

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 2-1 University Hall**

MINUTES (SC 2000-22)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Leslie Church	Present
VP Academic	Christopher Samuel	Present
VP External	Naomi Agard	Present
VP Finance	Gregory Harlow	Present
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mark Cormier	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Patricia Kozack	Absent
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Andre Poulin	Absent
Arts	Jamie Speer	Present
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Kirsten Odynski	Present
Arts	Kory Zwack	Present
Arts	Richard Kwok	Absent (RESIGNED)
Business	Erika Hoffman	Absent
Business	Paul Chaput	Absent
Business	Dean Jorgensen	Present
Education	Morine Bolding	Present
Education	Janna Roesch	Present
Education	Dan Coles	Present
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present
Education	Justin Klaassen	Present
Engineering	Joe Brindle	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	Jason Tobias(p)
Engineering	David Weppler	Present
Engineering	Tim Poon	Present
Engineering	Kevin Partridge	Absent
Law	Chris Veale	Present (tardy)
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present

Medicine/Dentistry	Andrew Schell	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Nicole Martin-Iverson(p)
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Jennifer Read	Present
Pharmacy	Chelsey Cabaj	Present
Rehabilitation Medicine	Leah Ganes	Absent
Faculté Saint-Jean	Wendy Gall	Present
Science	Tim Van Aerde	Present
Science	Mat Brechtel	Absent
Science	Zaki Taher	Present
Science	Helen McGraw	Present
Science	Chamila Adhietty	Proxy
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	Absent
Gateway / Editor in Chief	Dan Lazin	Present
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Stella Varvis	Present
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers

Blair Miller, Community Relations Coordinator
Chris Burrows, incoming Board of Governors Representative
Jon Dunbar, News Editor, *The Gateway*
Chul-Ahn Jeong, Features Editor, *The Gateway*
Raymond Biesinger, *The Gateway*
David Zeiben, *The Gateway*
Vianne Fung, *The Gateway*
Neil Parmer, CUP Alberta Bureau

2000-22/1**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2000-22/2**NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"**

Church led Council in the singing of the National Anthem.

2000-22/3**University of Alberta CHEER SONG**

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

2000-22/4**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Zwack/Darling moved that the agenda for the 2000-22 meeting be approved.

As second readings are supposed to be read first on the agenda, items in 2000-22/9, Legislation, were renumbered.

Several items in the Late Additions package had been previously listed in the original agenda package.

Late Additions

2000-22/9a – Article VIII: Powers Regarding Finance

2000-22/10m – Academic Affairs Coordinator

2000-22/10n – Director of Communications

2000-22/10o – Director of Student Distress Centre

Consensus

2000-22/6

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Poon/Brindle moved that the minutes of the 2000-21 meeting be approved.

Samuel: The presentation to University Teaching Services alluded to in **Samuel**'s report should have specified that both **Samuel** and Dr. Don Carmichael were giving the presentation, not simply Dr. Carmichael.

Consensus

2000-22/7

REPORTS

a. Leslie Church, President

- A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The Students' Union's annual Awards Night was held on Tuesday, March 27, and was very successful. **Church** thanked **Samuel** and Zoe Kolbuc, Academic Affairs Coordinator, as well as Catherine van de Braak, Executive Assistant, and Katherine Husing, Senior Manager of Entertainment and Programming, for all their hard work. Knowlton Nash, the keynote speaker, was excellent.
- Over thirty (30) hours of shortlisting and deliberating have gone into Nominating Committees so far this year. **Church** thanked Richard Kwok. Kwok has resigned from Council.
- **Church** expressed her honour and gratitude at having received the Honorary Engineering Award for the SU's service to Engineering students during the Off-Campus Fees – Yes referendum.
- Stephane Dion, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, will be visiting the University of Alberta on Thursday, April 12. He will be holding a question period with students at the Myer Horowitz Theatre from 11:00am-12:15pm, and the theme will be "Alberta's Changing Role in the Canadian Federation." **Church** strongly encouraged members of Council to attend, and bring the news to their constituents. Minister McLellan will be there as well.

- b. Christopher Samuel, Vice-President Academic
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - This has been a week of both positive and negative events.
 - The presentation, given by **Samuel** and Dr. Don Carmichael, to University Teaching Services went very well. They presented on and discussed the professor's role in students' success, and the information was well-received. This information will likely be compiled into a pamphlet and submitted to all professors.
 - The SU Awards Night went extremely well, thanks to the excellent organization of Zoe Kolbuc, Catherine van de Braak and Katherine Huising.
 - General Faculties' Council met on Monday, April 2. The issues of both the Code of Student Behavior and admitting students to professors' hiring committees were on the agenda. However, the meeting adjourned before the issue of students on professors' hiring committees could come to discussion. Unfortunately, this means that the discussion has been tabled to the next meeting of GFC, which will not be in **Samuel**'s term.
 - There was a disappointing letter to the Editor in today's issue of *The Gateway*, which attacked the integrity of the Students' Union awards selection process. **Samuel** expressed that the author of the letter was uninformed, and that the letter was painful to read, on both personal and professional levels. The awards committees took extremely great care in selecting recipients for each award, from a group of excellent candidates.
- c. Naomi Agard, Vice-President External
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - The CASA Lobby Conference Report was provided at the meeting.
 - **Agard** expressed dismay at the outcome of the General Faculties' Council meeting, stating that it was a great disservice to students.
 - **Agard** also expressed congratulations to Adam Cook, who has recently been selected as Community Relations Coordinator for the 2001-02 term.

- d. Gregory Harlow, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - There was a CREFC granting session last week, with several anomalies. The most important of these was that the committee was granting an honorarium to its Chair: **Harlow** expressed that this was a gross allocation of funds (\$1000.00), and that this committee should not be used to fund University of Alberta wages. The University wants to use the committee as a multi-use funding source. **Harlow** is examining the feasibility of changing the bylaws to ensure that this will not happen again.
 - The Students' Union is finishing its legal review. The Student Groups bylaw is in the process of modifying its hiring procedures.
 - Department budgets are also being compiled to assemble the Preliminary Budget. **Harlow** is meeting with Senior Manager of Finance and Administration Anita Kuper on an ongoing basis, and will be meeting with various other managers and departments.
 - Not many nominating committees require the presence of the Vice President Operations and Finance, but for the few that **Harlow** is on, there is a serious dearth of applications for Student-at-Large positions. Some of the needy committees are the Financial Affairs Board and the Golden Bears & Pandas Legacy Fund. **Harlow** urged members of Council to send anyone interested to speak with him.
 - The Access Fund Board met for the last time this term. The Access Fund has been vastly improved, but it still has not reached the full amount that could be allocated to students. There was a motion presented at this meeting to reduce the Access Fund fee.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - The biggest items at this time of year are Nominating and Hiring Committees.
 - **Wanke** expressed thanks to Klaassen, Brindle, the staff of *The Gateway* and all others who deliberated on the Editor-in-Chief selection committee until 1:00am.
 - Bylaw 4100 is still being reworked.
 - The Entertainment portfolio is being wrapped up.
 - The wheelchair ramp in Stadium Parkade is being removed, as it is dysfunctional. Part of the solution to improving access to the parkade would be to increase the number of stalls on the main floor.
 - **Wanke** is working with the incoming University Athletics Board President.
 - **Wanke** continues to meet with Campus Security.
 - Mike Zimmerman, Student Activities Coordinator, is advertising the Volunteer Appreciation Party, which has a Dating Game theme. Applications are available to anyone who is interested. An e-mail with information has been sent to all members of Council.

- Regarding the Canadian University Press (CUP) conference, staff of *The Gateway* have requested an increase in their budget, so that they might become full CUP members. However, when **Wanke** arrived at the CUP conference, she was denied access to a large number of sessions. She has been discussing this issue with the President of CUP and trying to get information, but CUP insists that it will only send information through *The Gateway*. It is the Executive's position that in paying membership dues, the Students' Union became a member of CUP, not simply *The Gateway*, and **Wanke** made it plain that if she were denied access to the conference and pertinent information, the Students' Union would not pay its membership fee, and **Wanke** asked for Council's support on this stance. Her recommendation for the conference was that she did not see the benefit of 10 editors attending, nor did she see the reasoning in the Circulation Manager attending. Other suggestions were made in the conference report. If *The Gateway* maintains that the conference offers valuable training, **Wanke** will support actively seeking alternative venues.

- f. Mark Cormier, Undergrad BoG Representative
 - A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - Transition is the current priority, working with Chris Burrows, incoming Board of Governors Representative. Burrows has shown himself to have strong and workable ideas, and **Cormier** is introducing him to both people and procedures. **Cormier** calls this the "The 12-step Board Transition Program."
 - The official Board report is still on its way, though it has been delayed in coming.
 - **Cormier** is preparing for the upcoming Board Finance & Property meeting, which will be the last he attends in his official capacity.

- g. Faculte Saint-Jean Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Gall**.
 - The Faculte Saint-Jean election is going well.
 - The Faculte Saint-Jean will be opening a new Canadian Studies program, and possibly a research center.

- h. Science Faculty Report
 - An oral report was provided by **Van Aerde**.
 - The "Get Laid" (sp?) event went well, involving a barbecue, a joust, matinees, and other activities.
 - UASUS had its elections recently. Matt Brechtel was voted President, and the incoming representatives include a Chris Samuel.

2000-22/8

QUESTION PERIOD

Speer: In the Executive Committee minutes of March 19, what is the "casino issue"?

Church: The Students' Union hosted a casino in June, and some of the projects submitted initially were not approved, and those not approved needed to be resubmitted. The money is still there, but receipts must be provided by the AGLC. The money is required to go to charitable projects. This issue has been ongoing throughout the year.

Poon: The Public Affairs web site has an article on the incoming Executive; each member wrote a paragraph for it. **Samuel**'s paragraph mentioned that it was running a joke candidate, Pez for Prez, that made him realize that post-secondary students are laboring under a number of complex issues. Is this true, and if so, how did running the campaign truly highlight these issues?

Samuel: **Samuel** explained that before he ran the campaign, he was jaded by the politics surrounding students, including the Students' Union. While campaigning, he realized that the issues are present and serious ones, and that students need to organize themselves, and present a united front to Administration and government.

McGraw: In the Executive Committee minutes of February 14, what does "support the pilot project" regarding the ONECard refer to?

Samuel: Tenants had initial reservations, and it had to be communicated to them that the Executive Committee supports the initiative to expand the uses of the ONECard.

Lazin: Some background should be provided to **Wanke**'s CUP conference report. **Wanke** was originally asked by CUP not to attend the conference, as there was a perceived conflict of interest due to the Students' Union's involvement in the Canadian Campus Business Consortium (CCBC)/Campus Advantage (CA). The SU had expressed interest in either replicating or taking over certain portions of CUP. **Wanke** was indeed aware of this, and understood that she would likely be barred from participating in many aspects of the conference. *The Gateway* was unaware that she would be barred from all of the conference, but CUP thought that allowing her to participate would set a precedent of disallowing safe discussions about student newspapers and student press generally. **Wanke** was given a Delegate binder, which provided her with all but financial information regarding CUP, and she was informed that the full disclosure of information was available to *The Gateway* only, and that their staff could release it to her. Can some more justification be provided regarding why membership fees should not be paid? The training provided at the conference cannot be replicated elsewhere, and *The Gateway* has consistently used the services CUP provides. The membership is well worth it.

Wanke: This is not an issue of deciding whether CUP provides a benefit. The question is whether or not it provides enough benefit for the SU to overlook the fact that they refuse to provide full disclosure to those who pay the membership dues. The students on campus should be considered first, which is the reason **Wanke** went to the conference. Regarding CCBC/CA, the extent to which the SU is attempting to replicate CUP cannot be determined if information about CUP is not willingly provided. CUP should have an open accountability structure; otherwise, the expenditure of membership cannot be justified. CUP must embrace the entire Students' Union as a member.

Read: Were there qualifications for attendance at the conference? Is it required that one be either a writer or an editor?

Wanke: CUP processed **Wanke**'s fees, and allowed her as a member, but refused to treat her as a full member.

McGraw: If it provides valuable training, where is it suggested that the staff of *The Gateway* would otherwise receive it?

Wanke: This conference happens at the end of January, which is a full two-thirds of the way into the staff's term, which makes it less useful than it would be if it took place earlier. These same services can be brought in from other arenas.

Wanke: What kind of training, specifically, does the CUP conference offer?

Lazin: The training involves style guides for various fields of journalism. There are several conferences throughout the year, and those that **Lazin** has attended, some of which he paid personally to attend, have allowed him to host workshops of his own for his staff. The conferences are a continual learning process, which is essential for incoming writers. Their workshops include headline writing, writing for arts and sports, typography, among others. It would be more expensive to provide professionals to perform this kind of training within the city. The conferences provide information and advice regarding libel and lawsuits as well. For example, the lawyer who represents *The Globe & Mail* will speak at a CUP conference for free, but *The Gateway* on its own could not afford such a service.

Brindle: Is the training available to non-members as well? If editors could attend as non-members, would they receive the same service?

Lazin: Yes; however, this would cause an erosion of the continuity of student press. CUP is losing money, and it must be supported.

Jeong (sponsored): While **Wanke**'s concerns are taken and understood, she should have known that she would be barred from many aspects of the conference. To a certain extent, the value of CUP membership must be inferred from the heightened quality of *The Gateway*, as the justification for other expenses are. For example, all SU members pay SU fees, but as of August 1, 2000, there have been thirty-six (36) *in camera* meetings. The principle is the same. **Wanke** did not approach any of the editors of *The Gateway* for feedback or input. Why was this?

Church: Regarding the *in camera* meetings, these are made confidential because they are, generally, personnel motions. The SU is barred from making financial decisions *in camera*. It is a public process.

Wanke: It is not the usefulness of the conference that is at issue; it is the application of the sessions to each editor.

Jeong (to **Wanke**): Do you believe that you have the background to understand the value of these sessions to editors?

Wanke: Attending what sessions she could, **Wanke** observed that attendance was relatively low, which is a fair assessment that the value of the conference is not what the SU is paying \$5,000.00 in membership fees for. The membership is not worthless, but, for example, the *Gauntlet* at the University of Calgary is not a member of CUP, but is still widely recognized as one of the best student publications in Canada.

Agard: If **Wanke** was excluded from the better part of the conference, and told CUP beforehand that were she excluded, the SU would not pay its membership dues, how can it demand these dues? They excluded her with full knowledge of her position on the issue.

Lazin: The threat of non-payment was not understood, by CUP, as a concrete ultimatum regarding the entirety of the membership fee. The services that this fee affords *The Gateway* are provided throughout the year, and it was unreasonable to assume that the SU would withhold the dues. CUP was not willing to forego its principles regarding the provision of an open forum for student press representatives at its conferences.

Agard: If she articulated that she would not pay the fee if she were denied access to the conference, how could it not be construed as a valid threat?

Lazin: *The Gateway* is a member, it cannot be expected to be exempt from payment, as services have been provided all year. **Wanke**'s sentiment was well-taken by CUP, but it remains unacceptable.

At this point, **Taher, McGraw, Zwack, Brindle, and Wanke** moved to extend Question Period by NO MORE THAN fifteen (15) minutes.

Cabaj: For the fee in question, can *The Gateway* attend CUP conferences throughout the year?

Lazin: Yes. *The Gateway's* conference budget is used in its entirety before Council is approached for more monies. Editors also pay personally to attend.

Cabaj: Is *The Gateway* empowered to budget itself independently?

Lazin: Yes. All financial requests go through the Executive Committee.

Roesch: Has *The Gateway* sought alternative means of training? This is an option worth exploring.

Jeong: Yes, *The Gateway* has. Writers and editors from the *Edmonton Journal* have come to speak to staff of *The Gateway* in previous years without charging for their time. However, CUP conferences enable staff of *The Gateway* to meet with people at the top of journalism professions, and while no offense is intended, what is available to *The Gateway* independently does not compare.

Brindle: Does *The Gateway* currently exist independent of the SU? If not, it is an affront that its representative to Students' Council was denied access to the conference.

Wanke: It is an affront. CUP claims to make provisions for non-autonomous newspapers, of which *The Gateway* is one, but the claim seems to be unfounded.

Wanke intended to attend the conference as an observer, without inflicting either judgment or advice, but other such organizations accept a member of a student union Executive as a representative, and by rejecting **Wanke**, CUP has rejected the SU in its entirety, including Council. *The Gateway* is unable to pay this membership fee independently, which means that its membership in CUP is granted by Council's approval. Unfortunately, Council is insufficiently informed to grant such approval.

Cabaj: What kind of contract was signed between the Canadian University Press, the University of Alberta Students' Union, and *The Gateway*?

Wanke: There was only an invoice for the membership dues. **Wanke** has not yet received the most updated version of the CUP constitution. The SU signed nothing by purchasing membership, and **Wanke** was unsure of whether or not *The Gateway* had a contract with CUP.

Lazin: The membership was sealed by verbal agreement. There was no contract.

Lazin: Brindle and Wanke have oversimplified this issue. CUP does not make it accountable to the SU because it is not designed to provide anything to the SU, but to *The Gateway* alone. *The Gateway* is receiving from CUP precisely what it expected in becoming a member. Do **Brindle and Wanke** understand the issues that beset an organization, like CUP, which has frequent problems with student unions that do not offer any separation from their affiliate institutions?

Wanke: Wanke voiced no objection to being excluded from sessions that discussed contentious issues between student newspapers and student unions. The Executive is not seeking to gain anything from CUP membership aside from the information to which it is entitled. While *The Gateway* is an SU-supported newspaper, the SU should have the right to know what CUP is influencing *The Gateway* to do.

Speer: What service does the Students' Union provide *The Gateway* with regard to advice and information on libel?

Wanke: The SU pays *The Gateway's* libel insurance, and would retain an attorney for it if it required one.

2000-22/9
2000-22/9a
ARTICLE VIII:
POWERS
REGARDING
FINANCE

LEGISLATION

CHURCH / HARLOW MOVED (FIRST READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the unanimous recommendation of the Access Fund Board, approve the changes to Article VIII of the Constitution regarding Finance.

Harlow introduced the motion.

This is a measure to rectify the issue of the Access Fund surplus. The maximum bursary allowed, as well as the maximum lifetime limit, has been increased. Living allowances have been modified, and two (2) granting sessions have been added per term. Finally, a third Access Fund Administrator has been hired, to ensure that the Access Fund is dealt with as efficiently, and with as much attention to detail as possible.

These changes resulted in significant improvements to the Access Fund. Statistics were made available in the Late Additions package at the meeting. For example, while less than one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars were dispersed in the entirety of the previous year, three hundred twenty-five thousand (\$325,000.00) dollars have been dispersed this year. The Access Fund is hoping to approach the disbursement of five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars in future years. The Access Fund will receive eight hundred thousand (\$800,000.00) dollars next year, according to projections.

After six (6) years, Students' Council is empowered to adjust referendum-decided fees. The Access Fund Board was unanimous in supporting the adjustment presented to Council.

McGraw: If fewer people are aware of the Access Fund now, is it prudent to reduce the fee, rather than increase advertising?

Harlow: The advertising of the Access Fund needs to be addressed. Non-traditional advertising methods are being considered and recommended both to **Harlow's** successor and the Access Fund Board. In the meanwhile, the Access Fund is going to have a surplus no matter what is done, and students who apply for granting are not going to be turned away on financial grounds.

Church: The Access Fund was the first bursary program of its kind. Since its inception in 1995, this kind of program has seen exponential growth, both at university and provincial levels.

Poon: One of the initially proposed goals of the Access Fund was to put a portion of the monies received into an endowment fund, so that eventually it would be self-perpetuating, and could provide the same service without having to levy a fee from students. Are these proposed changes aimed at abandoning this goal?

Harlow: In order for it to be self-sufficient, the Access Fund would have to have approximately fifty million (\$50,000,000) dollars in its endowment. Rather than providing for students in future generations, the Access Fund Board believes that the spirit of the program is better served by granting what monies it has now to today's students. Therefore, yes, that particular goal is being abandoned for the time being, as it was not a realistic goal to begin with as much as a convenient use for the fund's excess. Even with the proposed reduction, the Access Fund will have a surplus, and this should be further explored next year.

Veale: This excess should be a good opportunity to build up the Access Fund for the future.

Harlow: The motion is in Council's hands. However, this money should not be stowed away when there are students now who need it, and the SU should not be constructing a situation that opens it to justifiable criticism and undermines its credibility.

Harlow: The numbers regarding this endowment fund can be presented to Council at the next meeting. If Council approves with the proposed changes, in principle, it should be approved on its first reading, and any other concerns can be raised when it returns for a second reading.

Weppler: Keeping the surplus can be a good idea, to ensure that the Access Fund has monies to disperse in the unforeseeable future.

21/2/6 Carried

SAMUEL/HARLOW MOVED (FIRST READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2500 - Respecting the General Faculties' Council Student Caucus.

2000-22/9j
BYLAW 2500 –
GENERAL
FACULTIES'
COUNCIL STUDENT
CAUCUS BYLAW

Samuel introduced the motion.

The conduct of business, or items *c* and *d* of the bylaw, has been changed. Currently, the Vice President Academic can remove any councillors who violate the General Faculties' Council (GFC) Student Caucus attendance policy. **Samuel** is not so stringent as to follow the dictates of this policy strictly, as he draws a distinction between *excused* and *unexcused* absences.

Samuel's goal is that the GFC Student Caucus be mandatory for all GFC student councillors. In this way, a forum would be provided for members to meet and discuss complex issues, helping students to make informed decisions, and particularly, to present a united and knowledgeable front to GFC. Currently, students are taking a more proactive approach on GFC, by speaking out and proposing motions. In this way, student councillors on GFC are becoming a sort of lobby group, and should be treated as such by providing the means for better organization.

The Vice President Academic will remove delinquent councillors. However, faculty associations will select replacement for these councillors. The SU wants a 'hands-off' policy.

Gall: What would become of the status of a GFC student councillor who was removed from the GFC Student Caucus?

Samuel: The Caucus should mirror the attendance policies of GFC, but the distinction of excused absences should hold. If a councillor is removed from Caucus, he or she will also be automatically removed from GFC proper.

McGraw: How will the official Caucus position be determined?

Samuel: The official position will be determined by a two-thirds majority of Caucus members.

Brindle: Regarding section 7c, what appeal procedure would be provided for councillors who have been removed, given that there is no guarantee that subsequent Vice President Academics will not be as lenient as **Samuel**?

Harlow: The power of the students who sit on GFC is dependent on how many students vote with or against the other students. The decisions made, and the presence of students in the decision-making process, are essential to students' academic lives. GFC meets only six (6) times per year, with a correspondent number of GFC Student Caucus meetings. This is not an overly demanding commitment, and diligent attendance should not be a burdensome expectation.

Poon the Elder: GFC Student Caucus does need more structure. However, while official policy is a good idea, student councillors on GFC should not be forced in any way to support a given position. The decision should rest with the individual. Caucus should encourage students to challenge GFC, and to ask questions, but fundamentally, to form their own opinions.

Veale: The GFC Student Caucus arises directly from GFC, rather than *vice versa*. Likewise, removal from GFC should result in removal from the Caucus, not *vice versa*.

Veale/Brindle moved that the words "... both from General Faculties' Council Student Caucus and General Faculties' Council" be struck from section 7d of the proposed Bylaw 2500, to be replaced by the words "from General Faculties' Council Student Caucus".

Debate ensued on the amendment only.

Samuel opposed the amendment. The GFC Student Caucus should be mandatory, because all student councillors on GFC should be provided the same background on the issues presented. Students should coordinate themselves to have the greatest possible effect on GFC.

Harlow opposed the amendment. Such a change would nullify the entire tenor of the motion on the floor.

McGraw: If GFC Student Caucus is a subcommittee of GFC, one should not lose his or her position on GFC because of any activity, or lack thereof, on a subcommittee.

Brindle: While it is positive that the GFC Student Caucus provides information, it must be considered that some student representatives will deliberately avoid it in order to better represent students. This is a legitimate use of the position of GFC student councillor. Furthermore, the Vice President Academic having the jurisdiction to remove these representatives must be considered with great circumspection, as such removals are overturning a decision made by election.

Taher opposed the amendment. It is important that student representatives on GFC be as informed as possible.

Cabaj: When one is elected as a GFC representative, one should make the greatest impact that the position allows. This does not mean that student representative should be compelled to vote in any specified way, but that he or she should take every opportunity to remain informed. Inducing a certain kind of vote should not be the role of the Student Caucus. However, attendance is vitally important.

Roesch: It is insulting to these representatives to imply that students cannot make an informed and considered decision on GFC matters without the shepherding of the Student Caucus. Delinquent GFC student councillors should be removed, but GFC and the Student Caucus should not be indivisible.

Gall opposed the amendment. It is useful for the Student Caucus to highlight differing views, because these views help students to be better informed.

Church opposed the amendment. This motion changes what being a GFC student councillor entails, but the issue in question is accountability. Members of Students' Council are held accountable to one another because students are the focus of this Council. However, on General Faculties' Council, students comprise only one-third of the assembly, and thus, accountability is lessened. The proposed changes will increase the accountability of these students, from other students. It is important that these measures be in place, and that the Vice President Academic have a measure of jurisdiction, which would be used judiciously and sparingly. Those students who are absent, and offer no reasons for their absence, should not continue to hold the position of student representative while ensuring that there is a vacant seat on GFC.

Odynski: With the current attendance policy, the principle of attendance is enforced, while simultaneously giving students a degree of latitude to abstain from certain discussions. The amendment defeats this purpose, because it renders all the proposed changes of the main motion moot.

Point of Information: The Vice President Academic does have the jurisdiction to remove any GFC student councillor for any reason, based entirely on his or her own judgment. However, there is a system of accountability in place, preventing the Vice President Academic from abusing this jurisdiction by removing councillors for personal reasons. Only attendance issues will prompt the removal of student councillors, except in extraordinary situations.

Klaassen: Currently, any student councillor who misses a meeting of GFC in violation of GFC standards can be removed. Taking the step of extending this to Student Caucus is not a revolutionary one.

Samuel: More information and more awareness, which the Student Caucus seeks to provide, can only be positive. This aim is devoid of any other motives, such as influencing or compelling students to vote in a certain way.

Vote on Amendment: **Failed**

Vote on main motion: **Carried**

2000-22/9b
BYLAW 925 –
SALUTE BYLAW

SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to Bylaw 925 - Respecting the Students' Union Award of Leadership in Undergraduate Teaching.

Carried

2000-22/9c
BYLAW 930
–STUDENTS' UNION
HONOUR ROLL
BYLAW

CHURCH/SAMUEL MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, rescind Bylaw 930 - Respecting the Students' Union Honour Roll.

28/0/1 **Carried**

**2000-22/9d
BYLAW 935 –
COURSEPACK
EXCELLENCE
BYLAW**

SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, rescind Bylaw 935 - Respecting the Students' Union Recognition award for Coursepack Excellence.

Carried

**2000-22/9e
BYLAW 950 –
AWARDS
COMMITTEE
BYLAW**

SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to Bylaw 950 - Respecting the Awards Committee of the Students' Union.

Amendments (Friendly):

In Section 6, the words “Academic Affairs Coordinator” should be “Vice President Academic.”

In Section 8a, the words “Academic Affairs Coordinator” should be “Vice President Academic.”

In Section 8d, the words “Vice President Academic” should be “Academic Affairs Coordinator.”

Carried

**2000-22/9f
BYLAW 970 - GOLD
KEY SELECTION
COMMITTEE
BYLAW**

SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to Bylaw 970 - Respecting the Gold Key Selection Committee of the Students' Union.

28/0/1 Carried

**2000-22/9g
BYLAW 1600 -
FACULTY
ASSOCIATIONS
BYLAW**

SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to Bylaw 1600 - Respecting the Faculty Associations.

Carried

**2000-22/9h
BYLAW 2600 –
ACADEMIC
AFFAIRS BOARD
BYLAW**

SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to Bylaw 2600 - Respecting the Academic Affairs Board of the Students' Union.

Carried

**2000-22/9i
BYLAW 2900 –
COUNCIL OF
FACULTY
ASSOCIATIONS
BYLAW**

SAMUEL/AGARD MOVED (SECOND READING) THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the changes to Bylaw 2900 - Respecting the Council of Faculty Associations of the Students' Union.

28/0/1 Carried

2000-22/9j
BYLAW 2500 –
GENERAL
FACULTIES’
COUNCIL STUDENT
CAUCUS

SAMUEL/HARLOW MOVED (FIRST READING) THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2500 - Respecting the General Faculties Council Student Caucus.

Samuel introduced the motion.

The conduct of business, or items *c* and *d* of the bylaw, has been changed. Currently, the Vice President Academic can remove any councillors who violate the General Faculties’ Council (GFC) Student Caucus attendance policy. **Samuel** is not so stringent as to follow the dictates of this policy strictly, as he draws a distinction between *excused* and *unexcused* absences.

Samuel’s goal is that the GFC Student Caucus be mandatory for all GFC student councillors. In this way, a forum would be provided for members to meet and discuss complex issues, helping students to make informed decisions, and particularly, to present a united and knowledgeable front to GFC. Currently, students are taking a more proactive approach on GFC, by speaking out and proposing motions. In this way, student councillors on GFC are becoming a sort of lobby group, and should be treated as such by providing the means for better organization.

The Vice President Academic will remove delinquent councillors. However, faculty associations will select replacement for these councillors. The SU wants a ‘hands-off’ policy.

Gall: What would become of the status of a GFC student councillor who was removed from the GFC Student Caucus?

Samuel: The Caucus should mirror the attendance policies of GFC, but the distinction of excused absences should hold. If a councillor is removed from Caucus, he or she will also be automatically removed from GFC proper.

McGraw: How will the official Caucus position be determined?

Samuel: The official position will be determined by a two-thirds majority of Caucus members.

Brindle: Regarding section 7c, what appeal procedure would be provided for councillors who have been removed, given that there is no guarantee that subsequent Vice President Academics will not be as lenient as **Samuel**?

Harlow: The power of the students who sit on GFC is dependent on how many students vote with or against the other students. The decisions made, and the presence of students in the decision-making process, are essential to students’ academic lives. GFC meets only six (6) times per year, with a correspondent number of GFC Student Caucus meetings. This is not an overly demanding commitment, and diligent attendance should not be a burdensome expectation.

Poon the Elder: GFC Student Caucus does need more structure. However, while official policy is a good idea, student councillors on GFC should not be forced in any way to support a given position. The decision should rest with the individual. Caucus should encourage students to challenge GFC, and to ask questions, but fundamentally, to form their own opinions.

Veale: The GFC Student Caucus arises directly from GFC, rather than *vice versa*. Likewise, removal from GFC should result in removal from the Caucus, not *vice versa*.

Veale/Brindle moved that the words "... both from General Faculties' Council Student Caucus and General Faculties' Council" be struck from section 7d of the proposed Bylaw 2500, to be replaced by the words "from General Faculties' Council Student Caucus".

Debate ensued on the amendment only.

Samuel opposed the amendment. The GFC Student Caucus should be mandatory, because all student councillors on GFC should be provided the same background on the issues presented. Students should coordinate themselves to have the greatest possible effect on GFC.

Harlow opposed the amendment. Such a change would nullify the entire tenor of the motion on the floor.

McGraw: If GFC Student Caucus is a subcommittee of GFC, one should not lose his or her position on GFC because of any activity, or lack thereof, on a subcommittee.

Brindle: While it is positive that the GFC Student Caucus provides information, it must be considered that some student representatives will deliberately avoid it in order to better represent students. This is a legitimate use of the position of GFC student councillor. Furthermore, the Vice President Academic having the jurisdiction to remove these representatives must be considered with great circumspection, as such removals are overturning a decision made by election.

Taher opposed the amendment. It is important that student representatives on GFC be as informed as possible.

Cabaj: When one is elected as a GFC representative, one should make the greatest impact that the position allows. This does not mean that student representative should be compelled to vote in any specified way, but that he or she should take every opportunity to remain informed. Inducing a certain kind of vote should not be the role of the Student Caucus. However, attendance is vitally important.

Roesch: It is insulting to these representatives to imply that students cannot make an informed and considered decision on GFC matters without the shepherding of the Student Caucus. Delinquent GFC student councillors should be removed, but GFC and the Student Caucus should not be indivisible.

Gall opposed the amendment. It is useful for the Student Caucus to highlight differing views, because these views help students to be better informed.

Church opposed the amendment. This motion changes what being a GFC student councillor entails, but the issue in question is accountability. Members of Students' Council are held accountable to one another because students are the focus of this Council. However, on General Faculties' Council, students comprise only one-third of the assembly, and thus, accountability is lessened. The proposed changes will increase the accountability of these students, from other students. It is

important that these measures be in place, and that the Vice President Academic have a measure of jurisdiction, which would be used judiciously and sparingly. Those students who are absent, and offer no reasons for their absence, should not continue to hold the position of student representative while ensuring that there is a vacant seat on GFC.

Odynski: With the current attendance policy, the principle of attendance is enforced, while simultaneously giving students a degree of latitude to abstain from certain discussions. The amendment defeats this purpose, because it renders all the proposed changes of the main motion moot.

Point of Information: The Vice President Academic does have the jurisdiction to remove any GFC student councillor for any reason, based entirely on his or her own judgment. However, there is a system of accountability in place, preventing the Vice President Academic from abusing this jurisdiction by removing councillors for personal reasons. Only attendance issues will prompt the removal of student councillors, except in extraordinary situations.

Klaassen: Currently, any student councillor who misses a meeting of GFC in violation of GFC standards can be removed. Taking the step of extending this to Student Caucus is not a revolutionary one.

Samuel: More information and more awareness, which the Student Caucus seeks to provide, can only be positive. This aim is devoid of any other motives, such as influencing or compelling students to vote in a certain way.

Vote on Amendment: **Failed**

Vote on main motion: **Carried**

**2000-22/9k
PP - MONTHLY
LIVING
ALLOWANCES**

CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, adopt the Political Policy Respecting Monthly Living Allowances.

The costs estimated, by the provincial and federal governments, of students in post-secondary institutions are too low. Particularly, that students in different regions have different costs is not accounted for. It is the responsibility of student representatives to make this known.

Wepler: What are “moderate standard of living guidelines”?

Agard: These are calculated living allowances. In Alberta, the average rent of the entire province is used to calculate these guidelines. Again, the variance among regions must be accounted for.

Carried

**2000-22/9l
PP - NATIONAL
REPRESENTATION**

CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, renew the Political Policy Respecting National Representation as amended.

This political policy outlines the Students' Union's reasons for supporting membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), and the corresponding reasons against membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). This sentiments have been strengthened, and inaccurate aspects of it have been removed. For example, one of the reasons given for membership in CASA was the principle of representation by population; however, CASA is not governed strictly by this principle. Therefore, this statement has been removed.

Carried

**2000-22/9m
PP - TUITION
AUTHORITY**

CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, renew the Political Policy Respecting Tuition Authority as amended.

Carried

2000-22/10

NEW BUSINESS

Roesch/Zwack moved to OMNIBUS items 2000-22/10a through 2000-22/10f inclusive, and items 2000-22/10m through 2000-22/10o inclusive.

Carried

Regarding the Director of Communications, this title has been changed because the portfolio has been modified. Formerly the Student Communications Coordinator, this position will now have an enhanced role, with its own budget.

**2000-22/10a
COMMUNITY
RELATIONS
COORDINATOR**

CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of ADAM COOK as Community Relations Coordinator for the term May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

**2000-22/10b
DIRECTOR OF
SAFEWALK**

CHURCH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of KATHLEEN CONWAY as Director of Safewalk for the term May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

**2000-22/10c
STUDENT GROUPS
DIRECTOR**

CHURCH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of JASON DING as Student Groups Director for the term May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

**2000-22/10d
INFORMATION
REGISTRIES
DIRECTOR**

CHURCH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of TYLER BOTTEN as Information Registries Director for the term May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

**2000-22/10e
SPEAKER OF
COUNCIL**

CHURCH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of GREGORY HARLOW as Speaker of Council for the term May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

**2000-22/10f
CHIEF
RETURNING
OFFICER**

CHURCH/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of ALEX RAGAN as Chief Returning Officer for the term May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

Speer/Brindle moved to OMNIBUS items 2000-22/10g through 2000-22/10l inclusive.

Carried

Blair Miller, Community Relations Coordinator, reminded members of Council that they are required to approve any grants over five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per organization per calendar year.

<p>2000-22/10g EUGENE L. BRODY FUNDING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee, approve a grant in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to the Students' International Health Association.</p>
<p>2000-22/10h EUGENE L. BRODY FUNDING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee, approve a grant in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to the St. Alphonsus Early Childhood Program.</p>
<p>2000-22/10i EUGENE L. BRODY FUNDING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee, approve a grant in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to the Aboriginal Law Student Association.</p>
<p>2000-22/10j EUGENE L. BRODY FUNDING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee, approve a grant in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to Campus UNICEF.</p>
<p>2000-22/10k EUGENE L. BRODY FUNDING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee, approve a grant in the sum of Four Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (\$425.00) to the Canadian Feed the Children.</p>
<p>2000-22/10l EUGENE L. BRODY FUNDING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>CHURCH/AGARD MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee, approve a grant in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the SOS Children's Villages of Canada</p>

Vote on OMNIBUS motion of items 2000-22/10g through 2000-22/10l inclusive:
Carried

<p>2000-22/10m ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR</p>	<p>CHURCH / SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify THEA VARVIS as Academic Affairs Coordinator for the term May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.</p>
<p>2000-22/10n DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION S</p>	<p>CHURCH / SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify KIRSTEN ODYNSKI as Director of Communications for the term May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002.</p>
<p>2000-22/10o DIRECTOR OF STUDENT DISTRESS CENTRE</p>	<p>CHURCH / SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify MIEP RAEDSCHELDERS as Director of the Student Distress Centre for the term May 1, 2001 to April 2002.</p>

Vote on OMNIBUS motion of items 2000-22/10a through 2000-22/10f, and items 2000-22/10m through 2000-22/10o: **Carried**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers.
- There is NO meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2001.
- The Changeover meeting will begin at 5:00pm.
- **Jorgensen:** Beer Gardens, hosted by the Business Students Association, will be held on April 10 and 11 in the main Quad.
- Tickets for the SU Volunteer Appreciation Party are available from **Wanke** or Mike Zimmerman, Student Activities Coordinator.

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ADJOURNMENT

McGraw/Klaassen moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:09pm.