

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**June 26, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

MINUTES (SC 2001-04)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent
President	Christopher Samuel	Present
VP Academic	Amy Salyzyn	Present
VP External	Kory Zwack	Present
VP Finance	Jamie Speer	Present
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Chris Burrows	Present
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
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Arts	Anand Sharma	Present
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present
Arts	Joshua Fraese	Present
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present
Arts	Colin Agur	Present
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present
Business	John Watkins	Proxy
Business	John Sharun	Present
Education	Krista Blankley	Absent
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present (6:35 p.m.)
Education	Jason Baxter	Present
Education	Dan Coles	Present
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present
Engineering	Wayne Poon	N/A
Engineering	David Wepler	Present

Engineering	Mark Jess	Present
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Proxy
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present
Law	Brian Loewen	Absent
Residence Halls Association	Don Welsh	Present
Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary	Proxy
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Absent
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing	Edmund Ledi	Absent
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Absent
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Absent
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present
Science	Timo Van Aerde	Present
Science	Christopher Samuel	Present
Science	Mat Brechtel	Present
Science	Zaki Taher	Proxy
Science	Helen McGraw	Absent
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present
Science	Costantino Renzi	Proxy
Science	Matt Meier	N/A
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Present
Science	Roman Kotovych	Present
President Athletics	Tashie Macapagal	N/A
<i>Gateway</i> / Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Absent
Recreation Action Committee		
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present

Observers:

Janna Roesch

Adam Cook, Community Relations Coordinator

2001-04/1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:57 p.m.

2001-04/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"

Samuel (President) led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2001-04/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

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

2001-04/4

ROLL CALL

An extensive roll call was conducted by both the Speaker and the Secretary.

2001-04/5

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Samuel(President)/Fraese moved that the agenda of the SC2001-04 meeting be approved.

Amendments

- Item SC2001-04/11a should be 10a, because it is Legislation.
- Item SC2001-04/12a should be 11b.

Sharma/Clyburn moved that Students' Council adopt the new Political Policy, for discussion, regarding the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA).

16/15/1 FAILED

A roll-call vote was requested.

Samuel (President): Opposed

Salyzyn: Opposed

Zwack: Opposed

Speer: Opposed

Wanke: Opposed

Burrows: Opposed

Sharma: For

Darling: For
Tackaberry: For
Kawanami: For
Fraese: For
Melnyk: For
Agur: For
Hoffman: Opposed
Watkins: Opposed
Sharun: Opposed
Coles: For
Tobias: Opposed
Weppler: Opposed
Jess: Opposed
Nychka: Opposed
Chaudhary: Abstain
Clyburn: For
Brechtel: Opposed
Taher: For
Adhihetty: For
Renzi: For
Kumar: Opposed
Kotovych: Opposed
Samuel (councillor): For

16/16/2 FAILED

The agenda was adopted as amended, by consensus.

2001-04/7

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Zwack/Jess moved that the minutes of the SC2001-03 meeting be approved.

Amendments

- **Zwack:** Regarding the Edmonton Transit System Universal Bus Pass, there is a proposal, not a contract: the contract will come to the Executive Committee, and then to Council for approval.
- **Zwack:** ETS is negotiating on behalf of Strathcona County and St. Albert Transit, but they are not part of ETS.
- **Burrows:** **Burrows** did file a written report.
- **Wanke:** Regarding the COCA Board, this is not the first time that the University has nominated one of its people, but the first time nominating a student.

Consensus

2001-04/8

REPORTS

a. Christopher Samuel, President - Written Report.

- A written report was included in the Late Additions package.
- **Samuel** has been gone for almost two weeks and is pleased to be back.
- Congratulations to **Zwack** for being elected Chair of the Policy Committee for CASA.
- Congratulations to **Speer** for being elected to the Campus Advantage board.
- Congratulations to **Wanke** for being elected to the COCA Board.
- CASA had its Annual General Meeting, which was a great success. It concentrated on the core activities of developing policies and communication strategies, as CASA's success depends on being able to resonate with the right groups.
- SUB Expansion is moving along quickly. A meeting with the project manager will continue discussions and conceptualizing. The motion for financing the expansion will be coming to Council at the next meeting.

b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic - Written Report.

- A written report was included in the Late Additions package.
- Over the past month, **Salyzyn** has been working on outreach while on conference, particularly at CART. She is spending time identifying key academic policies, including Add/Drop deadlines. **Salyzyn** is creating something of a "wish list" of areas needing improvement.
- **Salyzyn** has also been introducing herself to key individuals in Administration.
- The Long Range Development Focus Group was a great opportunity to give the SU perspective on the future physical development of the University.
- The GFC Library Committee discussed its policy and budget for the upcoming year, and a new feature is being implemented. On a signup basis, one can be notified by e-mail when a book is overdue, thereby minimizing fines. Students and staff can sign up at the Libraries website.

- c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External - Written Report.
- A written report was included in the Late Additions package.
 - **Zwack** attended the Advisory Review and Search Committee for Susan Green, who is the new Vice-President of External Relations for the University.
 - Community Relations Coordinator Adam Cook is working on the ETS issue. The new charter will be signed off on, so things will proceed as planned.
 - Sessions were varied at CCSA – some were excellent, and some not so much. A full review is included in **Zwack's** conference report.
 - The CASA AGM was an essential conference, as there is much to work out for the coming year. Policy development will be **Zwack's** major focus; it will be important to have our policy known at the federal level.
 - Upcoming: **Zwack** will be meeting with Members of Parliament Grey, Jaffer and Kilgore.
- d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance - Written Report.
- A written report was provided in the agenda package.
 - Due to an administrative error, **Speer's** conference report will be available at the next meeting.
 - **Speer** has been in contact with Mark Osborne, the General Manager of the University of Western Ontario and the chair of CCBC. A telephone meeting or teleconference will possibly take place within the next several days.
 - CUPE negotiations are ongoing.
 - **Speer** attended a TransAlta meeting.
 - FAB will be meeting this Thursday and next Tuesday to finish the budget review process.

- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life - Written Report
- A written report was available in the Late Additions package.
 - **Wanke** is pleased to be back after an arduous couple of weeks conferencing.
 - **Wanke** thanked the members of the Golden Bears & Pandas Legacy Fund for granting money for an Athletics Campus Events Coordinator this year.
 - An extensive report on CCSA and COCA will be available at the next meeting.
 - **Wanke** thanked Council for supporting her bid to run for the COCA Board. She is currently the only student on the board, and is grateful to have access to the considerable experience of the senior programmers she is now working with. Being the only Western regional representative is both exciting and intimidating, and this should be an excellent experience.
 - Congratulations to **Kawanami** for being the winner of the game **Wanke** has instigated at Council.
- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.
- A written report was provided at the meeting.
 - **Burrows** apologized for the late written report.
 - There was a Board Finance & Property Meeting June 21, where the repair and initial fencing around the University farm was approved due to the incoming large influx of visitors. This will be to safeguard animals and resources.
 - The Board of Governors meeting this past Friday put its seal on the Master of Physical Therapy program (instead of the Master of Science in Physical Therapy). This particular meeting was well-attended, and forward people brought forth some important claims. Susan Green was also ratified as the new Vice-President of External Relations.
 - The Board Finance & Property Committee has ratified its schedules and will have preliminary tuition numbers in late August.
- h. Pharmacy Faculty Report.
No representative was available to provide a report.
- i. Rehabilitation Faculty Report.
No representative was available to provide a report.

2001-04/9

QUESTION PERIOD

Clyburn: Has there been any progress with the Edmonton Transit System Advisory Board?

Zwack: The SU is not a formal member, but its voice will be heard on the Board.

Coles: What is happening with parking for councillors?

Wanke: This has been recorded as an announcement; passes for Stadium or Education parkades are available for Council meetings.

Fraese: What kind of solutions did Lorna Stewart propose regarding student representation on ETSAB?

Zwack: She advised direct representation after the Calgary model, as our board is not as effective as it needs to be.

Kawanami: Are these strictly representation issues, or were other concerns raised in the meeting with Lorna Stewart?

Zwack: The main concern is currently representation. Other issues will be fleshed out in time.

2001-04/10

2001-04/10a
PP**LEGISLATION**

NASA **Sharma/Clyburn** moved that Students' Council adopt the attached Political Policy in support of the Non-Academic Staff Association.

The motion to postpone this item indefinitely returned to the floor after having been postponed from the previous meeting.

Brechtel/Sharun moved that Students' Council move *in camera* due to the sensitive nature of this issue.

Wanke: This has always been a sensitive issue, so moving *in camera* is valid.

Sharma: This matter has been decided by some of the Administration, and does not warrant moving *in camera*.

The Speaker stated that this issue is inflammatory rather than sensitive and does not meet the requirements to go *in camera*.

Vote on motion to move *in camera*: 16/9/4 **Failed**

Brechtel: There seems to be no reason for the SU to get involved in the NASA issue. This can be resolved without the SU's intervention, and this is a very contentious, controversial matter.

Samuel (President): This is an interesting issue for the University. We, as students, have said that the most important priority is to be cost-effective while maintaining the University's quality, and the proposal put forth by Administration is cost-effective, and guarantees ongoing quality in the areas it will affect, as quality assurance is in the contracts. Outsourcing will not affect any jobs, except through attrition. Currently, outsourcing is only at 14%. The University is embarking on establishing a set of criteria for what will be beneficial to contract out. NASA will be involved in this process, and agrees on many of the University's points. Its primary concern is that it is inappropriate to employ people who have no union to negotiate the terms of their employment. This issue is not student-centric, but a labour-relations concern. The SU should not take a formal position, as the issue is beyond the scope or focus of the SU.

Sharma: The savings from this proposal will not be routed into student concerns, but to the Administration. Furthermore, quality assurance studies show that quality decreases substantially when employment is privatized. It would be interesting to see what the 'quality assurance' in these contracts truly consists of. If this proposal is passed, there will be a concerted effort by the University to privatize other areas, and it will affect students. This is a university, and it is here because students are, which makes this a student issue. If Council is not willing to state a position on this concern, their ultimate purpose must be questioned. NASA is displeased at the lack of student support, and students should be concerned that NASA will not support lowered tuition rates. Council should give the student body a chance to express its view. **Sharma** urged Council not to postpone this item indefinitely.

Wanke stated that she was rather offended at **Sharma's** claims, as the Executive Committee works to uphold democracy as a vital portion of its position on campus. The Executive Committee makes a concerted effort to examine all sides of each issue, and this one has already been debated. We should not propose to bind all SU members to a given stance on this issue when there is no constructive reason to take a stance at all.

Clyburn: The savings promised by the University are not guaranteed, as they are based on unstable existent contracts. The Physical Education building, for example, was given back over to NASA because it was not being properly cleaned. Regarding the statement that no jobs will be lost, after three or four years this policy can be reviewed and changed, which allows the job loss possibility to resurface.

Speer: This is not a student-focussed issue, but one strictly between NASA and the Administration. The SU must examine the benefits of taking a formal stance: if we choose to support NASA, we alienate the Administration, which will not be beneficial when negotiating for lower tuition, and *vice versa*. By taking no stance, we alienate neither side.

Samuel (President): Conflicting information was part of the original problem in discussing this issue. The University answered all of the SU's questions, while NASA had no answers prepared. On the points that the University had raised, NASA could not disagree. This is a delicate issue, because any stance we take could mean a tuition increase next year, and finally, there is no evidence of any history of NASA supporting students in arguing for lower tuition. NASA has never declared a formal opinion.

Samuel (Councillor): This is a student issue, as everything related to campus is related to students. It should not matter if the SU alienates one party over another if it represents students properly.

Jess/Jaret moved to call the question.

22/6/1 **Carried**

Vote on the motion to postpone indefinitely: 21/8/2 **Carried**

A roll call vote was requested.

Samuel (President): For

Salyzyn: For

Zwack: For

Speer: For

Wanke: For

Burrows: For

Sharma: Opposed
Darling: Opposed
Tackaberry: Opposed
Kawanami: For
Fraese: For
Agur: For
Melnik: Opposed
Hoffman: For
Watkins: For
Sharun: For
Mendoza: For
Coles: For
Tobias: For
Weppler: For
Jess: For
Nychka: For
Welsh: For
Chaudhary: For
Clyburn: Abstain
Van Aerde: For
Brechtel: For
Taher: Opposed
Renzi: For
Kumar: for
Samuel (councillor): Opposed
Baxter: For

24/8/1 **Carried**

2001-04/11

NEW BUSINESS

**2001-04/11a
EUGENE BRODY
FUNDING
COMMITTEE
GRANT**

SPEER/LUNG MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Eugene Brody Committee, grant the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars to the Shinerama fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis.

Carried

**2001-04/11b
STUDENT AT
LARGE**

SAMUEL (President) / ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify Cynthia Handford as a Student-at-Large on the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee for the remainder of the 2001-2002 school year.

This is the proposed replacement for Thomas Lim, whom Council rejected at the previous meeting.

Zwack told Council that he would investigate the situation surrounding Thomas Lim.

Carried

2001-04/13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zwack: Please fill out the survey that was handed out and return it to 2-900 SUB.

Salyzyn: Planning is underway for the COFA retreat, which will be FUN! and INFORMATIVE!

Wanke: Parking passes for Council meeting dates are available.

Baxter: The Street Performers Festival will be at Sir Winston Churchill Square July 6-15. For information, call 425-5162.

2001-04/14

ADJOURNMENT

Salyzyn/Weppler moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.