

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

MINUTES (SC 2000-06)

2000-061

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2000-06/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"

Church led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2000-06/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG

Lazin led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

2000-06/4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Zwack/Church moved that the agenda for the SC00-06 meeting be approved.

Additions:

00-06/7g – General Manager Bill Smith's report

Consensus

2000-06/6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jorgensen/Rogerson moved that the minutes of the SC00-05 meeting be approved.

Consensus

REPORTS

a. Leslie Church, President

A written report was provided with the agenda package.

- **Church** urged Council in congratulating **Kim Steele**, who has recently been appointed the SU's permanent Executive Research Officer. Ms. Steele has been serving as Interim Researcher since Peter Cahill's departure at the end of Winter Term 2000. She has served as a CAUS Administrator, and her background is steeped in student politics. She served as an Executive for Mount Royal College's student association, and the Executive Committee has every confidence that she will continue to perform well.

- The Students' Union Development Symposium (SUDS) at UBC, from which **Church** and **Agard** recently returned, went very well. **Agard** will comment further in her report.
- **Church** has upcoming meetings with the Student Finance Board and the MLA Funding Committee. She and Ms. Steele are working on proposals.
- The SU is trying to build a better partnership with other organizations and student groups, such as ACTISEC and the GSA. The Executive feels it important and advantageous to formulate new strategies, together, to achieve their goals.
- This year's CAUS game plan is called *Education: Fueling Alberta's Future*.
- **Church** recently visited the SU at the University of Saskatchewan, which is currently working on a building project that will ultimately cost \$35 million. This coincides with our SU's ongoing goal to expand SUB; the issue will definitely be raised again this year. **Church** was able to observe the U of S's process, fundraising, design, and other aspects of construction, and it proved helpful.

b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic

- A written report was provided with the agenda package.
- Regarding Ombudservice hiring: at the time that he wrote his written report, **Samuel** was unable to release the name of the person selected as the new Ombudservice Director, as this person was not yet aware of his success and had neither accepted nor rejected the job.
- The Council of Faculty Associations (COFA) will be hosting its first retreat of the year in the Alumni Room (SUB) on August 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. *Fun! Informative! Fun! Informative!*
- Dr. Don Carmichael, a Vice President with the Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta (AAS:UA), has expressed a desire to consult with students regarding teaching at the University. As a result, he is coming to the next Council meeting, not to give a presentation, but to ascertain what specific concerns students have and formulate a strategy to address them. **Samuel** advised councillors to come to the next meeting armed with questions and comments.
- **Samuel** and Bill Smith compiled an outline of what would be necessary to the Bookstore Task Force initiative and recently presented it to Dr. Bill Connor, Dean of Students. Dr. Connor expressed his support and enthusiasm for the idea, and it in turn was presented to University Administration. As a result, the Task Force has become a University initiative, rather than an SU one. Planning is continued, and the Task Force itself will be put together as soon as possible.

c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- Welcome to Graham Senft, VP External at the University of British Columbia, who was a Guest of Council at the meeting. He was very impressed by the Cheer Song.
- SUDS was successful and rewarding this year, compensating more than ably for the disappointments of 1999's conference. **Agard**, representing CASA, was able to liaise with interesting people and groups, which will continue to prove useful throughout the year.

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- As of August 1, HRDC has taken student loans over from the banks, to be subsequently turned over to a private service bureau. Students will continue to cash their loans through the Royal Bank and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). **Agard** alerted Council to Form 22A in the student loan packages, which must be filled out along with the certificate of eligibility to ensure that the loan remains interest free during a given year. **Agard** promised more extensive, written, reports on the subject soon.

- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.

- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - Current tasks include working with WUSC in determining its direction, conferring with Entertainment/Food & Beverage staff regarding programming for the coming year at the Power Plant, and continuing to sleuth regarding COSL.
 - The Web Development Committee is swimming along swimmingly, and promises to turn out an impressive final product. The SU has come to realize the real importance of its corporate image, not only for its own sustenance, but for creating awareness throughout the student body. Improving the SU's appearance and accessibility has been ongoing.

- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
 - An oral report was provided at the meeting.
 - As usual, students continue to bite their fingers over tuition, and **Cormier** is spending the dearth of space between Board of Governors meetings planning for the onslaught of the tuition debate.
 - The tuition issue bleeds into many others, such as faculty renewal and selling ideas to the government. Faculty renewal is a complicated process given the current academic climate: the market for professors is tight, so the University is tending towards hiring assistant professors at high salaries. This presents a dilemma, because it generally turns out that assistant professors are being paid more than *associate* professors who have been teaching longer. It turns out that the Board of Governors appears to be more enthusiastic about presenting this problem to the government than the Administration itself. **Cormier's** aim is to find the student's place in this dynamic and exploit it to maximum advantage.

- g. Bill Smith, General Manager
 - **Smith** began by expressing his surprise at how quickly the term is going.
 - There is an *ultra-super-important clause* in the General Manager's contract, which states that the employer will not heckle, pressure or enable an environment conducive to severe distress for the employee. At this point, Smith respectfully asked the Executive Committee, SU staff, and members of Council to lay off about his loyalty to the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

- **Smith** implored Council to pay close attention to the activities of the Executive and to ensure that their accomplishments are being made known to their constituents. Above all, he stressed patience with the Executive: each member of the Committee has a particular reason to “need a hug” at this point in the year. The Executive Committee relies on Council’s support and feedback to make the best possible use of their terms.
 - **Smith** commended the staff of the SU for their relentless and tireless work; it seems that regular office hours are alien to the term staff, in that any one of its members can be found working in the office at any given hour of the day or night. He asserted that he had never seen such dedication, even in other student organizations.
 - **Smith** is currently working on the SU’s long-term budget, which is proving more or less a pain, given that one of his extremely detailed spreadsheets collapsed this week. (At this point, **Smith** released a quiet expletive.)
 - SUB Expansion should be stressed as an ongoing vision. It is never far from the thoughts of the Executive Committee, and the complications last year have in no way daunted the SU in its conviction that the expansion must be proceeded with.
 - The TravelCUTS lawsuit and Web Development are two major issues for the SU at this point.
 - The prospect of a Bookstore Task Force is a very exciting one, particularly because of the reaction it garnered from Dr. Connor and University Administration. This is a big step closer to turning the Bookstore into a facility that works for students instead of against them. The fact that the SU’s ideas were well-received opens up possibilities for looking at e-books, e-commerce, etc.
 - Campus Advantage evolved from CCBC, and offers deals and service for students, including insurance packages and other considerable expenses. It has helped the SU as well, specifically through liability insurance for our bars, etc.
 - Online shopping sounds like an excellent idea, but the current major providers are losing money. The SU must consider its options judiciously before committing to anything.
 - **Smith** is also looking into an electronic affinity card, helping students to manage their finances more simply and save money.
 - **Smith** explained that the last part of the summer has been spent trying to figure out what the next move should be after the departure of Ken Nickel-Lane, former Manager of Food & Beverage. He had held the position since 1992, and SU staff is wondering whether to simply hire someone else immediately, or take the opportunity to look at the department to see how it could be improved.
- h. Medicine/Dentistry Faculty Report
- An oral report was provided by **Cheng**.
 - There were several successful TGIFs last year, generally in the Alumni Room or the Power Plant, with events and guests such as hypnotists, etc.
 - The Halloween Screamer was held at Senor Frog’s last year, and it was very successful.
 - Dent Show coming up.
 - \$70,000 faculty student loans have been approved. This is excellent news, but it’s still not enough for dentistry students who have no other source of income.
 - **Medicine**: an oral report was provided by **Schell**.
 - Faculty is preparing for Shinerama in September, holding pub nights as fundraisers and working to get money and registration up.

- h. Nursing Faculty Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Read**.
 - BBQ coming up in September.

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QUESTION PERIOD

Plans to relieve some of the stress and clog for SUBtitles were included in blueprints and strategy for SUB Expansion last year. Since the expansion couldn't go through, the Executive Committee is seeking an alternative. One is to install more computers and registers in the store, but this is not guaranteed. The Executive Committee is discussing this matter with the manager of SUBtitles. **(Zwack)**

There is one new SU display box on campus, at the Power Plant. The SU is currently considering putting out more, as well as other marketing strategies. **(Rogerson)**

It is important that students be aware of the changes to the student loan program. To keep everyone apprised, certificates of eligibility and packages will include a leaflet with some of the major points, as well as the address of an informative website. The communication strategy also includes radio advertising and well-circulated posters. The URL is www.canlearn.ca. **(Roesch)**

A set of Executive Minutes included an information item about proposals for a "clocktower" along with "swine and compost." This referred to a proposal to build an extremely large clock tower on campus, taller than the SUB tower. It would have been dearly expensive, and the Executive Committee did not feel that it would be worth the cost, and opposed it. Regarding the compost, there is a problem at the University Farm with foul smells circulating through the grounds, which is currently being improved by an enclosed composting system. The "swine" refers to a plan to move Agriculture/Forestry to the south campus, as the three buildings allotted for their research on the South Campus are either unusable or in need of repair. The University wishes to build entirely new buildings at the south campus. This will cost approximately \$7,000 more than repairing the old ones, and will be a longer-term solution. **(Harris)**

The Executive Committee is meeting with staff from the Housing Registry on Wednesday, August 2 to confer on strategies for getting residence information to students. It is important that students be apprised of current conditions, availability, and the University's plans for residences. There is a plan currently on the table for a new residence; the proposal will be going to the Board of Governors soon. **(Zwack)**

The COFA Retreat will be held on August 26 from 9:00-5:30 in the *Alumni Room* in SUB. **Samuel** advised Council to remember that this retreat will be *fun as well as informative*. **FUN AS WELL AS INFORMATIVE!** **(Harris)**

Wanke will be giving a presentation on SU support of faculty association initiatives at the COFA Retreat (**Fun as well as Informative!**). For faculty associations with events scheduled in the near future, Wanke asked that members confer with her over what support the SU can offer. **(Rogerson)**

The Millennium Scholarship appears to be for a smaller amount this year. The Executive Committee was not concretely sure of the reason, but speculated that there may be a greater number of scholarships. **(Cheng)**

The contract for the Games Room is held between the SU and Southern Music Incorporated, which supplies the juke box as well as the video games. There is currently an agreement that Southern will receive 60% of all revenues, while the SU receives 40%. This is an improvement over the previous agreement, stating that the SU receive \$60,000 as a flat rate on a per year basis. (**Zwack**)

Restructuring the Games Room is a proposal that the Executive Committee has taken under advisement. However, it is unlikely that any restructuring will be planned before SUB Expansion becomes feasible again. Mini-bowling will be available next year. (**Zwack**)

2000-06/9

LEGISLATION**2000-06/9a
BYLAW 2100
FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS BOARD****CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED (FIRST READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the changes to Bylaw 2100 - Respecting the Financial Affairs Board of the Students' Union**

A document was provided with the agenda package, detailing each of the proposed changes to Bylaws 2100 (Financial Affairs Board), 2400 (Internal Review Board), 2600 (Academic Affairs Board), and 2700 (Student Life Board).

Each Executive chairs an advisory board or committee, and the bylaws that govern them have variability that is not appropriate. The proposed amendments should better align the committees with regards to procedure, rules/regulations, etc.

The changes to FAB include:

- The board's starting date to June 30 from May 31; for less pressure
- Mandate; omitting unrealistic or unfulfilled rules
- Nominating Committee; not requiring it to fill all vacancies. This jurisdiction is at the discretion of the chair
- Appointment of a Secretary
- Removal some sections under Conduct that were unrealistic or redundant
- Requirement of final reports from each chair for all boards and committees

Harris/Jorgensen moved to omnibus items 9a to 9e inclusive**Church:** amendments must be made to individual bylaws, and changes, etc.**Harris** withdrew his motion.**Vote: 24/0 Carried**

**2000-06/9b
BYLAW 2400
INTERNAL
REVIEW BOARD**

CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED (FIRST READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the changes to Bylaw 2400 - Respecting the Internal Review Board of the Students' Union

See Document SC 00-06.05

The proposed amendments affect the mandate; current requirements that copies of the constitution and bylaws be widely distributed after amendments are excessive. The requirements to know the constitution backwards and forwards are also unrealistic.

Vote: 24/0 Carried

**2000-06/9c
BYLAW 2600 -
ACADEMIC
AFFAIRS BOARD**

CHURCH / SAMUEL MOVED (FIRST READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the changes to Bylaw 2600 - Respecting the Academic Affairs Board of the Students' Union

See Document SC 00-06.06

Amendments: (friendly)

2c. "AAB" not "IRB"

3g (new) promote cooperation and coordination with the SU awards committee pursuant to bylaw 900

Jorgensen: There are 2 #2s. Renumber accordingly (amendment – friendly)

Vote: 22/2 Carried

**2000-06/9d
BYLAW 2700 -
STUDENT LIFE
BOARD**

CHURCH / WANKE MOVED (FIRST READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the changes to Bylaw 2700 - Respecting the Student Life Board of the Students' Union

See Document SC 00-06.07

The amendments sever committees like GAC and the WOW planning committee from the jurisdiction of SLB, because these are specialty boards.

Vote: 23/1 Carried

**2000-06/9e
BYLAW 2800 -
EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS BOARD**

CHURCH / AGARD MOVED (FIRST READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Internal Review Board, approve the changes to Bylaw 2800 - Respecting the External Affairs Board of the Students' Union

See Document SC 00-06.08

Proposed Amendments:

- Add a timeline for appointments, etc.
- Do not change Mandate
- Make several editorial changes
- Affect conduct: policy decisions must be approved by Council before they are effective

Vote: 22/2 Carried

2000-06/10

NEW BUSINESS

**2000-06/10a
TRAVEL CUTS**

CHURCH / AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council reaffirm support for the Travel Cuts lawsuit

Vote: 20/2/2 Carried

2000-06/11

INFORMATION ITEM

**2000-06/11a
OPERATING
POLICY 7.22**

Operating Policy 7.22 - Student Group Granting Policy is included in the agenda as an information item
- Greg: this is for Student Groups Granting, for your edification.
See Document SC 00-06.09

2000-06/12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Faculty Reports

- Pharmacy
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Agard: EAB is meeting tomorrow at 6 p.m. in 4-20
- Wanke: There are many opportunities if Councillors want to be involved in WOW; this year's theme is 00-WOW (James Bond, Charlie's Angels) and will feature an Edwin showcase
- Samuel: COFA retreat. **Fun! Informative!** August 26, 9-5:30, Alumni Room
- Dr. Carmichael from AAS:UA will be at the next meeting, so get questions ready
- Bill is buying the first round at the Plant

•Next Council Meeting

- Tuesday, August 15, 2000 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers

•Future Council Meeting

- August 29, 2000
- September 12, 2000
- September 26, 2000

2000-06/13

ADJOURNMENT

Rogerson/Speer moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.