

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday November 8, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2011-14)

2011-14/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

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With regards to the great question from Councillor Ferguson directed to the chair of the Policy Committee, Councillor Kusmu, the Smoking Policy is still a few stages away from the formation of principles. I was meant to present an action plan detailing various consultations I shall be having with various groups on campus last week, but I however got caught up in midterms and academic deadlines. I hope to be presenting the action plan to Policy at a later stage this week. I do hope to be able to consult with students that do smoke on campus and various governing bodies on campus and will be outlining that process in the action plan.

President Tighe has suggested that it would be a good idea to put a question concerning the proposed smoking policy in the upcoming SU Survey, which I think is a good idea to reach out to a wide body of students, although it won't give us very detailed results.

If anyone would like to lend some assistance to this initiative, or give some ideas, feedback or would like to know more, please do not hesitate to email me:
chakanak@ualberta.ca

Councillor Zinyemba

2011-14/5b

To Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life. From Councillor Gulyas: What were some of the traits that Gwyn Morgan thought students lacked, and what does the VPA think about this in terms of his graduate attributes proposal?

Busing students from Camerose would seem to take a large amount of instructional time away from them. If the administration is willing to do this, and they seem to be really getting into it, are there any thoughts on canceling classes so that our more studious students would also join in?

In your report you mentioned that, during the ONECard Advisory Meeting, the idea of a meal plan for non-residence students was suggested. Could you expand on this, particularly what the thoughts were on making it mandatory?

- 2011-14/6** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2011-14/7** **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2011-14/8** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2011-14/8h** Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Report
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- 2011-14/8i** Bylaw Committee- Summary Report to Council
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- 2011-14/8j** Rory Tighe, President- Report
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Prepared by: Colten Yamagishi, Vice President (Student Life)

To: Students' Council 2011/12

It feels like the last two weeks have flown by quite quickly. I haven't started too many new projects but have completed many. I have had the chance to attend a number of student group meetings and events such as the following: ISSS Open House, NSA Bison BBQ, Intrafraternity Council meeting, Panhellenic Council meeting, did a Safewalk shift, GFC Student Caucus, Take Back the Term, CFB Halloween Bakesale, and the CFB Trick or Treat Food Drive. Here is a brief synopsis of the last little bit in the office.

Programming

Campus Cup:

Campus Cup registration has opened and we were amazed to fill all 48 team slots in the first two days of registration. We have a reserve list for the teams that missed the registration rush and we are trying to see if there is a way that we can expand the tournament to let more teams in. Many registrants were extremely excited to hear about the custom t-shirt promotion for the tournament. The tournament runs from Nov. 25-27 and I am quite excited to wipe the floor with the council team in our exhibition match.

Break the Record:

Promotions for Break the Record have begun and I and the University admin have been making sure that we mention the Break the Record event at all of our stakeholder meetings. We have invited the Augustana campus to join us for the event and will hopefully be able to send busses to bring them from Camrose.

New Programming Assistant:

Congratulations go out to David McBean who was selected as our new Programming and Venues Assistant! David has plenty of experience working for the SU as last year's CSD Orientation Programs Coordinator. I am extremely excited to work with David this year and I think that he will be a great addition to our team.

Services

I attended the services staff meeting a few days back and it seems like all of the staff are doing quite well. We played an interesting game that was made to help us understand how our personalities change in different scenarios.

Infolink Booths:

We had a meeting to review the proposed design for the new Infolink Booth in SUB. The new booth is planned to be a square shape (to get more room for the workers) and include improvements such as a private consult area and two operational storefront desks. I will bring provide more updates on this project as they come.

Campus Food Bank:

The CFB had a very successful Trick or Treat fundraiser and raised over 7000 pounds of food! I participated in my banana costume. They also hosted a Halloween bake sale. I was the happy purchaser of a delicious Halloween themed carrot cake cupcake.

Advocacy

COSA:

At COSA we saw presentations from the Office of Sustainability as well as the Greek Community. I won an OoS water bottle for answering a question about sustainability. I graciously donated this water bottle to Vice President Cheema who had been complaining about not having one. The Greek representatives spoke about the progress of Fall Recruitment and the projects that IFC and Panhel will be working on this term. I am always impressed with the number of philanthropic events that the Greek system hosts every year.

HCAG:

At HCAG we were told that we would receive the results from the newest National College Health Assessment Survey by the end of the month. I am extremely interested in these results as we will be able to compare them with last year's results to see if our health and wellness initiatives have made any noticeable improvements in the survey results. We spent most of the time at the meeting reviewing the University Wellness Services overall budget. We also received an update on the Health and Wellness Team's Heroes for Health Challenge where students compete to create healthy initiatives and projects on campus. I will be a judge for the Healthy Campus Symposium where these teams will present their projects.

Take Back the Term:

Take Back the Term had over 130 participants and received great feedback. There were a large number of international students at the one-day conference. I hope that this event can be run again in the winter semester. I helped with registration and cleanup but spent the most of the day sitting at the registration table doing work on my laptop.

ONECard Advisory Committee:

We had our first ONECard Advisory Committee meeting and it was quite successful. We managed to raise a number of concerns that we have with ONECard service and also made recommendations for a number of changes. Topics came up such as meal plans for non-residence students, smartcard technology for the U-Pass, central-printing services, and increased printing document security. The Peachman was there.

GFC:

GFC was fairly uneventful apart from a controversial presentation from Gwyn Morgan (former CEO of Encana) who criticized the lack of employable traits that students learn and develop at university. Other items included removing a certificate in statistics program and a few questions about UAPPOL policy.

NAIT TV Interview:

I did a quick interview for the NAIT TV program about student finances. It was a lot of fun and I used some of the knowledge that I learned from SFAIC's Funny Money Man presentation. I spoke about student budgeting, avoiding debt, and how to invest in comfortable funds for students.

Welcome Centre Meeting:

We had our first Welcome Centre Meeting and had an orientation on where the project is at and what the general scheme of things is planned to look like. The students in attendance had a lot of great feedback. Currently the plan is for the Welcome Centre to be a general space housing financial services for students, registration and advising, and access and information for general student services. Though the meeting was at 8am and I had not slept the night before, the chair brought Cinnzeo so I was quite pleased.

Opportunities for you to get involved:

- Vice-Provost Jonathan Schaffer's Information Technology steering committee
- Volunteer as a referee for Campus Cup
- Run for VPSL (see what I did there). But seriously, people are sitting down for lunch with me already so please let me know if you want anymore information about the job.

Summary:

Things are starting to slow down a bit in the office, which is good. I hope to begin work on my new programming project and on LGBTQ service consultation soon. Let me know if you want to chat about any of your own goals or ways that you would like to see me leverage the VPSL portfolio.

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.

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BYLAW SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **November 1, 2011**

Time: **5:06pm**

2010 – 2011 **MEETING 12**

Motions

1.	<i>KARUVELIL</i> moved that the <i>November 1, 2011</i> agenda be approved as amended.	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
2.	<i>KARUVELIL</i> moved that the <i>October 18, 2011</i> minutes be approved as tabled.	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
3.	<i>WOODS</i> moves to recommend to Students' Council to pass the <i>Impeachment Second Reading</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
4.	<i>ISKANDAR</i> moved that the meeting be <i>adjourned</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0

November 7 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Survey

We have been working a lot on the survey lately. Are hope is to be ready to send it out in a week but it may get a bit delayed depending on how this week goes. The executive and staff are balancing adding new questions with maintaining the best old questions for trend-data. We will be doing similar prizing to last year and should be able to produce a comprehensive report early next semester.

Installment Fee

I met with the Vice President (Finance & Administration) of the University to discuss this issue. The Vice President did commit to making the communication of the fee much more clear and to making sure that the Board of Governors were aware of the fee and its' place in the budget. However, it became clear during our conversation that we fundamentally disagreed on the principle of whether or not the fee was justifiable and I will continue to pursue the issue.

Budget Advisory Committee

The Vice President (Academic), Vice President (External), Director of Research & Political Affairs and I attended another Budget Advisory Committee meeting on November 7. At this meeting the University once again outlined that the tuition proposal would call for a 1.45% increase. We were also given some information that we requested at an earlier meeting about student financial aid contributions coming out of revenue from Market Modifiers. We also talked about Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee (MNIF) regulation but did not come to any final resolutions.

Communication

I have been working on creating a stronger infrastructure for communication initiatives coming out of the Students' Union. We have been creating some new minor communication initiatives, such as pamphlets, but have also been talking about the larger strategy. I think by next semester we will have the support systems set up to do a much better job of communicating what we are working on. This is something that I will likely be asking for councils help on in the coming months.

CAUS

The Vice President (External) and I attended a few lobby meetings with the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) on Thursday, November 3. We met with three MLA's; Rachel Notley from the NDP, Guy Boutilier from the Wild Rose Alliance, and Kevin Taft from the Liberal Party. We also had an opportunity to sit down with the Minister of Advanced Education & Technology to discuss some

of our priorities for the budget.

Staff

Last week I did an informal review of both the Director of Research & Political Affairs and the General Manager. As the reporting structure dictates, generally the President conducts an annual formal performance review of each of these positions at the end of their term. This year will be no different but I added in this informal ‘midway’ review to better assess where we were at before the end of the year. I am very happy to say that both individuals are doing a fantastic job and no major concerns were relayed either way.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at president@su.ualberta.ca.

TO: Students' Council, University of Alberta Students' Union
FROM: Scott Nicol, Chair, Audit Committee
DATE: November 7, 2011
RE: Report on Audit Committee's Activities – Meetings of November 7, 2011

Dear Council,

On November 7, 2011 the Audit Committee met.

The Audit Committee reviewed the following profit and loss statements:

1. Review of Week of Welcome - September.
2. Review of Safewalk - August.
3. Review of Advocacy - September.
4. Review of Student Groups Services - September.

The Audit Committee had no significant concerns regarding these statements, but will follow up on some minor questions with the Manager of Finances (which is quite typical). For details, please refer to Audit Committee's minutes in due time.

No further credit card packages were available for review at the meeting.

Yours,

Scott Nicol
Chair, Audit Committee

November 7th, 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: VPX Report to Council

Meeting with Hon. Greg Weadick, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology

On Thursday November 3rd CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students), ASEC (Alberta Students Executive Council, Lobby Group), and AGC (Alberta Graduate Council, Lobby Group) met with the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, Greg Weadick. As members of CAUS Rory, and I attended along. We discussed:

- Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees (MNIFs) Regulation
- Increasing upfront non-repayable aid in Student Financial Assistance
- Creating an arms length body for data collection on PSE
- Modernization of the Elections Act
- Open process for Market Modifiers
- 50% debt relief off of Alberta Student Loans upon Graduation

Minister Weadick stated that Premier Redford is committed to finding a solution regarding Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, and that the solution would occur before April. During the meeting, Minister Weadick stated that there are two types of MNIFs, one that provides services and the other is "tuition by another name".

Minister Weadick did not go into details on what the solution will be, or whether the solution will take the form of Provincial Regulation or not. While this is the third time we have heard that a solution was on its way in the last two years, I am hopeful that this time our voices will be heard.

Meeting with Opposition Parties

We met with the following opposition parties, and discussed the same topics as with the minister.

NDP

Met with Rachel Notley, the NDP PSE critic. Rachel agreed with all the asks we put forward, and was particularly excited about our GOTV campaign.

Wildrose

Met with Guy Boutilier, the Wildrose PSE critic. Guy was impressed with our budget submission, and agreed to ask a question regarding PSE at some point during the Fall Session in Question Period.

Liberal

Met with Kevin Taft, the Liberal PSE critic. Kevin again commended us on our lobby document, and agreed with all the asks. He was wondering why we are not asking for lower tuition and our main response was that until MNIFs are regulated, we cannot start having a conversation regarding tuition

as MNIFs are tuition by another name.

GOTV

CAUS met with the UASU marketing department later on Thursday to discuss the direction of GOTV. Marketing suggested the following plan. In the time left leading up to Christmas Break, we do a teaser campaign. Meaning we poster campus with GOTV logos, and just leave a url on the poster. Some students will check out the url, and pledge to vote, and most won't. In January phase two kicks in. We start to collect signatures. And when the writ is dropped, we have a full-blown campaign where events are happening everyday of the week. We think having a 3 phase campaign with escalating activities will grab us more attention. We will be presenting on our strategy a the next council meeting.

Budget Advisory Committee

Today we had a Budget Advisory Committee meeting regarding tuition and MNIFs. The institution seems to be persistent over the fact that an approval process handed to the students undermines the powers of the BoG.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Lobby Conference

Next week the President and I will be in Ottawa lobbying Members of Parliament. I will try to submit my council report during CASA LobbyCon, but if not, it will be on the late additions. The following is what we will be lobbying on:

- Copyright/Book Importation Regulation
- Prioritizing Access (Car exemption at CSLP, reduce expected parental contribution by 25% over thnext four fiscal years, and more grants for graduate students)
- Access to Aborigines (Removing 2% cap on Post Secondary Student Support Program)
- International Student Visas/Work Permit

Cheers,
Farid