

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Changeover Meeting
May 1, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2001-01)

2001-01/1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Church.

2001-01/1b
ELECTION OF THE
SPEAKER

Gregory Harlow was elected as Speaker of Students' Council

2001-01/1b
INSTALLATION OF
THE NEW COUNCIL

At this point, Church gave a brief address installing the new Council.

You have been sent by students to be their voice, to serve students in ways that meeting students' needs. I, Leslie Church, to transfer the authority of the former Council, as vested in me, to the incoming Council. I would also ask that the incoming Executive Committee rise and be recognized.

2000-24/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"

Samuel led Council in the singing of the National Anthem.

2000-24/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

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

Harlow stipulated that the Cheer Song shall no longer be led with the introduction "1-2-3".

2001-01/4

ROLL CALL

Council's attendance roll was read by the Secretary.

Executive Committee

Samuel, President: Present

Salyzyn, Vice President Academic: Present

Zwack, Vice President External: Present

Speer, Vice President Operations & Finance: Present

Wanke, Vice President Student Life: Present

Arts

Sharma: Present

Tackaberry: Present

Melnyk: Present

Fraese: Present

Darling: Present

Kawanami: Present

Business

Sharun: Present

Hoffman: Meena Rajulu (proxy)

Watkins: Queenie Lung (proxy)

Engineering

Jones: Michael Zimmerman (proxy)

Tobias: Present

Wepler: Present

Jess: Present

Nychka: Present

Poon: Present

Education

Blankley: Present

Mendoza: Present

Coles: Present

Science

Brechtel: Present

Van Aerde: Present

Adhihetty: Present

Meier: Absent

Renzi: Present

Kumar: Present

Samuel: Present

Taher: Present

McGraw: Roman Kotovych (proxy)

Law

Loewen: Present

Faculte Saint-Jean

Clyburn: Present

University of Alberta Residence Halls Association

Welsh: Present

Medicine/Dentistry

Chaudhary: Present

Cheng: Present

Nursing

Ledi: Present

Rehabilitation Medicine

Webb: Present

Board of Governors Representative

Burrows: Present

Gateway Editor-in-Chief

Alexander: Present

Speaker

Harlow: Present

Recording Secretary

Kelly: Present

2001-01/5

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Melnyk/Tackaberry moved that the agenda of the 2001-01 meeting be approved.

Late Addition

2001-01/11k – Rescinding of item 2000-24/11e

2001-01/13b – Moment of silence for the passing of the Friendly Giant

Consensus

2001-01/6

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

**2001-01/6a
PRESIDENT'S
ADDRESS**

President Christopher Samuel will be giving an address at this point.

This will be a year of significant change. Congratulations to everyone on Council, and I hope everyone is looking forward to the coming year.

2001-01/8

REPORTS

a. Christopher Samuel, President

- An oral report was provided at the meeting.

- Absolutely nothing of a contrary, ominous or negative nature has occurred in the preceding five minutes.

- The Executive Retreat was a fascinating experience, and **Samuel** is looking forward to serving students.

b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic

- **Salyzyn** is finishing her degree and learning from a very thorough transition process with **Samuel**.

- Some preliminary planning is being done for the erection of a new residence, and a committee is being struck for the purpose.

- From the goal-setting done on the Executive Retreat, it is evident that this is going to be an exciting year.

- c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
- **Zwack** has already attended the CASA northwest regional transition retreat, and expressed that this is going to be an incredible year.
 - CAUS delegates have met with MLAs and the Minister of Learning, and the atmosphere seems to be one of cooperation and mutual goals.
 - Bus pass issues will be rising soon, and updates will be brought to Council.
- d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- **Speer** thanked Council for committing both time and talent, and expressed hope that its efforts would be beneficial.
 - **Speer** thanked past-VP Operations & Finance Gregory Harlow for an informative and useful transition.
 - The Executive Retreat was an amazing learning experience, and **Speer** expressed faith in the new Executive.
 - Goals will be presented to Council soon.
 - Sponsorship meetings, training sessions, and various internal matters are upcoming.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
- **Wanke** spoke on behalf of the Executive, stating that they do not bite, and want to know Council better.
 - Spirit and pride on campus is going to be the priority for the summer. The aim will be to foster loyalties to the University by re-examining the September Homecoming and the symbolism on campus, among other initiatives.
 - There will be staffing changes to Campus Security, which the SU is getting involved in.
- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
- Transition was very helpful.
 - **Burrows** met with PEAS recently.
 - **Burrows** is spending time meeting with members of the Board of Governors, and becoming acquainted with the Graduate Students' Association, **Samuel**, Louise Shulko, and others.
 - There will be a Board of Governors meeting on Friday, with strategic planning in the afternoon.

Van Aerde: Can some more information be provided about the new housing project?

Salyzyn: The International Centre of Living and Learning is in the early stages of planning. The vision is to create a venue for international students to live with Canadian students, thus becoming better integrated. This planning will continue throughout the summer. This is a very initial stage.

Welsh: Will there be any student input on this committee?

Salyzyn: There are three students currently on the committee:

Salyzyn, a member of the Residence Halls Association, and a representative from the Graduate Students' Association. The committee is trying to identify stakeholders at the moment, and examining who may want to be involved.

Weppler: Could the new Executive make their goals available at the next meeting?

Samuel: Unfortunately, no. The goals are currently only preliminary, and need timelines, prioritizing, and general structuring. They will be made available as soon as they are ready. The Executive Committee is hoping to compile unit plans from all areas of the Students' Union, and create a business plan. When this is available, the Executive will welcome Council's suggestions and recommendations.

Kawanami: What role will the Students' Union be playing in the Track & Field Games this summer?

Zwack: This issue has been discussed, and has been passed along, for the moment, to the Community Relations Coordinator and the Student Activities Coordinator for brainstorming. Recommendations are welcome.

Van Aerde: When will the universal bus pass come to referendum?

Zwack: It is still in its initial stages, and the SU is unsure as to what Edmonton Transit Systems will offer. This needs to be discussed in Council, as well as in classrooms.

Sharma: What is happening with VIDS?

Wanke: This is a big question, and a big project. The SU is looking to make VIDS a campus-wide service, but not in its current incarnation. A marketing team is working on new ideas, such as software changes and putting a clock on the screens, and general sweeping improvement to the system. The expenditure is not aimed at a loss; it is rather for cost recovery, which will eventually generate revenue. The actual cost will be made available to Council.

Sharma: What process is in place to consult with the student body, considering the opposition to this project?

Wanke: Students are not opposed to the idea, but rather to the current system. Most believe it a good method for information transmission. The Executive Committee wants to improve the system within SUB initially, and circulate surveys, and enter students in draws, for ideas on further improvement.

Renzi: What is happening with the PeopleSoft upgrades?

Samuel: The upgrade is in process.

Samuel the Younger: Is there any expansion planned for the ONECard attachments currently on vending machines in SUB?

Salyzyn: SUB is currently undergoing a trial run for these services, and eventually the Executive Committee hopes to equip the vendors with them. It is a slowly expanding project.

2001-01/11

NEW BUSINESS

**2001-01/11a
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
BOARD**

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Mustafa Hirji, Steve Lillebuen, Jessi Minion, Candace Rypien and Menna Rajulu, as Student at Large members of the 2001-2002 Academic Affairs Board.

Lillbuen should be struck from the motion, as well as item 2001-01/11e, as he is the new Features Editor of the *Gateway*, and therefore cannot serve as a student-at-large. (friendly)

Weppler/Jess moved to OMNIBUS items 2001-01/11a through 2001-01/11h.

Carried

These students come on the highest recommendation, and should be ratified.

Carried

**2001-01/11b
AWARDS
COMMITTEE**

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Meena Rajulu, Donal Finegan, and Ross Semeniuk as Student at Large members of the 2001-2002 Awards Committee.

**2001-01/11c
UNIVERSITY OF
ALBERTA SENATE**

SAMUEL/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Wendy Gall, Mike Reid and Nina Sharma as Student at Large members of the 2001-2002 University of Alberta Senate.

**2001-01/11d
EUGENE L. BRODY
FUNDING
COMMITTEE**

SAMUEL/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Danielle Monica Lamb and Candace Rypien as Student at Large members of the 2001-2002 Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee.

**2001-01/11e
EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS BOARD**

SAMUEL/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Suchaet Bhardwaj, Ryan Cheng, Wendy Gall, Sierra Grinnell and Steve Lillebuen as Student at Large members of the 2001-2002 External Affairs Board.

**2001-01/11f
FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS BOARD**

SAMUEL/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Candace Rypien and Steve Smith as Student at Large members of the 2001-2002 Financial Affairs Board.

**2001-01/11g
INTERNAL REVIEW
BOARD**

SAMUEL/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Sierra Grinnell as Student at Large member of the 2001-2002 Internal Review Board.

**2001-01/11h
ACCESS FUND
BOARD**

SAMUEL/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Candace Rypien as Student at Large member of the 2001-2002 Access Fund Board.

**2001-01/11i
MEETING &
FACULTY REPORTS
SCHEDULE**

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the Students' Council Meeting and Faculty Reports Schedule as tabled.

Samuel introduced the motion. This is a schedule to help faculty association representatives to prepare their reports to Council.

Carried

**2001-01/11j
STANDING ORDERS**

SAMUEL/SPEER MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Standing Orders of the University of Alberta Students' Council as tabled.

Samuel introduced the motion. These are the Standing Orders that will govern Students' Council over the course of the coming year. They have been revised by **Harlow** to reflect how business is done.

Weppler: Changes were made to the Standing Orders in February, regarding time limits, extensions, and several other matters. Why are they not reflected by this motion?

The Speaker explained *tabling*, meaning that the changes alluded to were changes to the previous Council's Standing Orders, and have no bearing on the current Standing Orders.

Weppler/Zimmerman moved that the motion be tabled until such time as it can be properly reviewed.

Samuel opposed the motion. The changes to Standing Orders that **Weppler** referred to are punitive, as members of Council should be allowed to express themselves freely. Comments should be concise, and as this is understood, imposing time limits is no longer necessary.

Clyburn: The Standing Orders should be approved now, as they are, and amendments can be brought later, as necessary.

Wanke: Such limits infringe on the ability to talk in Council. This is a new Council, and as such, the changes imposed on the previous Council are not necessary until such time as they are deemed necessary.

Weppler withdrew the motion to table.

Coles suggested that Point 3 of the Standing Orders be amended to read "quorum fifteen (15) minutes *after the call to order.*"

The Speaker deemed such an amendment Out of Order.

Jess: What happens if time runs out during discussion?

Samuel: Provisions are in place to extend the meeting if necessary.

Taher/Brechtel moved to call the question.

Vote on the call to question: **Carried**

Carried

**2001-01/11k
RESCINDING OF
ITEM 2000-24/11e**

WEPPLER / JESS MOVED THAT Students' Council rescind item 2000-24/11k from the previous meeting.

Weppler: This motion is irrational, and those who wrote it were inebriated! Give the Engineers their dignity back.

Carried

2001-01/13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Samuel:** There is a big gathering at the Power Plant tonight.

**2001-01/13b
MOMENT OF
SILENCE
2001-01/14**

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of the Friendly Giant.

ADJOURNMENT

Van Aerde/Weppler moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.