is really important for us to continue to understand how eClass serves students if we are spending thousands of dollars on it. Stay tuned!
- I've been meeting with several OER advocates on campus to help strategize about the OE Advocacy Group. I will bring our strategic plan to the Council for early thoughts soon.

My office hours for the Winter semester are most likely going to be by appointment only, unless I Council would prefer a set time - let me know your thoughts, please! Let me know if you have any questions at all and if you made it this far, thanks for reading my report!

Kind regards,



UASU VP (Academic)
Akanksha Bhatnagar

Date: 7/02/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: VPOF 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

Hi, I hope everyone is surviving the cold. If not, I hear the fireplace in SUB is a nice place to relax and thaw out, so I'd encourage you to check it out. The pace of my job has changed substantially over the past week or so, given recent events, so that has been interesting to adjust to, but overall positive. Here's what I've been working on lately.

Projects in the Pipeline

Before the end of my term, I would like to complete the Dewey's strategic plan and the SU catalogue, both of which were campaign points of mine. The former is very exciting and fun to work on, and will hopefully help guide the future of the business to becoming a profitable, sustainable one that reflects the desires of students. The catalogue too will be of use to our members, especially student groups, so that they have a better idea of the resources and services available to them to assist in hosting events. Both of these projects are off the ground already, however will take quite a bit of work over the next couple of weeks. Looking forward to the finished products!

EDI Award Nomination Committee

I sat on the UAlberta Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Award committee to decide which nominations deserve to be awarded. The purpose of these awards is to highlight individuals or initiatives within the UAlberta Community that are advancing EDI to enhance our campus' equity goals. It was great to see all of the great efforts that people are putting into this cause, and I am thrilled to have chosen some very deserving winners. The awards breakfast will occur at 7:30 on March 16th in SUB, so if you are interested in attending, I will share the event with Council.

Student Spaces Levy

The recent failure of the Student Spaces Levy proposal was rough for sure, but also gave the organization a lot to learn from. Although it didn't pass, there is still the need to find a long term capital plan for SUB. I am doing a formal review of the process in

order to give recommendations to my successor, should they want to pursue it again next year. This entails timeline tweaks, consultation improvements, and media relations recommendations. Furthermore, as I have mentioned, I will be coming to consult with Council at the end of the semester, to gain any insight or ideas that you may have surrounding the SSL process or a potential new plan to address the capital plan. Please gather your thoughts between now and then.

Elections and Office Hours

If you'd like to book a meeting at any point, please reach out at emma.ripka@su.ualberta.ca. Elections are coming up, so that should be spicy! The office will be calm, but I'm sure campus will be buzzing with class talks and one on ones. Good luck to everyone running, and if you're not directly involved with any campaigns, remember to take part in forums if you get the chance.

Kind regards,

Emma Ripka

UASU VP Operations & Finance
Emma Ripka

Item	Motion	Result	Meeting	Date
2018-00/1a	JONATHAN BARRACLOUGH is appointed as the Speaker for the 2018/19 session of Council.	N/A	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-00/8a	FLAMAN/PALINDAT MOVED to approve the 2018-19 Students' Council Meeting Schedule.	CARRIED	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-00/8b	PALINDAT, STATT, BOSE, CHUNG, KOBES, LEY, THIBAudeau are declared appointed to Audit Committee by acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-00/8c	CUTARM, MOGALE, and SUNDAY are declared appointed to Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee via secret ballot.	CARRIED	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-00/8d	LEY, RIPKA, SUNDAY, THIBAudeau, HADDOUCHE, RAITZ, and KIM are declared appointed to Bylaw Committee via secret ballot.	CARRIED	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-00/8e	FLAMAN, LIN, PALINDAT, FARRIS, and KIM are declared appointed to Council Administration Committee via secret ballot.	CARRIED	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-00/8f	HADDOUCHE, DIPINTO, BOSE, ANDERSON, SUNDAY, ST. HILAIRE, and LIN are declared appointed to Finance Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-00/8g	CUTARM, RIZVI, FARRIS, AGARWAL, and MUSTAFA are declared appointed to Nominating Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-00/8h	RAITZ, BILAK, PALINDAT, FARRIS, PALMER, and MOGALE are declared appointed to the Policy Committee via secret ballot.	CARRIED	SC-2018-00	04/17/2018
2018-01/1d	KIM/THIBAudeau MOVED to approve the Students' Council Standing Orders.	CARRIED	SC-2018-01	05/15/2018
2018-01/2a	LARSEN/DIPINTO MOVED to allow the KAIROS Blanket Exercise presentation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-01	05/15/2018
	FLAMAN/FARRIS MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow the presentation time to exceed thirty minutes.	CARRIED	SC-2018-01	05/15/2018
2018-01/7a	BILAK is appointed to Finance Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-01	05/15/2018
2018-01/8a	KIM, RAITZ, RIZVI are declared appointed to the GovWeek Planning Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-01	05/15/2018
2018-02/7a	AGARWAL is declared appointed to the Audit Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-02/7b	BELCOURT is affirmed appointed to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-02/7c	CALLIHOO is affirmed appointed to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-02/7d	HOSSEINY is declared appointed to the Finance Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-02/8a	BILAK is declared appointed to the Gateway Student Journal Society Board via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-02/8b	PALINDAT is declared appointed to The Landing Board via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-02/8c	CHUNG is declared appointed to the Student Legal Services Board via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-02/8d	MOGALE is declared appointed to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Board via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-02/8e	FLAMAN, THIBAudeau are the First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board via secret ballot.	CARRIED	SC-2018-02	05/29/2018
2018-03/7a	RAITZ/FLAMAN MOVED, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the first the reading of the Residence Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-03	06/12/2018
	FLAMAN MOVED to amend the Policy removing the double space in §4 and an extraneous "i" in §5.	CARRIED	SC-2018-03	06/12/2018
2018-03/8a	KIM, DIPINTO are declared appointed to the Health and Dental Plan Committee via secret ballot.	CARRIED	SC-2018-03	06/12/2018
2018-03/8b	BILAK, CHUNG are declared appointed to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board Hiring Committee via secret ballot.	CARRIED	SC-2018-03	06/12/2018
2018-04/7a	SUNDAY/MOGALE MOVED, on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, to appoint Councillor Cutarm onto the Council on Aboriginal Initiatives.	CARRIED	SC-2018-04	06/26/2018
2018-04/7b	RAITZ/PALMER MOVED, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the second reading of the Residence Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-04	06/26/2018
	AGARWAL MOVED to amend §2(5) in order to replace the term "i" with "will".	CARRIED	SC-2018-04	06/26/2018
2018-05/7a	BILAK/BOURGEOIS MOVE TO RATIFY the appointment of Karamveer Lalh to Chief Tribune of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.		SC-2018-05	07/10/2018
	FLAMAN/BILAK MOVE to suspend Standing Orders, cancel recess and discussion of the item <i>in camera</i> to the next meeting.	CARRIED	SC-2018-05	07/10/2018
2018-05/7b	CUTARM/MOGALE MOVE, on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, to affirm the appointment of Kimberley Fraser-Airhert onto the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2018-05	07/10/2018
2018-05/7c	KIM/RAITZ MOVE, on behalf of the Bylaw Committee, to approve the First Principles of Bill #2, "Bylaw 100 Attendance Regulations" as attached.		SC-2018-05	07/10/2018
	FLAMAN/STATT MOVE to commit (i.e. to send the item back to Bylaw Committee).	CARRIED	SC-2018-05	07/10/2018
2018-05/8a	LARSEN/THIBAudeau MOVE to ratify the hiring of Nadia Halabi (2017/18 Chief Returning Officer) to a remunerated position in accordance with Bylaw 100.18.7.		SC-2018-05	07/10/2018
	SUNDAY/PALMER MOVE to postpone this motion to the next meeting of Students' Council.	CARRIED	SC-2018-05	07/10/2018
2018-06/7a	THIBAudeau is declared appointed to Policy Committee via secret ballot.		SC-2018-06	07/31/2018
2018-06/7b	BILAK/PALMER MOVED, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Non-Partisan Political Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-06	07/31/2018
2018-06/7c	SUNDAY/THIBAudeau MOVED, on behalf of the Bylaw Committee, to approve Bill #3: Bylaw 100 Students' Council committee regulations as follows	CARRIED	SC-2018-06	07/31/2018
2018-06/8a	BILAK/BOURGEOIS RATIFIED the appointment of Karamveer Lalh to Chief, Tribune of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.	CARRIED	SC-2018-06	07/31/2018
2018-06/8b	LARSEN/CUTARM MOVED to ratify the hiring of Nadia Halabi (2017/18 Chief Returning Officer) to a remunerated position in accordance with Bylaw 100.18.7.	CARRIED	SC-2018-06	07/31/2018
2018-07/2a	BHATNAGAR/RAITZ MOVED to allow the "Be Book Smart Fair" Presentation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
2018-07/2b	BOURGEOIS/SUNDAY MOVED to allow the "Council Involvement at WOW / NSO" Presentation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
2018-07/7a	PALINDAT/THIBAudeau MOVES to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.	N/A	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
2018-07/7b	KIM MOVES to nominate one (1) member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee.	N/A	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
2018-07/7c	SUNDAY/LEY MOVE to approve First Principles of Bill #4: Students' Council Committee Chairs' Training.	FAILED	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
2018-07/7d	SUNDAY/KIM MOVE, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, to approve the Second Principles of Bill #3.	CARRIED	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
	THIBAudeau MOVED to amend §12(8) to reflect that the ARRC membership is composed of three members of Council, Executive members, with remaining members as the Permanent members of Council.	CARRIED	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
	LARSEN MOVED to amend §12(1) to read "first principles regarding changes to this bylaw, in regards to standing committee membership, require a recommendation from the standing committee.".	CARRIED	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018

2018-07/7e	RAITZ MOVES, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First Principles of the Capital Projects Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
2018-07/7f	RAITZ MOVES, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the Second Principles of the Non-Partisan Political Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-07	08/21/2018
2018-08/2a	RIPKA/FLAMAN MOVED to present "A Sustainable Capital plan"	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
	FLAMAN/BOURGEOIS MOVED to extend the presentation time by fifteen minutes.	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
	LEY/CUTARM MOVED to extend the presentation time by ten minutes.	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-06/6	SUNDAY/BOURGEOIS MOVED to enter in-camera.	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-06/6	FLAMAN/STATT MOVED to exit in-camera.	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-08/7a	RAITZ/FLAMAN MOVED, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the Second Reading Capital Projects.	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
	FLAMAN/RIPKA CALLED the question.	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-08/8a	LARSEN/FLAMAN MOVED to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Council Administration Committee (CAC).	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-08/8b	LARSEN/KIM MOVED to appoint one member of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-08/8c	LARSEN/FLAMAN MOVED to approve Stephen Raitz to hold the position of GOTV	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-08/8d	LARSEN/AGARWAL MOVED to appoint four (4) members of student council to the PAW Strategic Operating Committee. (Meetings Mondays 3-4PM, Oct. 1, Dec. 3, Feb. 4, April 1).	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-08/8e	LARSEN MOVED to appoint three (3) members of Students Council to the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. (Meetings are to be held 3:30pm - 5:00pm every Tuesday)	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
	RIPKA/RIZVI MOVED to table 2018-08/8e to the next meeting.	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
	LEY/KIM CALLED the question	CARRIED	SC-2018-08	09/11/2018
2018-09/2a	SUNDAY/BHATNAGAR to allow the presentation "Smudging Teachings".	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
	SUNDAY/PALMER MOVED to extend the presentation to be a total length of one hour.	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
2018-09/2b	RIPKA/KIM to allow a presentation on Bill #2: Bylaw 100	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
2018-09/2c	RAITZ/AGARWAL MOVED to present the "UASU Get Out The Vote Campaign" presentation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
2018-09/9a	RAITZ/FLAMAN MOVED, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Internationalization Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
	AGARWAL/PALMER MOVED to amend the Resolution 10 to read "Students' Council" from "Student's Council"	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
	KIM/BROWN CALLED the question.	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
2018-09/8a	LARSEN/STATT MOVED to appoint three (3) members of Students Council to the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. (Meetings are to be held 3:30pm - 5:00pm every Tuesday)	N/A	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
	BHATNAGAR/AGARWAL MOVED to commit to the motion to Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
	BHATNAGAR/CUTARM MOVED the previous question.	CARRIED	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
2018-09/8b	RIPKA/SUNDAY MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to The Landing Board.	N/A	SC-2018-09	09/18/2018
2018-10/7a	BHATNAGAR/FLAMAN MOVED to appoint one (1) member to the UASU Nominating Committee.	N/A	SC-2018-10	10/02/2018
2018-10/7b	RIPKA MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Council to the Finance Committee.	N/A	SC-2018-10	10/02/2018
2018-10/7c	KIM/FLAMAN MOVE to approve First Principles of Bill #2: Bylaw 100 attendance regulations.	N/A	SC-2018-10	10/02/2018
2018-10/7d	KIM/THIBAudeau MOVE to approve First Principles of Bill #5: First principles of Bilingualism.	N/A	SC-2018-10	10/02/2018
2018-10/8a	BHATNAGAR/FARRIS MOVED to appoint one (1) member to GovWeek Planning Committee.	N/A	SC-2018-10	10/02/2018
2018-10/8b	RAITZ/BOURGEOIS MOVED, on behalf of Policy Committee, to approve the Second Principles of the Internationalization Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-11	10/02/2018
2018-11/2a	SUNDAY/FLAMAN MOVED to present "ARRC Town Hall Feedback".	CARRIED	SC-2018-11	10/16/2018
2018-11/7a	SUNDAY/FARRIS MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Council to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.	N/A	SC-2018-11	10/16/2018
	ADWAN is declared appointed to Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee via acclamation.		SC-2018-11	10/16/2018
2018-11/7b	BILAK/PALMER MOVED to ratify the appointment of Krishen Singh as a Tribune on the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.	CARRIED	SC-2018-11	10/16/2018
2018-11/7c	RIPKA/FLAMAN MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Council to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board (FACRA).	N/A	SC-2018-11	10/16/2018
	SUNDAY is declared appointed to First Alberta Campus Radio Association Board via acclamation.		SC-2018-11	10/16/2018
	SUNDAY/KIM MOVED to suspend Standing Orders.		SC-2018-11	10/16/2018
2018-11/7d	KIM/SUNDAY MOVED, on behalf of the Bylaw Committee, to approve the second principles of Bill #2: Bylaw 100 Attendance Regulations.	CARRIED	SC-2018-11	10/16/2018
2018-12/2a	LARSEN/SUNDAY MOVED to do a presentation to council on the Government of Alberta Tuition Framework.	CARRIED	SC-2018-12	11/13/2018
2018-12/2b	BROWN/FARRIS MOVED to do a presentation on the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.		SC-2018-12	11/13/2018
2018-12/7a	THIBAudeau/ FLAMAN MOVES on behalf of Audit Committee to approve the KPMG audit findings.		SC-2018-12	11/13/2018
2018-12/7b	KIM/SUNDAY MOVED to nominate one (1) member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee.		SC-2018-12	11/13/2018
2018-12/7c	RAITZ/PALMER MOVES to nominate one (1) member of Students' Council to the Policy Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2018-12	11/13/2018
	LEY is declared appointed to Policy Committee via secret ballot.		SC-2018-12	11/13/2018
	LARSEN/PALMER MOVED to enter the meeting into in camera.	CARRIED	SC-2018-12	11/13/2018
	AGARWAL/FARRIS MOVED to exit the meeting from ex camera.	CARRIED	SC-2018-12	11/13/2018
2018-13/5	BELCOURT/RIZVI MOVED to enter in camera.	CARRIED	SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
	FLAMAN/PALMER MOVED to exit in camera.	CARRIED	SC-2018-13	11/13/2018

2018-13/7a	SUNDAY/FARRIS MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee. RIZVI is declared appointed to Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee via acclamation.		SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
2018-13/7b	RIPKA/PALMER MOVED to appoint two (2) members of Council to Finance Committee. HUSSEIN and BOSE are declared appointed to Finance Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
2018-13/7c	KIM/FARRIS MOVED to nominate one (1) member of Students' Council to the Bylaw Committee. STATT is declared appointed to Bylaw Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
2018-13/7d	RAITZ/PALMER MOVED to nominate one (1) member of Students' Council to the Policy Committee SUNDAY is declared appointed to Policy Committee via acclamation.		SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
2018-13/8a	RIPKA/BOURGEOIS MOVED that Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed contract between the Students' Union and Studentcare.		SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
2018-13/8b	BOURGEOIS/STATT MOVED to integrate The Landing into the Student Services Unit of the University of Alberta Students' Union. FARRIS/PALMER MOVED to extend the proceedings by twenty minutes.	POSTPONED	SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
	SUNDAY/BOURGEOIS MOVED to postpone the item until such time as the Students' Union consults with a lawyer on the legality of this integration and fee collection in relation to the provision	CARRIED	SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
2018-13/8c	RIPKA/AGER MOVED to go in camera for a Business Strategy Discussion.	CARRIED	SC-2018-13	11/13/2018
2018-14/2a	BHATNAGAR/BOSE MOVED to allow the "ESS FAMF Presentation".	CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
2018-14/2b	BOURGEOIS/BILAK MOVED to allow the "Proposed Changes to Student Group Oversight" presentation.	CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
2018-14/7a	KIM/FLAMAN MOVED to approve the First Alberta Campus Radio Association plebiscite question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below. BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED to amend the question to read "Do you support a fee of \$1.25 per term to support CJSR.FM.88".	CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
	BHATNAGAR MOVED to amend the amendment to read "Do you support continuing to pay \$1.25 per term toward CJSR.FM.88"		SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
	STATT MOVED to enter the meeting into Committee of the Whole.	OUT OF ORDER	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
	BOURGEOIS/BOSE MOVED the previous question.		SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
	BHATNAGAR/CUTARM MOVED to suspend Council Standing Orders to allow the meeting to proceed to 9:30pm.		SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
2018-14/7b	KIM/STATT MOVED to approve the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund plebiscite question, on the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, as listed below.	CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
2018-14/7c	SUNDAY/BOURGEOIS MOVED, on the recommendation of the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee, to affirm the appointment of Colin Mulholland onto the Aboriginal Relations	CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
2018-14/8a	BOURGEOIS/KIM MOVED: WHEREAS students agreed by referendum to pay a dedicated fee to fund certain programs and services by The Landing; AND WHEREAS, the governance of The Landing is no longer functional; AND WHEREAS The Landing is no longer able to fulfill its reporting requirements or carry out its mandate; AND WHEREAS the membership of The Landing have passed a resolution asking the Students' Union to step in and integrate the programs and services offered by The Landing into Students' Union; The Landing Board and Students' Council jointly resolve to amend the DFU so that The Landing is no longer required to have a governance structure that is independent from the Students' Union			
		CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
	BOURGEOIS/FARRIS MOVED to enter the meeting into in camera.	CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
	BOURGEOIS/BHATNAGAR MOVED to exit the meeting from in camera.	CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
2018-14/8b	BHATNAGAR/HADDOUCHE MOVED the previous question.	CARRIED	SC-2018-14	11/27/2018
2018-15/2a	RIPKA MOVED to present "Update on the Capital Plan". SUNDAY/FLAMAN MOVED to table item 2018-15/2a until the next meeting.	FAILED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
	RIPKA/KIM MOVED the previous question.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/2b	BHATNAGAR/SUNDAY MOVED to present "GovWeek 2019".	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/2c	BHATNAGAR/FLAMAN MOVED to present "Law Students' Association Membership Fee Proposal".	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/2d	LARSEN MOVES to accept a presentation on "Community Engagement". RIPKA/PALMER MOVED to indefinitely table item 2018-15/2d.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/7a	BHATNAGAR/FARRIS MOVED to approve First Principles of the Students in Governance Political Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/7b	BHATNAGAR/AGARWAL MOVED to approve First Principles of the Quality Instruction Political Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/7c	BILAK/STATT MOVED, on behalf of Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Experiential Learning Political Policy.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/7d	BOURGEOIS/SUNDAY MOVED to approve Bill #6, Changes to Student Group Oversight, in First Principles. SUNDAY/FLAMAN MOVED to commit item 2018-15/7d to Bylaw Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
	STATT/BOURGEOIS MOVED the previous question.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/7e	LEY/KIM MOVED to approve the Aboriginal Student Council (ASC) Referendum Question. FARRIS/AGARWAL MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting by ten minutes.	CARRIED. Belco	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-15/8a	BHATNAGAR/HADDOUCHE MOVED to approve the Faculty Association Membership Fee Proposal from the Engineering Students' Society.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018

	PALMER/CUTARM MOVED to Suspend Standing orders extend the meeting by fifteen minutes.	CARRIED	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
	KOBES/BOURGEOIS MOVED the previous question.	CARRIED. Cutar	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED to amend the Students' Council schedule such that the meeting of 2018-17 will occur in Council Chambers and the meeting of 2018-18 will occur at Campus	CARRIED.	SC-2018-15	12/11/2018
2018-16/2a	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to allow the "ACCESS Open Minds" Presentation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
2018-16/2b	BROWN/BHATNAGAR MOVED to allow the "Deferred Maintenance at the University of Alberta" presentation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
2018-16/2c	BHATNAGAR/FLAMAN MOVED to allow a Presentation regarding the Reusable Dish Program.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
2018-16/7a	FLAMAN/BHATNAGAR MOVED to nominate two (2) members of Students' Council as permanent members of the Council Administration Committee.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
	AGARWAL, CUTARM are declared appointed to Council Administration Committee via secret ballot.		SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
2018-16/8a	BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVES to approve the Faculty Association Membership Fee Proposal from the Law Students' Association.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
2018-16/8b	BHATNAGAR MOVED to nominate one member (1) of Students' Council as a permanent member of the Policy Committee.		SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
	CUTARM is declared appointed to Policy Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
2018-16/8c	FLAMAN MOVED to nominate one member (1) of Students' Council as a permanent member of the Nominating Committee.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
	ADWAN is declared appointed to Nominating Committee via acclamation.		SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
2018-16/8d	STATT MOVED to nominate one member (1) of Students' Council as a permanent member of the Audit Committee.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
	HUSSEIN is declared appointed to Audit Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-16	01/08/2019
2018-17/2a	N/A MOVED to allow the "Exclusivity of Students' Council: Talking Circle and Brainstorming" Presentation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-17	01/22/2019
2018-17/2b	N/A MOVED to allow the "Campus Facilities Safety and Security Working Group Report" Presentation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-17	01/22/2019
2018-17/2c	N/A MOVED to allow the "CAUS Update" Presentation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-17	01/22/2019
2018-18/7a	BILAK/BROWN MOVED, on behalf of Policy Committee, to approve the second reading of the Experiential Learning Political Policy.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	FLAMAN MOVED to omnibus items 2018-18/7a,7b,7c.	FAILED	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
2018-18/7b	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to approve the second reading of the Quality Instruction Political Policy.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
2018-18/7c	BHATNAGAR/BILAK MOVED to approve the second reading of the Students in Governance Political Policy.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
2018-18/7d	KIM/BILAK MOVED, on behalf of Bylaw Committee, to approve First Principles of Bill 6: Changes to Student Group Oversight.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
2018-18/7e	RAITZ/BHATNAGAR MOVED, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Engagement Policy.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
2018-18/7f	STATT/BILAK MOVED to appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the Audit Committee.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	TSE, SUNDAY are declared appointed to Audit Committee via acclamation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
2018-18/8a	RIPKA/LEY MOVED to establish an ad-hoc committee on Executive Compensation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
2018-18/8b	RIPKA/BILAK MOVED to approve the Students Spaces referendum question as follows:	OUT OF ORDER.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	FLAMAN MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow guests of Council to speak.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	RIPKA/BROWN MOVED to enter into committee of the whole.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	RAITZ/BOSE MOVED to return to committee of the difference.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	LEY MOVED to amend the question to read "It would cost over \$1 billion to address all maintenance needs on campus. Government funding for updating university facilities usually leaves out	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	FLAMAN/SUNDAY MOVED to extend the meeting by fifteen minutes.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	FLAMAN/BOURGEOIS MOVED to extend until the conclusion of the present motion.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
	RIPKA/RAITZ MOVED to table item 2018-18/8b until the next meeting and call a meeting, yet to be determined, that will occur before Monday, February 4	CARRIED.	SC-2018-18	01/29/2019
2018-19/8a	RIPKA/BILAK MOVE to approve the Students Spaces referendum question as follows:	FAILED.	SC-2018-19	02/02/2019
	SUNDAY/FLAMAN moved to enter the meeting into a committee of the whole.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-19	02/02/2019
	FLAMAN/BROWN MOVED to return to committee of the difference.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-19	02/02/2019
	BHATNAGAR/BILAK MOVED to enter the committee of the whole to discuss the proposed question.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-19	02/02/2019
	BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to return to the committee of the difference.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-19	02/02/2019
	MOGALE/RIZVI MOVED to recess for fifteen minutes.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-19	02/02/2019
2018/20/2a	BROWN/HADDOUCHE MOVED to allow the 'Campus Saint-Jean: une institution unique' Presentation.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
	LEY/BROWN MOVED, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Food Policy.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
2018-20/7a	BROWN/BHATNAGAR MOVED to approve the First Reading of the Student Employment Political Policy.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
2018-20/7b	RIPKA/FLAMAN MOVED to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Principles.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
2018-20/8a	BHATNAGAR MOVED to discuss feedback for the user interface of the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction database, aligned with the Quality Instruction Political Policy.	CARRIED.	SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
2018-20/8b	RIPKA/LARSEN MOVED to establish an ad-hoc committee on Executive Compensation.		SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
	RIPKA MOVED to amend 3(1)(a) to render the Vice-President Finance and Operations as a non-voting member.		SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
	SUNDAY MOVED to amend Section 2.2 to read "three members" instead of "members"		SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
	SUNDAY MOVED to amend Section 2.1 to read "the permanent membership of the committee shall consist of"		SC-2018-20	02/05/2019
	STATT MOVED to amend 3(1)(c) to read "one student at large" as a voting position.		SC-2018-20	02/05/2019

LARSEN/FLAMAN MOVED to enter in camera to discuss political strategy.

CARRIED.

SC-2018-20

02/05/2019

Mtg Code	Date	Result	Motion	Council Agenda Reported In	Notes
01	2018-05-07	5/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO budget no more than \$3000 to send the President, the VP External, Ms. Banister, and the DRPA to the Council of Alberta University Students Changeover Conference.		
01	2018-05-07	5/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BROWN MOVED TO budget no more than \$5002 to send the President, VP (External), and the DPRA to the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Foundations Conference.		
01	2018-05-07	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the appointment of Shane Scott as the UGAA for a temporary term until August 31, 2018.		
01	2018-05-07	5/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO approach Fahim Rahman about taking on a temporary position as the temporary Director of Political Affairs.		
02	2018-05-10	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO appoint Akanksha and Andre to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.		
03	2018-05-28	4/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO send the SU Executives to Healthy Campus Alberta Wellness Summit at the U of C		BHATNAGAR away
03	2018-05-28	4/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO approve sending Craig Berry to speak at this year's COCA conference as presented		BHATNAGAR away
07	2018-06-18	4/0/0	LARSEN/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the Job Descriptions for the Director of Research and Advocacy and the External Advocacy Advisor as presented.		BROWN away
09	2018-06-27	5/0/0	RIPKA/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve the rebranding of SUBmart to SUBmarket as presented.		
10	2018-07-05	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED TO send VP External Adam Brown to the CAUS Lethbridge Counterparts Conference.		LARSEN away
11	2018-07-11	5/0/0	RIPKA/LARSEN MOVED TO pursue Filistix as a potential food vendor in the lower level SUB.		
12	2018-07-16	5/0/0	BROWN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO budget no more than \$2600.00 to send the President, VP External, and DRPA to CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference.		
13	2018-07-19	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for \$100 to purchase a founders membership to ParityYEG.		
14	2018-07-30	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the Assistant Operations Manager- Retail Job Description as presented.		
15	2018-08-02	5/0/0	BROWN/LARSEN MOVED TO approve the JD for a GOTV Campaign Coordinator as presented.		
16	2018-08-13	5/0/0	BROWN/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the Social Media & Communications Associate Job Description as presented.		
17	2018-08-23	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation not to exceed \$600.00 for the Annual CSJ BBQ as presented.		RIPKA away
19	2018-08-30	5/0/0	BROWN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve SU signed letter to Dr. Turpin in support of the ACFA action on CSJ.		
19	2018-08-30	5/0/0	BROWN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve the budgetary transfer and job description for the Student Human Resources Coordinator as presented.		
24	2018-10-01	4/0/0	RIPKA/BHATNAGAR MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$200.00 for Staff Appreciation as presented.		LARSEN away
25	2018-10-04	5/0/0	BROWN/LARSEN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for no more than \$600.00 for the CAUS Tuition Campaign as presented.		
25	2018-10-04	5/0/0	RIPKA/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for \$100.00 Staff Appreciation – Doughnut Day as presented.		

Mtg Code	Date	Result	Motion	Council Agenda Reported In	Notes
26	2018-10-16	4/0/0	RIPKA/BROWN MOVED TO approve a Project Allocation for \$850.00 for the 2017 CSJ BBQ as presented.		BOURGEOIS away
27	2018-10-29	4/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BROWN MOVED TO recommend the StudentCare contract for approval to Students' Council as presented.		
28	2018-11-01	4/0/0	BROWN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve a contingency request for \$8000 for a new large format printer as presented.		BHATNAGAR away
29	2018-11-06	5/0/0	LARSEN/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve sending the General Manager to the AMICCUS-C Western Regional Conference as presented.		
32	2018-11-15	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO not renew the Students' Union's contract with Canada Post as recommended.		
32	2018-11-15	5/0/0	BOURGEOIS/RIPKA MOVED TO approve the Job Description for the Junior Tech Support Analyst as presented.		
32	2018-11-15	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BOURGEOIS MOVED TO approve \$1110.00 from the Project Allocation Fund for the Student Leaders Summit as presented.		
34	2018-11-22	5/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BHATNAGAR MOVE TO approve the Job Description for the Director of Conferencing and Events as presented.		
35	2018-12-05	4/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BROWN MOVE TO approve a project allocation not to exceed \$600.00 for the Academic Advising Survey as presented.		BHATNAGAR away
35	2018-12-05	4/0/0	RIPKA/BROWN MOVE TO approve a project allocation not to exceed \$500.00 for the Network of Empowered Women Conference as presented.		BHATNAGAR away
36	2018-12-13	4/0/0	BOURGEOIS/BROWN MOVE THAT \$2000 be allocated from the Contingency Reserve to replace the Horowitz lobby water fountain as presented.		LARSEN away
37	2018-12-17	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVE TO approve a project allocation not to exceed \$3000.00 for GovWeek 2019 as presented.		



University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

6:00PM

3-04 in Pavillon Lacerte, Faculty Saint Jean

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01PM.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2018-20)

2018-20/0 **SMUDGING CEREMONY**

2018-20/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

SPEAKER: Special ordered items *2018-20/2a* and *2018-20/7a* from *SC-2018-20-LA-20190202*.

2018-20/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, February 12, 2019** at 6:00PM in **Council Chambers** at University Hall.

2018-20/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2018-20/2a **BROWN/HADDOUCHE MOVED** to allow the 'Campus Saint-Jean: une institution unique' Presentation.

Presentation Title: "Campus Saint-Jean: une institution unique"

Presenters:

- VP External Adam Brown
- Sympa Cesar, Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean

Abstract: Campus Saint-Jean has a unique history with the University of Alberta, western Canada, and the francophone community. This presentation will cover CSJ's history, Alberta's Francophonie, and the problems facing CSJ today.

2018-20/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.
Reed LARSEN, President - Report.

Andre BOURGEOIS, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Emma RIPKA, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Akanksha BHATNAGAR, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

2018-20/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee - Report
Audit Committee - Report.
Bylaw Committee - Report.
Council Administration Committee - Report.
Executive Committee - Report.
Finance Committee - Report.
Nominating Committee - Report.
Policy Committee - Report.
Board of Governors - Report.

2018-20/5

OPEN FORUM

2018-20/6

QUESTION PERIOD

2018-20/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

LEY/BROWN MOVED, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to approve the First Reading of the Food Policy.

SC-2018.20.07.

LEY: Established that the renewal included a number of amendments at Bylaw Committee as outlined in the attached materials. Noted that, in Second Reading, Bylaw Committee will cite statistics relevant to the facts and recognise Campus Saint-Jean and Augustana in the Policy.

BROWN: Supported the motion.

RAITZ: Supported the motion. Confirmed that the renewal process included consultations with relevant stakeholders.

BHATNAGAR: Inquired into whether the Policy addresses the need for more diverse food options.

LEY: Responded in the affirmative. Identified that Fact 5 now includes 'culturally appropriate' as a type of food not sufficiently available on Campus. Identified that Resolution 1 adds 'cultural' to religious and medical food needs.

LARSEN: Supported the motion. Expressed concern that food security is declining across Canada. Noted that Campus Food Bank in increasing and spikes during tuition increases. Noted that students who parent and international students are some of the largest FoodBank users.

LEY: Noted that the Policy adds a specific recognition of the Campus Food Bank and a commitment to work with partner organisations to reduce food inequality.

CARRIED

2018-20/7a **BROWN/BHATNAGAR MOVED** to approve the First Reading of the Student Employment Political Policy.

See SC-2018.19.05.

BROWN: Established that the renewed Policy includes provisions on skills training, Resolution 6 that supports geographically accessible bilingual employments, and now has a stronger connection to international student concerns with their work permits and study visas

BILAK: Supported the motion.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that Saint-Jean science students do not have access to the Science Internship Program at North Campus. Proposed that the Policy include a provision relating to cross-facility collaboration.

CARRIED

2018-20/7b **RIPKA/FLAMAN MOVED** to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Principles.

See SC-2018.19.06.

RIPKA: Clarified that the budget principles set the foundation for the actual budget slated for March. Noted that the Students' Union should strive to create smaller departments of greater quality. Confirmed that the budget modelling takes into account the potential changes to the Students' Union fee structure. Outlined that the budget will also seek to expand non-fee based revenue sources and improve marketing and outreach.

HADDOUCHE: Inquired into whether the Students' Union would financially support the Saint-Jean Cafeteria.

LARSEN: Responded that the SU can provide assistance in creating business cases but may not fund and operate the cafeteria. Supported the motion. Identified SU TV as a potential new non-fee revenue driver. Noted that rebranding and hiring social media staff is part of their communications initiative.

RIPKA: Noted that SU hospitality businesses run deficits at present. Suggested that the Saint-Jean Association investigate liaise with potential executive candidates on the issue.

STATT: Noted that the Strategic Planning Committee recognises the need to improve Council's outreach and communication.

FLAMAN: Expressed concern that selling or licensing SU TV to other universities may change the nature of their relationship from partners into clients.

BHATNAGAR: Inquired into what has been done and what will be done to create more non-fee revenue drivers.

RIPKA: Responded that the SU may also monetise their housing, volunteer, and exam registries. Noted monetizable generators are IT related.

BILAK: Proposed having a marijuana dispensary in the outgoing Canada Post space in the Students' Union Building.

CARRIED

2018-20/8

GENERAL ORDERS

2018-20/8a

BHATNAGAR MOVED to discuss feedback for the user interface of the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction database, aligned with the *Quality Instruction Political Policy*.

BHATNAGAR: Established that the Policy addresses the accessibility and digestibility of the interface. Requested that councillors offer their suggestions as to improving the USRI database.

LARSEN: Expressed concern at (a) the absence of a search system, (b) the user interface functionality, (c) that entries are only viewable starting from program year, and (d) the readability and bolding of the text.

BOURGEOIS: Proposed restarting from web portal from a blank slate. Expressed concern that sample sizes are low, comments are limited, and there's no way to select and compare two classes side-by-side.

STATT: Considered that few students know that the USRI database is accessible to them. Noted that most students believe the database is only for internal staff promotion and awards.

BROWN: Considered that the data could be utilised for advocacy as faculty associations can push for the better training of their professors.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that the database is not available in French.

BOURGEOIS: Expressed concern that the USRI web page does not have a link directly to the database and the University does not advertise its existence.

BELCOURT: Suggested that the search system allow for multi-year searches.

BOURGEOIS: Suggested that the weakness of the USRI system leads to students to less accurate forms of instructor assessment as RateMyProfessor.

LEY: Inquired into whether department chairs access the USRI data in the same form as students.

BHATNAGAR: Responded in the negative. Noted that instructors receive their own USRI data and submit it when requesting tenure or an award. Inquired into whether councillors have concerns as to questions themselves and or the use and results of mid-term course evaluations.

RIZVI: Expressed concern that the USRI questions do not relate to teaching or assessment methods.

BELCOURT: Suggested that there be multiple ways to search for courses, including an autocomplete feature.

BOURGEOIS: Suggested that the USRI unfairly ranks professors with limited English skills. Noted that some questions do not reflect the nature of the class such as a question related to receiving constructive feedback but does not account for class size.

ANDERSON: Suggest that there would have to be a disclaimer if student comments were to be made public.

LEY: Inquired into whether the new questions piloted at St Joseph's College are designed to mitigate racial and gender bias.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the questions are designed to focus on the learning outcomes related to course objectives and not particular qualities of the professor.

BOURGEOIS: Expressed concern that there is abstract terminology, missing information in the reference data, and not clear outlined grading schedule.

BOSE: Expressed concern that questions related to the students' attitude toward the subject are not relevant. Proposed that the Students' Union create their own rating system.

RIPKA: Proposed that the USRI's use simple pie charts and hover-definitions for technical terms.

STATT: Emphasised the need for plain language to accommodate international students.

BELCOURT: Supported the question categories available on RateMyProfessor.

BHATNAGAR: Noted that the University has the highest response rate for similar universities in Canada at 38%.

HADDOUCHE: Proposed that the USRI have questions related to the use of eClass.

LEY: Proposed that the system identify special topics courses that change from year to year.

STATT: Proposed that the database include a brief biography of the professor.

BELCOURT: Proposed that the database include a description and title of the class.

BOSE: Proposed having a system to rate academic advising staff.

BOURGEOIS: Proposed that the University also collect demographic data to cross-reference with student ratings to determine if certain groups have special difficulties.

2018-20/8b **RIPKA/LARSEN MOVED** to establish an ad-hoc committee on Executive Compensation.

RIPKA: Noted that the Compensation Committee would meet two or three times to compare the benefits and compensation packages from different universities across Canada.

RIPKA MOVED to amend 3(1)(a) to render the Vice-President Finance and Operations as a non-voting member.

FLAMAN: Proposed, alternatively, that the duties of the proposed Committee be undertaken by the Audit, Finance, or CAC Committees.

BOURGEOIS: Inquired into why Flaman did not suggest this in his three years of service on the CAC Committee.

BOSE: Supported Flaman. Suggested that the Audit Committee should review the compensation as no member of the executive sits on the Audit Committee.

FLAMAN: Responded that many of his suggestions as a member of the CAC Committee were not approved or considered.

STATT: Noted that the Audit Committee cannot take on additional responsibility in the present year.

BOURGEOIS: Expressed concern that members of Audit or Finance could intend to run for executive positions and that there are limited safeguards to ensure fair increases or decreases and a conflict of interest could arise.

BELCOURT: Inquired into how the proposal would eliminate potential conflict of interest situations.

LARSEN: Expressed concern that executive compensation does not increase along inflation. Noted that gaps can be addressed to make executive positions more accessible to students.

SUNDAY MOVED to amend Section 2.2 to read “three members” instead of “members”
Carried as friendly.

RIPKA: Responded that there is no way to prevent members of Compensation Committee from later running as executives. Noted, however, that they may complete conflict of interest declarations and are bound by a principle of good faith. Noted that any changes to executive compensation will proceed through the General Manager to Council.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that executive members do not get scholarships, parking, or benefits.

SPEAKER: Noted that Bylaw 100 provides that ad-hoc committees have open membership.

SUNDAY MOVED to amend Section 2.1 to read “the permanent membership of the committee shall consist of”
Carried as friendly.

STATT: Proposed including one or two students at large as members of the Compensation Committee.

RIPKA: Noted that there are no confidentiality concerns, as executive compensation is public, but that students may not wish to serve on a committee with such a limited role and narrow focus.

STATT MOVED to amend 3(1)(c) to read “one student at large” as a voting position.
Carried as friendly.

17/1/0 - CARRIED

LARSEN/FLAMAN MOVED to enter in camera to discuss political strategy.
CARRIED

2018-20/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-20/9a Vice-President, Academic - Report.

See SC-2018.20.01.

2018-20/9b Vice-President, External - Report.

See SC-2018.20.02.

2018-20/9c Vice-President, Operations and Finance - Report.

See SC-2018.20.03.

2018-20/9h Terms of Reference - Ad Hoc Committee on Executive Compensation

See SC-2018.20.04.

2018-20/9i First Reading - Student Employment Policy

See SC-2018.19.05.

2018-20/9j 2019-2020 Budget Principles

See SC-2018.19.06.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15.



University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Saturday, February 2, 2019

4:00PM

SUB 0-51, Students' Union Building

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory.

We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Sauteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00PM

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2018-19)

2018-19/0 **SMUDGING CEREMONY**

2018-19/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2018-19/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019** at 6:00PM in **3-04 in Pavillon Lacerte**, at Faculty Saint Jean.

SPEAKER: Established that items *2018-19/2,3,4,6* will be skipped as a meeting occurred in the last week and another meeting will occur in the next week.

2018-19/2 **PRESENTATIONS**

2018-19/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2018-19/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

2018-19/5 **OPEN FORUM**

2018-19/6 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2018-19/7 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2018-19/8 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2018-19/8a **RIPKA/BILAK MOVE** to approve the Students Spaces referendum question as follows:

"It would cost over \$1 billion to address all maintenance needs on campus. Government funding for updating university facilities usually leaves out student

spaces, such as study and community areas across campus.

A potential student spaces levy would cost \$9/term in Fall 2019, would increase by up to \$9/term in both Fall 2020 and Fall 2021 to a maximum of \$27/term, and would match the rate of inflation afterward.

The resulting fund would be student-controlled. Students would be able to create proposals for a student space they would like created or changed, which would be finally decided on by elected members of the Students' Council. Proposals must be to maintain or renew student spaces across campus or in SUB that would not be eligible for government funding.

Augustana will be exempt from this levy. Would you support this levy?"

See SC-2018.19.05.

RIPKA: Established that the attached report answers questions and provides greater clarity to councillors. Emphasised that the executive endeavoured to be open as possible in consulting councillors since September 4th. Suggested that the proposal supports the Students' Union Building and the comfort of the Campus community. Noted that the University has agreed to work with the Students' Union on the proposal. Emphasised that Council is to vote on whether students should consider the question and not on the character of the proposed Levy.

SUNDAY/FLAMAN moved to enter the meeting into a committee of the whole. Carried.

MOGALE: Inquired into whether Council may have a break to review new information coming from surveys since the last meeting.

SPEAKER: Responded in the affirmative.

SUNDAY: Identified that page ten of the report, under the heading "why not make it possible to opt-out of the fee", it reads "some of the projects are anticipated to be substantial". Inquired into which projects, specifically, are intended to be substantial.

RIPKA: Responded that substantial projects will occur in SUB. Considered that renovations could include whole floors, entrances, or Dinwoodie Lounge. Clarified that the Levy provides for substantial projects elsewhere depending on the proposals student submit.

TSE: Inquired into whether there is a difference between the terms 'semester' and 'term'.

RIPKA: Responded in the negative.

LEY: Recognised that the University provided verbal support for the Levy and its programme. Inquired into whether the University expressed its support in a formal written agreement.

RIPKA: Responded in the negative. Suggested that written agreement was not possible due to time constraints. Noted that verbal agreement exists in minted meetings.

HUSSEIN: Expressed concern that the Levy will result in the students taking on the responsibility for deferred maintenance.

RIPKA: Suggested that the University does not believe students will pay for deferred maintenance.

RAITZ: Inquired into why Ripka selected \$54 as the target fee amount for the Levy.

RIPKA: Responded that that amount was defined in using relevant financial projections and survey data are part of the Appendix C in the Report.

RAITZ: Inquired into whether the survey question asked respondents whether they are willing to pay a fee, the benefits of which they will not see within their degree.

RIPKA: Responded in the negative. Noted, however, that this fact is implied in the question.

HADDOUCHE: Inquired into whether the question clearly outlined that students would be paying a \$54 as opposed to \$9.

RIPKA: Responded that the other question options were for 2019, 2020, and 2021 payments were: \$8, \$16, \$24 or \$10, \$20, \$30, or \$12, \$24, \$36. Noted that the question preamble that used the word deferred maintenance was not selected as it performed poorly because students likely do not know what deferred maintenance means.

HADDOUCHE: Suggested that the reason the question's poor performance indicates that students know what deferred maintenance is and do not intend to pay for it.

TSE: Expressed concern that, in the informal consultations, parties were not informed the total amount would be \$54.

RIPKA: Responded that during these consultations there was no set value proposition.

HUSSEIN: Inquired into what plan exists to engage students with the Levy.

RIPKA: Responded that all students have an equal opportunity to access the Levy. Noted that the Levy also gives special consideration of marginalised communities and prohibits the use of funds on the same building within two years.

TSE: Expressed concern that the sixty-eight page Report was released only twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

RIPKA: Emphasised that Council has received many updates on the Levy since September 4th. Noted that Bylaw Committee raised no issues when the item was discussed on January 15.

HUSSEIN: Expressed concern that many students do not use SUB and do not wish to maintain it. Inquired into what process exists for the submission of proposals for SUB renovations.

RIPKA: Responded that Levy renovations of SUB occur via the standard process for proposals relating to any building.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether a renovation in SUB would result in a two-year waiting period until another proposal could be accepted. Inquired into what the Report defines as substantial renovation.

RIPKA: Responded in the affirmative.

SUNDAY: Inquired into why the Levy granting committee includes the General Manager as a general member and the Vice-President Operations and Finance as an ex-officio member.

RIPKA: Responded that these persons have operational and institutional knowledge. Noted that the General Manager is well suited to vet SUB project proposals.

HADDOCHE: Expressed concern that, if the question is approved by Council and students, Council will not later have the ability to manage the specifics of the project.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether there is an appeal process for proposals that are rejected.

RIPKA: Responded in the negative. Noted that the Committee will advise on how to improve the proposal.

BHATNAGAR: Considered that the specifics of the Levy will be overseen by Council as, if the question passes, Council must create the Levy committee,

standing orders, and update bylaw.

BELCOURT: Expressed concern that the question does not outline how proposals will be considered in a fair manner.

MOGALE: Inquired into how the Report defines marginalised persons to whom it will give special consideration.

RIPKA: Responded that Council will decide the definition.

MOGALE: Expressed concern that this approach leaves open the possibility for an ineffective and changing definition of marginalised persons.

LEY: Noted that the University does complete some student space overhauls. Cited the example of chemistry and bioscience. Inquired into whether the Levy will result in the University stopping student space renovations or doing fewer renovations with the expectation that if students want a space they will pay for it themselves.

RIPKA: Responded that the University will likely participate as a collaborator in any Levy generated renovations. Suggested that the University tries to improve the lives of students and would not cease to fund a limited set of renovations.

HADDOUCHE: Inquired into the extent of the consultation with faculty associations.

RIPKA: Responded that her team emailed all associations and offered to either consult just the president of a given association or as many members as available.

HUSSEIN: Expressed concern that the Business Students' Association felt it had insufficient time in its consultation.

RIPKA: Noted that there was a supplementary consultation with the BSA president.

FLAMAN/BROWN MOVED to return to committee of the difference.
CARRIED

BHATNAGAR/BILAK MOVED to enter the committee of the whole to discuss the proposed question.
CARRIED

AGARWAL: Expressed concern that the question uses the term 'term' as opposed to 'semester'.

STATT: Proposed that the question outline that the fee will exist in perpetuity

and that the Students' Union can end it at any point.

BILAK: Considered that the question could outline fees in a per year model to be clearer and more transparent.

FLAMAN: Expressed concern that the Class A fee designation does not subject the question to the standard set of restrictions of Bylaw 6100. Expressed concern that the question, therefore, is not clear that there is no opt-out option, whether it the fee applies in spring and summer, and its application in other campuses.

BOURGEOIS: Supported the Levy question.

BROWN: Supported the Levy question as it addresses a need that the University is not fulfilling.

BHATNAGAR: Supported the Levy question as it now defines academic and nonacademic spaces.

MOGALE: Expressed concern that councillors are being asked to go beyond their duty to edit the question. Suggested that any proposal of a similar nature, advanced by a non-Students' Union group, would not receive preferential treatment or special consideration.

HADDOUCHE: Proposed condensing the definition of student spaces included in the question.

TSE: Proposed that the question identify the fee as non-instructional.

SUNDAY: Inquired into whether the Levy fee would be included as part of the Students' Union membership fee.

RIPKA: Responded in the negative. Clarified that it would appear similar to the SUB renovation fee.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that the Beartracks fee listing does not include the different fees as separate lines but as one sum cost.

BELCOURT: Expressed concern that the Levy results in student adopting the burden of deferred maintenance. Proposed that Augustana be included as part of the Levy.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that the Levy question does not specifically reference SUB even when the fee amount of \$54 reflects the expected cost to maintain SUB over the long-run according to the Report.

AHMAD: Proposed that the question outline that the Levy can be reviewed by referenda every five years.

LARSEN: Supported the Levy question.

BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to return to the committee of the difference.
Carried.

MOGALE/RIZVI MOVED to recess for fifteen minutes.
Carried.

HUSSEIN: Expressed concern that the Levy would not advantage all students.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that the Levy proposal development was rushed and that student consultation has been insufficient or lacked follow-up. Considered that Council would have demanded better consultation if a student group proposed a similar fee.

RAITZ: Opposed the question. Expressed concern that the Levy relies upon the University's confirmed support, which it has not yet given formally. Noted that there is value in the proposal. Suggested that it be further developed in the next term.

AGARWAL: Established that, in a recent survey of forty-eight science students, around 60% opposed the fee.

MOGALE: Established that, in a recent survey of thirty-one arts students, only around 29% supported the fee. Expressed concern that the executives believe they know what is better for students than students themselves. Suggested that Larsen inappropriately attempted to shut down discussion. Suggested that the executive inappropriately attempted to influence councillors votes via private messages.

STATT: Confirmed that the Business Student Association supports the question.

BILAK: Confirmed that student spaces are especially bad in Arts buildings. Suggested that denying students the chance to vote on the Levy would deny them an opportunity to improve their spaces.

HADDOCHE: Opposed the motion. Considered that, without written agreement from the University, the Levy may result in only funds being used in SUB. Suggested that the Levy return next year with corrections.

LEY: Noted that the Levy proposal sets a foundation for another proposal in future. Noted that approving the problematic Levy question would set a bad precedent for future proposals and that passing the question would bring Council into disrepute.

BELCOURT: Considered that the Students' Union has not fully explored all

options for funding student space renovations and SUB maintenance. Suggested there has been an abuse of power with the process of proposing the Levy. Expressed concern that the General Manager provided advice prejudiced in favour of the Levy. Suggested that Council must consider what is best for students and not the Students' Union.

RIPKA: Confirmed that she accepted all the above proposals in an amended question, excepting the changes related to the use of the term 'semester' and an annual representation of the fee. Suggested it is, in fact, the job of councillors to improve and consider all proposed questions in detail. Suggested that consultation has been thorough and open and that a referendum is the best form of consultation. Suggested that Council convened a special meeting to consider Bill 5 and that, therefore, the Levy question is not receiving preferential treatment compared to an external proposal.

SUNDAY: Suggested that Bill 5 was not proposed by an external group and is, therefore, no means to assess whether there would be fair and equal treatment between internal and external proposals.

BROWN: Considered that passing the question now demonstrates to the University that Council is serious about the Levy. Suggested the written agreement can be received in future. Expressed concern that, if this proposal does not pass, there will be few dollars to pay to renovate the Horowitz Theatre and other building changes. Reaffirmed that the Provincial Government will not fund renovations to non-academic spaces.

AHMAD: Suggested that the process surrounding the proposal has been contrary to the rules of Council and good governance.

HUSSEIN: Suggested that deferring the issue until the next year would result in saddling an incoming Vice-President Operations and Finance with the responsibility for the issue.

BOSE: Expressed concern that students will not recognise that, without written confirmation, the Levy may succeed but result in all the funds being allocated to SUB. Suggested that Engineering students do not require many renovations and the fee is unreasonably high.

SUNDAY: Expressed concern that the Council oath of office affirms the need for members to vote on the basis of the facts which are absent or only now presented.

FLAMAN: Suggested that the Levy proposal and question has been an example of lazy and sloppy governance.

LARSEN: Suggested Council pass the question and allow students at large to consider the issue democratically.

TSE: Proposed the question describe the fee as both mandatory and as un-opt-outable.

DIPINTO: Suggested that Ripka should have sought the written confirmation of the University's participation as early as possible. Expressed concern that the question and process have not been fair, feasible, and well-thought-out. Expressed concern that the implementation of the Levy is unclear.

SUNDAY: Called for a division of the question.

FAILED - 9/17/0

2018-19/9 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

2018-19/9f Students' Council - Attendance.

See SC-2018.19.01.

2018-19/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2018.19.02.

2018-19/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker

See SC-2018.19.03.

2018-19/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2018-18)

See SC-2018.19.04.

2018-19/9j Students' Spaces Levy Proposal

See SC-2018.19.05.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:26PM.

Draft Strategic Plan

Prepared for Students' Council

Presented by President Larsen

Date: February 7th, 2019

Working Timeline:

February 12th - Present Draft to Students' Council

February 12th to March 1st - Solicit internal & external feedback

March 1st to March 21st - Committee reviews feedback

March 26th - Motion at Students' Council

What We Do

Our mission is to serve, engage, and represent students.

Four pillars support our mission:

- We offer services and businesses that provide for the needs of students.
- We organize events and programs that build community on campus.
- We advocate for student interests to the University, government, and the greater community.
- We provide and create space for students to relax, study, and socialize.

Where We Are Going

We aspire for students to shape every aspect of the University experience.

Our vision of a successful future is one where students:

- Feel safe, accepted, and welcome on campus;
- Thrive in a diverse intellectual community;
- Are empowered and confident in their ability to succeed;
- Contribute to society as active citizens and effective leaders; and
- Know they have a voice and the power to effect change.

What Guides Us

Our values keep students at the core of what we do.

Do what's right, not what's easy.

Acting with integrity and respect is essential to an open, collaborative, and democratic organization.

Inspire change for the world.

Demonstrating students' power to effect change inspires the next generation of citizens and leaders.

Act with unbridled compassion

Providing an inclusive and caring environment empowers students to make the most of any challenges they face.

Always keep moving.

Adapting and innovating fulfills the expectations of our dynamic community.

Learn from the past to improve tomorrow.

Understanding our history is key to building an equitable and sustainable future.

Empowering Our Students

To achieve our vision, the Students' Union must empower students to effect change. This means that we must provide students with the tools they need to shape their University experience and ensure that all students are able to engage with the Students' Union and its services.

- **Reduce barriers towards representative student leadership.** Design a strategy that supports diversity and actively reduces barriers to leadership opportunities, including financial and systemic barriers.
- **Advocate for representative student leadership.** Use research and data to explore the feasibility of and need for expanding programs that help underrepresented demographics get involved in leadership roles within the UASU, particularly in political roles.
- **Invest in professional development opportunities for our student representatives, student groups, volunteers, and student staff.** The more coordinated, invested, and knowledgeable our student advocates are, the more impact they will have. Supporting our student leaders will lead to stronger governance and organizational structures.
- **Improve access to UASU spaces, resources, and expertise.** The Students' Union has a wealth of knowledge, experience, and materials for effective event execution. These assets should be accessible to student groups so that they can host memorable events, develop stronger programming, and create amazing content.
- **Support and advocate for the adoption of more versatile, effective, and fair discipline and dispute mechanisms.** Student concerns sometimes go unresolved due to limited options to pursue needs-based conduct and conflict resolution. The Students' Union will support multifaceted approaches to address situations in which our students are harmed or experience injustice.
- **Support and advocate for the creation of a charter of student rights.** A charter of student rights will ensure the just treatment of students and empower students to advocate for themselves. The fair treatment of students should not depend on the scope of documents that govern student conduct and behaviour.

Building Our Relationships

The strength of our relationships is a key part of what defines our capacity. We need to work with others - our members, alumni, and the University community as a whole - to achieve our mission and vision. Our reputation is a critical asset in developing productive relationships, underpinning our ability to forge the collaborations we need to succeed. Our credibility and communication with our members and stakeholders is fundamental to both our legitimacy and efficacy.

- **Differentiate the responsibilities of UASU and the University.** To do so, the UASU should demonstrate our value to students and university partners in all relationships. Further, we should develop clear directories that differentiate between the UASU and University and who is responsible for the partnerships, where they exist.
- **Foster a deeper understanding of the organization for SU governing bodies.** Creating additional channels to directly connect councillors to SU operations will improve decision making and governance. A better understanding of the Students' Union's operations will ensure greater accountability of SU operations to the students that they serve.
- **Strengthen our credibility by sharing our research, best practices, and program knowledge.** A disconnected student movement puts associations at risk of duplicating research efforts or being detached from established best practices. The SU should widely share with others that which makes us a leader in the student movement.
- **Develop stronger partnerships with cultural groups and the international student community.** Our campus community is increasingly diverse. The SU should recognize that meeting the unique needs of students depends on a robust connection and discourse between the SU and all of our members. We should seek opportunities to increase outreach and collaboration to better serve members.
- **Further the integration of representative associations into the Students' Union.** Representative associations are a unique and invaluable asset that help the SU understand and operate to improve student life. Sustaining a network of student leaders will create opportunities for joint advocacy efforts and program delivery.
- **Support the initiatives of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and the Council of Alberta University Students.** A unified student voice is key to advancing the student movement. We should provide more opportunities for unaffiliated organizations to connect with and participate in provincial and federal advocacy efforts.
- **Develop a strategy for alumni to engage with the Students' Union.** Students who build a connection with the SU during their time at the university may want to preserve their relationship. The Students' Union can benefit from their knowledge and experience while providing an opportunity for alumni to give back to the community.
- **Work in partnership with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) student representatives and communities.** The SU should build collaborative partnerships and relationships with representative groups to develop strong indigenous policy positions and operational initiatives. Further, the SU should continue to support and implement internal recommendations in regards to reconciliation and relationships with FNMI students.

Strengthening Our Organization

The stronger the Students' Union as an organization is, the better it can both serve students and advocate fearlessly on their behalf. We need to ensure a strong, stable, and growing revenue base, continuously review and improve our program to be both more efficient and more effective, and ensure that the fundamental sources of our strength - our physical assets and our people - are secure and focused.

- **Develop and adhere to an improved student consultation framework.** Student feedback and participation is key when developing student-centric bylaws, policies, and operations. A stronger consultation framework will help us to make decisions that align with student priorities.
- **Develop mandatory review cycles for operations and support long-term strategic planning with departments.** The Students' Union must respond to emerging challenges and opportunities to remain relevant to its members. Reviewing and assessing existing programming, services, and operations helps us create more value for students.
- **Encourage collaborative efforts between departments.** The Students' Union must promote and sustain interdepartmental communication and collaboration to maximize efficiency and prevent the duplication of resources. Linking areas of expertise help us to build capacity.
- **Promote an inclusive and engaged culture in the workplace.** The backbone of the SU is its staff and volunteers. The SU must improve and modernize its human resources technologies, including, its communications, feedback, and access to information procedures and policies. Further, staff and volunteers should have the skills and resources they need to exceed the expectations of students.
- **Explore and pursue more revenue-generating opportunities.** The Students' Union should always seek to lower our reliance on student fees. Strengthening our businesses boosts our ability to give back to students and new opportunities should be pursued at given opportunities. Further, the SU should consistently look for grants, partnerships, and sponsorship to lower the investment by students.
- **Support the creation and maintenance of accessible online spaces.** Students increasingly use online platforms and social media to connect with the Students' Union. A modernized online presence helps the Students' Union meet students where they are and adapt to the ever-changing best practices of the digital world.
- **Continue to refine and develop the brand identity of the Students' Union.** Effective communications are integral in order to showcase the value of Students' Union membership. Producing creative, engaging, and thoughtful content promotes meaningful connections with our members.

Serving All Students

We exist to improve the lives of our members, and to be successful we must do this diligently and fully. We need to keep our finger on the pulse of student life and provide students with the supports they need to succeed. By working with community members to address issues of accessibility, diversity, and inclusion, we will better recognize and dismantle the systemic barriers to participation in student life for our members.

- **Grow the physical presence of the Students' Union.** In order to provide the most value for members, the Students' Union should continue to integrate and expand its spaces across our campuses. Advocating for and investing in student-oriented spaces improves the accessibility and relevance of the Students' Union to all its members.

- **Support and encourage diverse programming across campus.** A range of programming opportunities contributes to a rich, meaningful, and inclusive student experience. Drawing on the unique expertise and talents of students from different backgrounds is important for the Students' Union to provide for the social and cultural needs of our members.
- **Actively explore ways to remove barriers to community involvement and participation in Students' Union programming.** Co-curricular activities are essential in creating a flourishing campus community. The Students' Union recognizes that students may be limited in their ability to participate due to accessibility challenges and financial barriers, and is committed to supporting students in addressing these barriers.
- **Engaging students in SU's advocacy strengthens our voice.** The Students' Union will place an emphasis on ensuring that the necessary resources for public engagement, external advocacy, and internal governance supports are developed to engage students in advocacy work.
- **Connecting students to support services is crucial to their academic success and personal wellbeing.** The SU will continue to support initiatives that connect students to their resources in a barrier-free manner. Further, the SU will work with partners to ensure that there is a minimal burden of proof placed upon students when accessing such resources.
- **Specialized on-campus health services are necessary for the well-being of students.** The Students' Union will continue to support services, such as health and wellness programming and mental health services. Further, the Students' Union will continue to resource the destigmatization of all health-related illness.

DIE BOARD RULING 2018-08

Hearing Details:

Style of Cause: *Sunday v Students' Council (Speaker)*

Hearing Date: February 7, 2019

DIE Board Panel Members: Landon Haynes, Associate Chief Tribune (Chair)

Christian Zukowski, Tribune

Nina Fourie, Tribune

Appearing for the Applicant: Nathan Sunday, Councilor

Witness: Mpoe Mogale, Councilor

Witness: Katherine Belcourt, Councilor

Appearing for the Respondent: Jonathan Barraclough, Students' Council Speaker

Emma Ripka, Vice President Operations and Finance

Intervener(s): None

The DIE Board is unanimous in the following decision**FACTS**

[1] At the January 29, 2019 meeting of Students' Council, Vice President Ripka and Councilor Bilak moved to approve a "Students Spaces Referendum Question" that asked whether students would support a students spaces levy.

[2] Significant discussion followed, including opposition from Councilor Sunday over concerns that the Native Studies Faculty, as the smallest faculty, would receive less funding than larger faculties. He also expressed concern that voting on the Levy before receiving the final report related to it would breach the oath of office which states that Councilors should know the facts before voting.

[3] Further concerns were brought up by other Councilors, while others still defended the Referendum Question.

[4] After much debate, Vice President Ripka move to table the motion until the next meeting and call a special meeting that would occur before February 4, 2019.

[5] As per Councilor Sunday's application, "[o]n January 31, 2019 at 2:42 PM, Students' Council was notified by the Vice President Operations & Finance (Emma Ripka) that a special meeting of Students' Council would be called for February 2, 2019 at 4:00 PM." This fact is not in dispute.

[6] The special meeting was held on February 2, 2019, and the inclusion of a "Students Spaces Referendum Question" during elections was voted down by 9 "Yeses" to 17 "Nos."

[7] According to Students' Council Standing Order 3(3) ("SO 3(3)": "Members of Students' Council must be notified of special meetings of Students' Council no later than 96 hours prior to the meeting time."

ISSUES

[8] Councilor Sunday has asked two questions of the DIE Board which we have identified as involving two sub-questions:

1. *Is the February 2, 2019 special meeting of Students' Council null and void due to breach of SO 3(3)?*
 - a. *Can the Speaker of Students' Council unilaterally suspend either bylaw or Students' Council Standing Orders to allow for this meeting to take place?*
 - b. *Is there a circumstance in which the contravention of Students' Union legislation is justified?*
2. *Is the motion to approve the Students Spaces referendum question out of order?*

ANALYSIS

1. Is the February 2, 2019 special meeting of Students' Council null and void due to breach of SO 3(3)?

Introduction

[9] There are two ways to approach interpreting SO 3(3) in the context of the current situation. First, we could start counting the 96 hours requirement from the time that Vice President Operations & Finance Ripka emailed Students' Council, being January 31, 2019 at 2:41PM. If this is the correct time at which to begin the 96 hour clock, then not enough notice had been given for the February 2, 2019 meeting.

[10] Instead, we could start the 96 hour clock from the time that Ripka and Raitz "moved to table item 2018-18/8b [i.e. the motion to approve the Referendum Question] until the next meeting and call a meeting, yet to be determined, that will occur before Monday, February 4."

This occurred sometime after 6:00PM on January 29, 2019 (being the start of the Students' Council meeting). Even if the motion was brought exactly at the start of the Council Meeting, because notice was given for the special meeting to begin at 4:00PM on February 2, 2019, this would have only given Students' Council 94 hours notice.

[11] Under either interpretation, not enough notice was given and SO 3(3) was violated. We leave it to a future DIE Board panel to determine which notice regime is the correct interpretation.

[12] Councilor Sunday has alerted this panel to DIE Board ruling *Nicol vs. Eruvbetine* (Ruling #1, 2007/2008) where the DIE Board found that similar notice legislation was not complied with and found that the subsequently held meeting was null and void due to the violation and imposed that all references to and records of the meeting be purged from the official record.

[13] While the DIE Board does not operate on a precedential standard, instead considering each application on its merits on a case-by-case basis, we find *Nicol vs. Eruvbetine* to be a useful check on the analysis we have conducted. We do not find that the slight legislative differences between the legislation in question in *Nicol vs. Eruvbetine* and SO 3(3) to be so significant as to render this case distinguishable.

[14] Councilor Sunday requested that this Panel also nullify the February 2, 2019 meeting on two further grounds: (1) "As the special meeting was called on a weekend and without sufficient warning, it is unacceptable that Councillors are expected to attend such a meeting. It is unacceptable for Councillors to be penalized (i.e., via attendance) as a result of not being able to attend the meeting when less than two (2) days' notice being given"; and (2) "[t]he item up for debate is not an emergency item, as it will not have detrimental effects on the Students' Union. Rather, the Students' Union will have an opportunity to introduce it next year, should it follow its bylaws, without significant effect on the Students' Union."

a. Can the Speaker of Students' Council unilaterally suspend either bylaw or Students' Council Standing Orders to allow for this meeting to take place?

[15] All of this being said, *Roberts' Rules of Order* (*Roberts' Rules*) specifically contemplates the ability to suspend Standing Orders. As per SO 1(1): "Roberts' Rules of Order will be observed at all meetings of Students' Council except where they are inconsistent with the Bylaws or Standing Orders of Students' Council." There being nothing in the Standing Order that contemplates the suspension of particular sections of the Standing Order, we find that *Roberts' Rules* fills this gap. Specifically, if Council wishes to suspend the operation of part of the Standing Order, then the following rules must be followed (adopted from *Roberts' Rules*):

This motion is not debatable, and cannot be amended, nor can any subsidiary motion be applied to it, nor a vote on it be reconsidered nor a motion to suspend the rules for the same purpose be renewed at the same meeting, though it may be renewed after an adjournment, though the next meeting be held the same day ... The rules of the assembly shall not be suspended except for a definite purpose,

and by a two-thirds vote. The Form of this motion is, to "suspend the rules which interfere with," etc., specifying the object of the suspension.

[16] We find that by bringing a motion to adjourn the vote on the referendum question, there was an implied attempt at suspending SO 3(3). However, no evidence was presented to us during the hearing that the motion passed "by two-thirds vote." Instead, Speaker Barraclough only indicated that the motion to adjourn the vote, and therefore implicitly suspend SO 3(3), was passed with a simple majority.

[17] Note that this provision of *Roberts' Rules* only applies to Standing Orders. Bylaws cannot be suspended.

b. Is there a circumstance in which the contravention of Students' Union legislation is justified?

[18] Speaker Barraclough brought up a concern during the hearing that by restricting the Speaker's discretion, Students' Council hearings would become rigid to the rules of Standing Orders (especially in consideration of specific timing rules that these Orders require). However, this ruling should not be interpreted as meaning that the efficient operation of Students' Council and the Students Union in general should be jeopardized for strict and unwavering adherence to SU legislation. In our following comments, we paraphrase the Supreme Court of Canada's "Oakes' Test" to inform whether or not a contravention of SU legislation is appropriate.

[19] When deciding to contravene SU legislation, Students' Council (and by extension, discretion conferred upon the Speaker) should make sure that the contravention is not arbitrary, unfair, or based on irrational considerations. In short, the contravention must be rationally connected to its objective. Second, the means, even if rationally connected to the objective in this first sense, should impair "as little as possible" the intended meaning of the contravened legislation. Third, there must be a proportionality between the effects of the contravention and the objective which has been identified as of sufficient importance.

[20] An additional factor that must be considered is legislative deference. Greater deference to legislative choice is appropriate in circumstances such as ensuring efficient operation of Students' Council meetings. Students' Council knows best how their meetings should be run.

[21] The DIE Board must respect what Students' Council chooses within a margin of appreciation. There is no perfect answer. There must nevertheless be a sound evidentiary basis for the Students' Council's decisions.

[22] Turning to the first prong of our test, seeing that the February 2, 2019 special meeting of Council had the Student Spaces referendum question as its sole agenda item, we find that the contravention of the Standing Order in this hearing is rationally connected to the goal of approving the referendum question within the timeline outlined in *Bylaw 2200 5(1)*.

[23] While there were significant concerns from Councilors regarding time constraints on

approving the referendum question, we find that Vice President Ripka did, in fact, act in “good faith” with the motion (under item 2018-18/8b) to table and return to the question in a meeting scheduled before February 04, 2019. While it could be argued that the contravention could have been even more minimally impaired by holding the special meeting on Sunday, February 3, 2019, there was significant concern that many members would not be able to attend a Sunday meeting, and that Sunday is a religious holiday. There were also attempts to ensure maximum attendance at the special meeting by distributing a Doodle Poll to determine the optimum time when the meeting could have been held. We do, however, note that not all Councilors could access the Poll, but we were told in the hearing that the vast majority were otherwise notified and that quorum was achieved on the ultimate date chosen (being Saturday, February 2, 2019). In sum, we find that the efforts to minimize the contravention are sufficient to find that the contravention of the 96 hour notice provision was indeed “minimally impaired.”

[24] In considering the final prong of our test, we must attempt to balance the effects of the contravention and the “sufficiently important” objective. In short, the effect of the contravention was to put intense time pressure on Councilors to appreciate a complicated financial issue, consult with constituents, and ultimately decide how to vote on the motion. This being said, one could certainly argue that, in light of this intense pressure and lack of notice, Councilors could have easily been able to vote against the motion on the basis of their Oath of Office to not vote until knowing the facts as well as not having enough time to survey their constituents. Further, while there was no evidence that the vote to adjourn the referendum question motion passed the 2/3rds majority demanded by *Roberts’ Rules* to successfully suspend the 96 hour notice order, the adjournment vote did receive at least a simple majority. Under this argument, the effect of the contravention was minimal. Indeed, and while the outcome of the vote does not impact our decision, the referendum question was ultimately voted down due to this lack of awareness of the facts, as explained by Councilors during the hearing. On these facts, we find the effect of the contravention to be minor.

[25] On the other side of the scale, we must assess the importance of forcing the referendum question motion to a vote before the February 4th deadline to the point where a special meeting was held without proper notice. Speaker Barraclough argued that the reasons why this vote was so important is because delaying the vote by a year would put Students’ Council in a situation where the Students’ Union may face opposition from a newly elected provincial government, as well as the fact that the prime mover of the referendum question, Vice President Ripka, would not be involved with Students’ Council in the next legislative year. However, these reasons are not very convincing in the context of rushing the vote. It is purely circumstantial whether a new provincial government will be elected, nevermind whether the new government will be antagonistic towards what the referendum question is seeking to address. Further, the fact that Vice President Ripka may no longer be involved with the Students’ Union does not prevent her and any other related individuals from developing a succession plan. Taken together, we do not consider the goal of rushing this motion to a vote to the current Students’ Council to be particularly important.

[26] We are left with a situation where the effect of the contravention was minor and the importance of rushing the referendum question to a vote was not very important. This makes it

very difficult to determine which way the scale tips.

[27] Ultimately, because the margin between the effect of the contravention and the importance of the ultimate goal is so small, but also because the magnitude of each element is also small, we find that the most just and appropriate outcome is to defer to the wisdom of the Students' Council. Because a simple majority agreed to postponing the vote on the referendum question motion, we defer to this decision. As mentioned earlier, Students' Council knows best how their meetings should be run.

[28] In conclusion, while there was a contravention of SO 3(3), and while the suspension provision of *Roberts' Rules* was not complied with, under the test we have developed, the contravention was justified.

[29] While the Board has found the contravention of legislation in this case to be justified, Council is to be cautious in its contravention of legislation. The test laid out above is intended to create a process in which legislation may be contravened so that Council is not restricted in effecting practices that promote sound governance in the context of unique situations. This test is not to be taken to mean that Council is not required to respect and follow the legislation that it passes.

2. Is the motion to approve the Students Spaces referendum question out of order?

[30] We do not find it appropriate for DIE Board to wade into legislative waters and question what is and is not out of order during a Council meeting. What is and is not out of order is to be determined under usual legislative procedure as set out in the Standing Orders of Students' Council, including *Roberts' Rules* as per SO 1(1): "Roberts' Rules of Order will be observed at all meetings of Students' Council except where they are inconsistent with the Bylaws or Standing Orders of Students' Council."

[31] Further, we keep in mind the jurisdiction of this Board which is limited in scope to "actions and appeals brought before it that: (a) initiate a complaint about a contravention of Students' Union legislation; (b) request an interpretation of Students' Union legislation or; (c) appeal rulings made by the Chief Returning Officer during the Students' Union's general elections" (Section 3(1) of *Bylaw 1500*). The only way the DIE Board might be able to question whether or not a motion or question is out of order is if it contravenes SU legislation.

[32] This being said, we do not mean to imply that Standing Orders are not justiciable. Indeed, Standing Orders are undeniably caught under the gambit of "Students' Union legislation" as *Bylaw 100* clearly establishes what may be considered legislation:

1 Definitions

1. In this bylaw
 - e. "Legislation" means
 - i. Students' Union bylaws,

- ii. Students' Union political policies,
- iii. Students' Council standing orders, and
- iv. general orders of Students' Council;

Our comments are instead only directed at the term “out of order.”

[33] Our conclusion is also informed by the fact that *Roberts' Rules* includes a section on appeals of a Chair's decision. There being nothing in the Standing Order that deals with appeals of a Speaker's decision, we find that *Roberts' Rules* fills the gap, as discussed earlier. Since there is a procedural legislative appeal process, we find that DIE Board does not have *general* jurisdiction to deal with decisions of the Speaker that involve whether or not something is out of order. The only kind of appeal that DIE Board could hear is if the Speaker's decision directly contradicts SU legislation. Our conclusion is also based on the fact that "out of order" appears in the Standing Order and *Roberts' Rules* exclusively in the context of the discretion of the Speaker (except for 7(1) of the SO). We interpret this to mean that the Speaker has sole discretion and is not justiciable if the decision does not breach other legislation. There is also a check on the Speaker in 24(1) of the SO, which mandates that a motion that the Speaker vacate the chair is always in order. One example where DIE Board would have jurisdiction to assess a Speaker's decision is if the Speaker rules that a motion that the Speaker vacate the chair is out of order. Similarly, if the Speaker fails to order a presentation out of order that substantially deviates from the abstract in the Order Paper, this decision would be justiciable since 7(1) of the SO would be contravened.

[34] There is also a policy reason why we conclude the way we do. If the DIE Board were to allow appeals of this type there is a likelihood that the DIE Board's Registrar would be inundated with trivial applications questioning every little discretionary decision that the Speaker has made.

[35] Even in cases where there has been a contravention of technical or procedural legislation, this Board should only take remedial action if the technical or procedural error is not trivial or insubstantial. Substantiality, in this case, should be taken to mean that a contravention may be either detrimental to the function of the legislative body or puts in jeopardy the public opinion of its function and all legislative means of appeal should have been exhausted. Further, this Board must ensure that it is reviewing decisions in which the dispute concerns legislation and are thus justiciable.

[36] While the DIE Board is not bound by precedents in the Canadian common law, Sopinka J provides guidance regarding justiciability at p. 545 in *Reference Re Canada Assistance Plan (B.C.)*, [1991] 2 S.C.R. 525:

In considering its appropriate role the Court must determine whether the question is purely political in nature and should, therefore, be determined in another forum or whether it has a sufficient legal component to warrant the intervention of the judicial branch.

[37] A review of a legislative or procedural dispute by this Board should then only occur if the following criteria are met: there must be a sufficient legal component (a contravention of legislation) for this Board to review; the dispute must not be trivial in that it would either threaten the legislative process or place its reputation in jeopardy; and all routes of procedural appeal have been exhausted.

[38] This creates a high standard for review as well as recognizes the authority of this Board to review contraventions of legislation. The stringent nature of this standard also insulates the legislative process from unwarranted judicial review and protects the Board from applications that are frivolous or vexatious in nature. In effect, this approach creates a threshold test that must be passed before analysis can turn to whether any contravention is justified under the Oakes-esque test we outline and applied above.

[39] Councilor Sunday argues that the question is out of order due to the fact that:

Students' Council was not given sufficient time to debate the merits of the referendum question. Instead, the question was presented to Council at the latest possible date allowed under Bylaw 2200. Due to this, Students' Council is currently being pressured to accept this referendum question because of 'time constraints.' As this is not the first time Students' Council is forced to make a decision due to such tactics (i.e., putting forward a motion close to bylaw deadlines and using 'time constraints' to force Council to vote), I would rule this question out of order.

We do not find a bylaw contravention in this ground that Councilor Sunday argues. That is, even if there are "time constraints," and even if this is "not the first time" this has occurred, we find no contravention of legislation.

[40] Councilor Sunday also argues that the question should be out of order since:

Students' Council has not been provided with the necessary background information to make an informed decision on the referendum question. As stated in the Oath of Office, "I will vote after knowing the facts, not before." A report detailing consultation done with student groups and Faculty Associations, as well as information on how the Student Spaces Levy would operate, has not yet been provided to Council. Estimates given to Students' Council state that the report will be made public at 4:00 PM on February 1, 2019. As Students' Council is

scheduled to vote on the referendum question on February 2, this means that Council will have less than 24 hours to review the contents of the report and reach out to constituents.

[41] The only way this ground can survive is if the Oath of Office is to be considered SU legislation. However, we find that it is not. An oath itself is nothing but a promise to constituents and breach of such oath has no consequence unless the legislation which mandates the oath includes such consequence. There being no perjury provision in SU legislation that we have been made aware of that would operate in this situation, we cannot find that a breach of the Oath of Office is punishable by the DIE Board's plenary remedial powers. Further, we do not consider it appropriate to determine what "knowing the facts" means in this context.

[42] Even if it were the case that this Panel found the Council Oath of Office to hold the force of legislation, the issues of undue time constraints or a violation of the Council Oath does not possess a "sufficient legal component" to be considered by this Board. It is the duty of individual Councilors and the electorate to determine whether or not they possess the knowledge required to act in good faith in accordance with their Oath of Office.

[43] Even in the event that the special meeting of Council had been called in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council Oath was determined to have legislative force, the question of whether the motion to approve the Student Spaces referendum question was in order, on the grounds presented by the Applicant, would have to "be determined in another forum" as it does not possess a "sufficient legal component to warrant the intervention of the judicial branch" as stated in *Reference Re Canada Assistance Plan (B.C.)*. This "forum" would naturally be the appeal process described in Roberts' Rules.

CONCLUSION

[44] We would now like to turn our attention to some particular discussion that occurred at the January 29, 2019 meeting of Students Council. Specifically, this panel took great exception to the following recorded exchange:

SPEAKER: Confirmed that Monday, February 4th is the cutoff for passing the Levy without contravening bylaw.

BHATNAGAR: Suggested that Council may contravene bylaw with good reason.

SUNDAY: Considered that only the DIE Board can authoritatively confirm whether the Levy question is or is not within the 30 days notice period as per Bylaw 2200 Section 5.

SPEAKER: Suggested there are no repercussions for contravening bylaw as determined by a DIE Board ruling.

On its face, this exchange should be obviously concerning to any reader. The audio recording of this exchange is even more disturbing:

BHATNAGAR: At the end of the day, we are the Board of this organization, and so at the end of the day we get to choose whether we break our own bylaws or not, and we will also, like, face those consequences, whatever those are.

SPEAKER: Councilors, SUNDAY brings up a good point in that if we are unsure about bylaw, there is only one group we can go to to determine that, and that is DIE Board.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: We can break it anyway, [indiscernible, among laughter].

SPEAKER: We also, as was determine by a DIE Board ruling at the beginning of this school year, there are no repercussions for Students' Council for breaking bylaw.

UNIDENTIFIABLE: Oh.

[45] Offhandedly commenting that “[Students’ Council] can break [bylaw] anyway,” received by laughter from members of Students’ Council, should obviously be concerning to the voting populace.

[46] Speaker Barraclough was referring to, as confirmed during the hearing, DIE Board Ruling 2018-02 (*Sunday v Students’ Council (Speaker)*) when he claimed that “there are no repercussions for Students’ Council for breaking bylaw.”

[47] Since the Chair of Ruling 2018-02 is also the Chair of the current application, we would like to clarify some decisions made in that Ruling (that was unanimously upheld on appeal) in the context of Speaker Barraclough’s comment.

[48] Speaker Barraclough was referring to paragraph 15 of Ruling 2018-02 when he made his comment:

However, all of these possible remedies are up to the Council to ignore, though they could hardly be called “remedies” at such a point. This Board does not have a police service, does not have a prosecutorial team, and does not have a jail in which to send contemptible Executives or Councilors. This Board further has no actual or tangible control over the finances of the SU. Therefore, if Students’ Council decides to ignore orders of this Board, that is up to their contemptible conscience.

[49] It is at this point that we would like to remind Students’ Council that, as the DIE Board wrote in Ruling 2018-02 at paragraph 10, “the DIE Board can order **any** remedy it considers appropriate and just in the circumstances when Students’ Council itself has contravened the SU Bylaws, to ensure compliance” [emphasis in original]. While it is true that the DIE Board does not have a formal enforcement mechanism, it is almost certainly not true that “there are no repercussions for Students’ Council for breaking bylaw.” Indeed, one can only wonder how the voting populace would react to a Students’ Council that ignores an order for “the immediate

disbandment of the entire Students' Council and [an] order [for] a new election to be held forthwith" (Ruling 2018-02 at para 14), especially considering how contemptible the actions of Council must be for such an extreme ruling to be just and appropriate.

[50] Regardless, it was very misleading for Speaker Barraclough to interpret Ruling 2018-02 in the way that he did, and publicly announce his interpretation to the lawmaking body of the Students' Union of the University of Alberta, as well as any other vested parties who may have been in attendance at the January 29th meeting.

[51] The comment: "We can break it anyway" is equally, if not even more disturbing. It is a dangerous road when the legislative branch openly suggests that there are no operational checks and balances on its powers.

[52] To clarify, this Board does not and would not condone contravening SU legislation in any of its decisions.

[53] All of this being said, President Larsen took some exception to Speaker Barraclough's comment when he spoke as follows:

LARSEN: When the speaker says that if we contravene bylaw there are no consequences that is not true. We all take oaths of office to uphold the rules and regulations, as well [indiscernible]. Now, that is important to say because, sometimes, flexing or interpreting or sometimes breaking bylaw is of necessity for a question. Now, that is a question for all of you to debate, whether or not you would like to do that, but my suggestion is that we should try to stick to bylaw, the convention being that bylaw is important to us.

[54] President Larsen is right. Students' Council may at times have legitimate reasons to debate whether they might breach legislation, and may indeed decide to do so. However, that decision will inherently come with consequences. Those consequences would be determined by the DIE Board. These consequences could range from non-existent (in the case where the DIE Board finds the contravention to be justified under the test we developed above) to severe. Thus, if Students' Council is going to debate or take such an action, they should do so with the fullness of understanding that they will be accountable to the DIE Board's rulings and ultimately to the electorate.

DISPOSITION

[55] The questions posed to the DIE Board, and the answers to those questions are as follows:

1. ***Is the February 2, 2019 special meeting of Students' Council null and void due to breach of SO 3(3)?***
 - a. *Can the Speaker of Students' Council unilaterally suspend either bylaw or Students' Council Standing Orders to allow for this meeting to take place?*

No. However, Students' Council may pass a 2/3rds majority motion to suspend the operation of a particular Standing Order as per the procedure laid out in *Roberts' Rules*. There is no evidence that a 2/3rds majority was obtained. Bylaws cannot be suspended in this way.

b. Is there a circumstance in which the contravention of Students' Union legislation is justified?

Yes. Students' Council (and the Speaker) may at times have legitimate reasons to debate whether they might breach legislation, and may indeed decide to do so. When deciding to contravene SU legislation, Students' Council should make sure that the contravention is not arbitrary, unfair or based on irrational considerations. Second, the means, even if rationally connected to the objective in this first sense, should impair "as little as possible" the intended meaning of the contravened legislation. Third, there must be a proportionality between the effects of the contravention and the objective which has been identified as of sufficient importance.

Applying the above test, we find that the contravention of SO 3(3) was justified, and the meeting held on February 2, 2019 was indeed a special meeting of Students' Council.

2. Is the motion to approve the Students Spaces referendum question out of order?

There being no contravention of legislation alleged, DIE Board does not have the jurisdiction to answer this question.