

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday February 5, 2002 - 6:00 pm
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2001-20)

Faculty/Position	Name	Present/absent	Proxy Name
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	Shawn Harriman	Present	
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Jonathon Gorton	Present	
Arts	Anand Sharma	Present	
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Present	
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	
Arts	Joshua Fraese	Proxy	Alexander Fraese

Arts	James Knull	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Present	
Business	John Watkins	Absent	
Business	Jon Sharun	Present	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present	
Education	Dan Coles	Present	
Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
Education	Krista Blankley	Proxy	Charles Beamish
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Present	
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Absent	
Engineering	David Wepler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering			
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Shannon Moore	Present	Stephen Anderson (proxy)
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Present	

Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary	Present	
Native Studies (School of	Pamela McCoy- Jones	Present	
Nursing			
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Absent	
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present	
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Present	
Science	Christopher Samuel	Present	
Science	Constantino Renzi	Present	
Science	Helen McGraw	Present	
Science	Mat Brechtel	Present	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Present	
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Proxy	
Science	Samuel Hillier	Absent	
Science	Zaki Taher	Present	
President Athletics	Ryan Schula	Present	
<i>Gateway</i> / Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	

General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

Observers

Christopher Boutet, *The Gateway*

Dan Lazin

Michael Chalk

Christine Rogerson

Barrie Satcliffe

Steve Osadetz

Adam Rozenhart

Tiffany Brown Olsen, CJSR

Steve Lillebuen, *The Gateway*

Stella Varvis

David Ziebin, *The Gateway*

Alex Ragan, Chief Returning Officer

Mike Reid

Brian Silzer

Lisa Strang

2001-20/1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2001-20/2

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada."

Samuel led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

2001-20/3

University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"

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

2001-20/4

ROLL CALL

Harlow apologized to the President of Athletics for any insinuations against his attendance or commitment to Council.

Registrar Brian Silzer has been at the University of Alberta since 1965, and a standing ovation was undertaken by Council to congratulate him and wish him well on his move to the University of British Columbia.

Jess has tendered his resignation as a councilor for the Faculty of Engineering.

Weppler/Hillier moved that Council instate James Knull as a representative for the Faculty of Arts, Mark Jess as a representative for the Faculty of Open Studies, and Margaret Laffin as a representative for the Faculty of Engineering.

31/5/1 **Carried**

At this point, **Burrows** addressed his suspension of the previous meeting. He detailed the reasons behind his five absences and requested that Council reinstate him.

Samuel (councilor)/Jess moved that Students' Council reinstate Chris Burrows as the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.

35/4/1 **Carried**

At this point, **Harlow** was forced to leave the meeting, and **Coles** was appointed as Interim Speaker.

A roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

2001-20/5

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hillier/McGraw

Hillier/McGraw

Late Additions

10b/12g

12g was withdrawn

13a – information items

Jess seconder 10b

Consensus

2001-20/6

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

2001-20/6a

Web Registration Project - Mark Brann, Brian Silzer, Lisa Strang

Silzer explained that the Registrar's Office, in a bid to make registration simpler this coming year, is introducing a Web Registration service. This initiative has been the work of the Registrar's Office, the Students' Union, faculties, and other concerned parties.

The service will include, among other things:

- 1) The ability to view holds on one's account;
- 2) A complete course catalog;
- 3) A class search function, operable by date, subject, instructor, time or section;
- 4) A printable schedule;
- 5) Access to one's records, transcript, and requirements information.

Web Registration should be fully operational by summer 2002.

Samuel: Will this be a twenty-four-hour system?

Silzer: Updates will be necessary, but the hours will be as accessible as possible.

Samuel: Will this service run in conjunction with the telephone system?

Silzer: Yes, for the time being. Hopefully its projected popularity will eliminate the need for telephone registration, which should be supplanted.

Brechtel: Will this system replace the production of hard-copy calendars?

Silzer: The University hopes to provide as much as possible electronically in order to reduce or eliminate paper production. However, this will take time, and depend wholly on the degree to which students embrace the new system.

Kotovych: What steps are being taken to avoid crashes during rush periods?

Strang: Performance testing is ongoing, but such a concern is well-taken.

Cleary: Will there be an online tutorial for first-time users?

Silzer: There will be a quick tips guide and a section for frequently-asked questions.

Gorton: Will this service provide contact information regarding courses that are closed to telephone or web registration?

Silzer: That is an absolutely capital idea.

Rogerson: Will registrations be saved and confirmed upon action, or upon logging out?

Brann: They will be saved upon action.

Watkins: Will the service be integrated with the Bookstore, so that books might be ordered online?

Silzer: While certainly part of the consideration, such a service will not be implemented for some time yet.

2001-20/6b

SU Elections - Alex Ragan

Ragan explained the timeline of the 2002 General Election, including all important dates. There will be meetings for referenda to register sides on February 8 and 15, prior to the all-candidates' meeting.

The Elections Office has three goals this year:

- 1) To be well-organized;
- 2) To be transparent; and
- 3) To be orderly.

Ragan took this opportunity to remind Council that poll clerks are still needed for voting days on March 6 and 7. He then provided his contact information and opened the floor to questions from Council.

Watkins: What measures are being taken to improve voter turnout?

Ragan: Marketing dollars are being maximized. The Elections Office is attempting to examine why people vote, and why apathy is so high. People vote depending on their interests, their involvement, and their confidence in effecting change. The Elections Office is doing its part, but candidates must also do theirs.

2001-20/6c

CUP MOU - Jennifer Wanke

Three packages were circulated to members of Council, and their significance explained. **Wanke** suggested that following her presentation, Council move into Informal Consideration.

Three Memoranda of Understanding have so far been produced, three of which were drafted by the Students' Union. Council recommended last year that membership in the Canadian University Press (CUP), and that such a memorandum be drafted to ensure the clarity of the relationship between the Students' Union and CUP.

The sixth memorandum, which Council is being asked to approve, was not written in the spirit of offending or hampering *The Gateway's* editorial freedoms in any way. However, Council must be empowered to make financial and business decisions regarding *The Gateway*, which this memorandum allows. Council sits above CUP, not *vice versa*, and the Students' Union should not be forced to conform to CUP's constitutions, mandates or policies. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Students' Union cannot purchase a membership.

Lazin (sponsored): The Students' Union does not, as **Wanke** posits, sit above CUP, but rather on equal footing. CUP is a democratic cooperative organization of student newspapers, and *The Gateway* is privy to the same rights, responsibilities and privileges as any other member. However, no rights that place the University of Alberta Students' Union above CUP should be endowed. The fifth draft of the Memorandum acknowledges *The Gateway* as the member, with the Students' Union as its publisher. The publisher can endorse *The Gateway's* membership, as part of a parent-child understanding. If the membership is purchased, it is held by the child - *The Gateway* - under the authority of the parent - the Students' Union.

Wanke: CUP is not directly accountable to students, while the SU must be. If *The Gateway* is to be a CUP member, the SU must hold ultimate governing power. It seems simple to accept the SU as the member, forfeiting its voting rights directly to *The Gateway*. In this way, according to CUP's own regulations, power of membership would rest with *The Gateway*, not the SU.

Lazin: CUP is a newspaper organization, which holds newspapers and only newspapers as its members. There is a great concern at the moment regarding involvement with political organizations, which, for CUP's purposes, the SU is. CUP has no difficulty providing the transparency required by the SU, but acknowledging the SU, rather than *The Gateway*, as a companion member alongside other newspapers, sets a dangerous precedent.

McGraw: What is the most important change that needs to be made to the sixth draft of the Memorandum before CUP will accept it?

Lazin: *The Gateway*, and not the Students' Union, must hold the membership.

Jess/Jones moved that debate be halted at this point.

Failed

Ziebin (sponsored): It is certainly fair that the SU will not change its constitution for CUP's sake, but surely then the SU must understand that neither should the reverse take place. CUP has already amended its constitution in this case, which is hardly appropriate.

Wanke: Neither the SU nor *The Gateway* can enter into a membership legally without the changes articulated in the sixth draft.

Lazin: CUP's understanding was that the SU planned to pay its outstanding fees from last year. It is absolutely unfair that CUP should provide these services *gratis*, particularly when the SU did not express any concern until January 2001.

Loewen: Is there anything particularly unique about this SU's circumstances, given that all the other members are newspapers, and not student unions?

Wanke: This SU is seeking to fulfill its duties as a body that is accountable to students. This is not about editorial freedoms, but about administrative and business decisions, which must remain within the purview of Students' Council.

Lazin: The University of Alberta Students' Union is unique in that it requires these conditions of CUP, but should not be considered so unique that it deserves treatment that exceeds that of other members.

Loewen: Could the CUP fees not be an item in *The Gateway's* budget, which must in any case be approved by Council?

Wanke: The sixth draft is the only one that guarantees accountability and protects editorial and political freedoms.

Jones/Wanke moved that Council suspend Standing Orders regarding adjournment.

Carried

Samuel: That the SU must hold the membership is not a negotiation point: it is a matter of law. The SU is the only legal body that exists.

Jones: Because no member of Council is a *bona fide* lawyer, perhaps discussion should stray from legal niceties. Counsel for both parties should negotiate until an agreement can be reached, which would then be brought to Council for approval.

Burrows: Mightn't these problems disappear if *The Gateway* were autonomous and incorporated?

Wanke: This would require a referendum, the success of which would not be guaranteed. Their autonomy would not, in any case, alleviate these problems in their entirety.

Salyzyn: Council already approved this memorandum in principle in the form of the second draft. It is frustrating to have to discuss it all over again.

McGraw/Darling moved to close the Speaker's list.

Carried

Sharma: It is clear that there is no comfortable resolution to be reached, as both parties' concerns can be appreciated. The principle of this agreement was approved by Council in haste, however, and little stock should be placed in it.

Wanke: There is a legal opinion to back up the claims of the memorandum. Exception is taken to the claim that Council passed these principles in haste. The SU is not a client of CUP's.

McGraw: The option of third-party mediation should be meaningfully explored.

2001-20/6d

Gateway - Councilors Loewen and Tackaberry (15 minutes)

Lazin was sponsored to speak as Guest of Council regarding the wording of the referendum question for *The Gateway's* autonomy.

Lazin explained that because all the necessary signatures were collected, the petition circulated regarding autonomy should be respected. He outlined its key points and emphasized that the wording had been approved by the Chief Returning Officer. Students' Council, he continued, will be respected in its interpretation of the Universities Act, and the request itself is not unique.

In response, **Speer** explained that, acting upon the legal opinion requested by Council, the Internal Review Board questioned the clarity of the original petition.

At this point, the Chair halted discussion.

Jones/Harriman moved that items in Legislation and New Business, with the exception of SC2001-20/12d, be moved immediately.

Failed

2001-20/7

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Melnyk/Darling moved that the minutes of the SC2001-19 meeting be approved.

Speer: The legal opinion was reviewed with APIRG, not for it.

Zwack: The banner under discussion was a CASA banner, not a University of Alberta banner.

Jones: The amendments to Bylaw 100 were not passed, but tabled.

Consensus

2001-20/8

REPORTS

- Christopher Samuel, President
- A written report was provided at the meeting.

- Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic
- A written report was provided at the meeting.

- Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
- CASA Awareness Week is coming up, and volunteers are needed. The CASA banner is circulating throughout campus.
- The Canadian Federation of Students' Day of Action is upcoming. Contact **Sharma** for further information.
- The University of Alberta is receiving \$10 million for the indirect costs of research. The SU is currently lobbying for the amount that will go to students.
- **Zwack** thanked **Agur** and **Clyburn** for attending the Future Summit.

- Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance
- The FACRA agreement has been approved in principle, and will soon be brought to Council.
- The second round of the Silent Shopper program is beginning.
- There will be a SUB design meeting this coming Friday, to which will be brought the proposal for the expansion of computing lounge space.
- **Speer** thanked **Sharun, Samuel, Darling, Harlow** and **Lazin** for attending the Internal Review Board meeting recently.

- Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life
- Faculty Competition Week is now Faculty Awareness Days, and will be held February 14th and 15th.
- A new director of Campus Security is being hired.
- The SU has come out with attache cases, sold to councilors for ten dollars each.

- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors
Representative
- A written report was provided at the meeting.

- g. Faculte Saint-Jean Report
- An oral report was provided by **Clyburn**.
 - There have been concerns and questions regarding the mandatory use of French on the Faculte Saint-Jean campus. Students who choose to take their education in French cannot help but expect to speak it regularly. The Faculte expect students to speak French in residences and classrooms.
 - Carnaval is coming to the Faculte Saint-Jean campus March 4-11.
 - French Immersion requirements have been stiffened since the awareness developed that teachers were being appointed in positions that they were not qualified for.
 - Faculte Saint-Jean is offering the opportunity to travel to Montreal and tour the Bombardier offices to its French Business students.
- h. Science Report
- An oral report was provided by **Brechtel**.
 - There is tremendous excitement traveling in bubbled waves across Science faculty air concerning the illustrious and gladly-anticipated new microwave being installed in CAB.
 - UASUS is currently challenging itself to become a more viable organization. There is an inherent disadvantage in its office location, so a bid to move to CAB seems most appropriate.

2001-20/9

QUESTION PERIOD

Jones: When can students who elect to opt out receive their APIRG contributions back?

Speer: There is currently no provision in place.

Samuel: How was Education Week?

Mendoza: Education Week was a success. It boasted twenty-six speakers, four workshops and three social events. **Samuel** and **Speer** were both in attendance.

Samuel: How was the Future Summit?

Agur: The Summit was divided into seven groups, including Governance, Environment, Economy, Learning, and others. There was but one youth delegate in the Learning discussion, which was disappointing, but during the Economy discussion, President Rod Fraser ensured that the headlining item was a strong educational system driving the economy.

Clyburn: The key themes seemed to be strategic planning and lifelong learning.

Brechtel: Does next week's scheduled meeting not conflict with rules regarding Midterm Week?

Samuel: The University does have provisions in place for the cessation of campus-related activities during Midterm Week, but as Students' Council is governed by the Students' Union, it is exempt from University policy on such matters.

Speer: Why is there only one issue of *The Gateway* being published during Midterm Week?

Zeibin: It has been tradition since time immemorial to only publish once during this week.

2001-20/10

LEGISLATION

2001-20/10a

SAMUEL/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 100 respecting the Students' Council (FIRST Reading).

McGraw/Jess moved that Bylaw 100 allow the Board of Governors Representative to appoint proxies.

Samuel opposed the motion.

Wanke: Proxies for the Board of Governors Representative are not appropriate unless the proxies are Board members themselves.

Burrows: There are two reports from Board of Governors meetings in any case, the second coming from the President.

Brechtel: It is important that Council have different perspectives on the goings-on of Board meetings.

Harriman/Jess moved to call the question.

28/3/1 **Carried**

12/19/1 **Failed**

Jones: The words "academic year" should be struck and replaced by "year." (friendly)

25/3/1 **Carried**

2001-20/10b

JONES/JESS MOVED THAT Students' Council approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 2200 respecting the elections to Students' Council.

Samuel: this would require changing the entire bylaw, and Harlow and Ragan have been consulted to return recommendations

Zwack: bylaw should align with practice – there’s no problem with this

Samuel: hopefully a viable solution – it’ll take time

Jones: this is just a patch job – emergency situation – better bylaw later

Jess/Reid moved to call the question

30/0/0 **Carried**

29/3/0 **Passed**

2001-20/12

NEW BUSINESS

REID/AGUR MOVED THAT items SC2001-20/12a through SC2001-20/12c inclusive be omnibused.

27/2/1 **Carried**

2001-20/12a

WANKE/SPEER MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expense not to exceed \$1403.00 from the WUSC Reserve Fund to cover travel expenses for Moses Kayanga Abida.

2001-20/12b

WANKE/SPEER MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expense not to exceed \$1500.00 from the WUSC Reserve Fund to cover travel expenses for Etienne Biregeya.

2001-20/12c

WANKE/SPEER MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expense not to exceed \$1146.22 from the WUSC Reserve Fund to cover travel expenses for Mohammad Mustafa Siddiqi.

30/1/0 **Carried**

2001-20/12d

WANKE/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students’ Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve Draft Three of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the University of Alberta Students’ Union and Canadian University Press.

Burrows: If this is approved, what is the expected response from CUP?

Wanke: If approved, it will be sent to a lawyer for clearance, and then to CUP, to determine whether or not they are willing to sign it.

Samuel: There is a will on both sides to resolve this issue. If Council believes that other parties should be involved, the motion could be tabled.

Jones/McGraw moved that this item be tabled until March 12, with an understanding that there will be negotiation between the Students' Union and the Canadian University Press in the meantime.

Wanke: This draft has been written in good faith, with Council's direction. There has been little consistent direction from CUP, and if a document will be signed, it must be this one. Council must decide to either adhere to the principles that it has approved, or waive them. Third-party mediation will not be helpful in this.

Burrows: If this is approved, the action CUP takes is irrelevant. It must be passed in its current form, as there is potential for this work to be lost at Changeover.

Lazin: CUP is simply unwilling to have the SU as a member. Unfortunately, CUP is also a non-profit organization, and the SU owes it considerable fees. Services have had to be cut owing to lack of monies. A decision should be reached, so that CUP knows what direction it should take.

Tobias/Samuel (councilor) moved to call the question.
20/14/0 **Failed**

Jones withdrew the motion to table.

Wanke: Negotiations are finished on this document. Either this version is passed, or nothing can be.

Lazin: This is an uncomfortable situation, because unless the document is amended, CUP will not sign it.

Mendoza: If this draft passes and CUP refuses to sign, will *The Gateway* lose its newswire services immediately?

Lazin: If CUP's mandate is not adhered to, services will have to be revoked.

Mendoza: Why is CUP currently offering a free service?

Lazin: CUP holds out hope that negotiations can be favorable. It is not a free service, but rather a service in good faith.

Alexander: *The Gateway* helped to form CUP, and when it felt that CUP was no longer a viable service, it pulled out. *The Gateway* is serving the best interests of students, and there are many newspapers that have an acceptable agreement. The Memorandum drafted by CUP still gives the University of Alberta Students' Union more jurisdiction than any other member. CUP is a very valuable service.

Reid: **Wanke's** frustration can be appreciated. It makes little sense for Council to ratify this document at each stage of negotiation.

Wanke should be trusted with the best interests of the SU.

Tackaberry/Beamish moved to call the question.

16/13/2 **Failed**

Burrows: What prevents the SU from withdrawing its membership at any point in time if said membership is unsatisfactory? This is an optic question: no matter whose name is on the membership, the SU pays the bills and shoulders the responsibility.

Wanke: It should not be contentious that the SU be the member. The SU is not asking for voting rights, or weight in decisions, but only to be empowered with administrative, financial and business decisions.

McGraw/Gorton moved that the first point of the third draft of the Memorandum of Understanding be negotiable.

Discussion ensued on the amendment.

Harriman/Melnyk moved to call the question.

25/3/0 **Carried**

7/21/0 **Failed**

Zwack/Burrows moved to call the question on the main motion.

24/4/0 **Carried**

24/4/1 **Carried**

A roll call vote was requested and denied.

2001-20/12e

SPEER/WANKE MOVED THAT Norma Rodenburg and Margaret Sudol be ratified as student-at-large members of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee (CREFC) for the remainder of the 2001-2002 Students' Union year.

Norma Rodenberg was omitted from this motion.

25/0/2 **Carried**

2001-20/12f

SALYZYN/ZWACK MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of Shelly Chiu as student-at-large member on the Awards Selection Committee.

27/0/3 **Carried**

2001-20/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly thanked **Coles** for his formidable job as Interim Speaker.

Sharma: The CFS Day of Action is upcoming.

2001-20/15

ADJOURNMENT

Brechtel/Hoffman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:35 a.m.