

University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday October 1, 2002 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2002-12)

Faculty/Position	Name	6:00
President	Mike Hudema	x
VP Academic	Mat Brechtel	✓
VP External	Anand Sharma	x
VP Finance	Steve Smith	✓
VP Student Life	Kail Ross	✓
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mike Reid	✓
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Paul Reikie	✓
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
Arts	Chris Bolivar	✓
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	✓
Arts	James Knull	✓
Arts	Matt Oberhoffner	✓
Arts	Alexis Pepin	✓
Arts	Laura Roberts	✓

Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓
Arts	Paul Welke (Hector MacIntyre)	✓
Business	Jamie Kidston	✓
Business	Meena Rajulu	✓
Business	Holly Tomte	✓
Education	Charles Beamish	✓
Education	Daljeet Chhina	✓
Education	Allison Ekdahl	✓
Education	Mandeep Gill	✓
Education	Janet Lo	✓
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	✓
Engineering	Paige Smith	✓
Engineering	Chris Jones	✓
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	✓
Engineering	David Wepler	✓
Law	Paul Varga	✓
Residence Halls Association	George Slomp	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Miranda Richardson	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Jeffrey Cao	✓
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing		
Open Studies		

Open Studies		
Pharmacy	Kurt Greene	✓
Rehabilitation Medicine	Adelaine Wong	✓
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	✓
Science	Chamila Adhihetty (Roman Kotovych)	✓
Science	Kimberly Dary	✗
Science	Katie Grant	✓
Science	Aisha Khatib (Wen Wen Shan)	✓
Science	Constantino Renzi	✗
Science	Chris Samuel	✓
Science	Steven Schendel (Elizabeth Meiling Shih)	✓
Science	Kimmy Williams	✓
President Athletics		
General Manager	Bill Smith	✗
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	✓

Guests of Council: Mustafa Hirji, Raymond Cloutier, Sharon Haas, Christine Owram, Shimchuk

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2002-12/1 **CALL TO ORDER 6:05**

2002-12/5 **ROLL CALL**

2002-12/6 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
 BEAMISH/SAMUEL MOVED TO approve the agenda

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED TO add the Late Additions
Carried

2002-12/8

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED TO approve the minutes of the Sept. 17 meeting.

Changes:

p2: Kurt **Greene** was present at both 6:00 and 9:00

p3: "PEPPIN" is correctly spelled "PEPIN"

p6: **Varga** saw things in Europe other than just male nudity
Brechtel's hopes for the extension of the add drop deadline are good, but the odds of it actually happening aren't necessarily good. These good hopes are due to the climate this year in addition to the actions of his predecessors.

18,000 handbooks were ordered, not 15,000

p17: The meeting was adjourned because quorum was lost.

Carried

2002-12/9

REPORTS

2002-12/9a

Mat Brechtel, Vice-President Academic

Went to Canadian Academic Roundtable conference where we drafted a constitution and common declaration of issues thought to be important nationally. Expect report at beginning of Nov. Budget Process Principles sent back at GFC - small victory for tuition.

2002-12/9b

Steve Smith, Vice-President Operations and Finance

Lamest written report of career provided.

2002-12/9c

Kail Ross, Vice-President Student-Life

Worked on WUSC and Orientation bylaws. Paying off WOW. Beginning student services review.

2002-12/9d

Mike Reid, Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep

Accepted committee reports at last BoG meeting.

University's AGM Friday morning at Westin Downtown and later next week at Horowitz.

2002-12/9e

Miranda Richardson, Dentistry

We're orally fixated! Halloween party on the 25th. TGIF Nov. 1. Silent auction on Nov. 25 and Jan. 17. Skit night second semester. \$27,000 tuition per year for first-year dentistry students.

2002-12/9f

Jeffrey Cao, Medicine

Written report provided. Orientation included mentorship program and "Drink Yourself Silly". Shinerama raised \$27,000 for CF. Monster Mash Oct. 26. Faculty is looking at differential tuition, which would be \$8,000 to \$12,000 for the incoming class.

Brechtel: Did the faculty consult students about differential tuition?

Cao: Two students were on the finding committee. These numbers are what the faculty wants but haven't yet been approved by the university. Many students support this. The faculty is running a substantial deficit right now. Although I don't personally support it, I can't say whether Med students in general do.

2002-12/9g

External Affairs Board

Please see document LA 02-12.01.

Jones; What are our current relations with Red Deer College?

Clyburn: RDC has education students who take a U of A program at RDC. We collect their Students' Union fees, a bone of contention.

2002-12/10

QUESTION PERIOD

Clyburn: What steps are being taken to alleviate the concerns of RDC students who are paying SU fees to the U of A.

Smith: We're trying to draft a fee-sharing agreement with RDC. RDC students are considered off-campus students; they pay part-time fees. They receive all of the benefits that part-time U of A students receive in addition to all of the benefits that full-time RDC students receive

Jones: This year's WOW dance was poorly attended. What can be done to make future WOW dances suck less?

Ross: Theory of a Deadman was a calculated risk (they were cheap). 1200 people came, 5-600 less than previous years. We don't know yet whether we broke even; expect a report soon.

Knull: Where's report on the Eco-Conference budget that I

was promised?

Smith: It's not ready yet. Roughly, though, the conference lost a four-figure amount of money. The major problem was assuming a 50:50 ratio of student : non-student tickets. The ratio was closer to 90:10. A more detailed report will be forthcoming.

Bolivar: Any idea what those four might be?

Smith: Low center of \$999-\$10,000. Not everything is resolved yet; stay tuned.

Kotovych: Now that I'm not on council I have time to spend on my other hobbies, like sitting at council. At the Ralph Nader talk Mr. Hudema named a Men's mike and a women's microphone. Does the SU plan to continue achieving equality by segregation?

Ross: I share what you say. Agree, perhaps. You know Hudema's stance on gender parity, etc. This was his conference. That's about it.

Kawanami: Is the SU still planning to point out the Administration's wasteful expenditures in the tuition debate, given the SU's wasteful expenditures at WOW and the Eco Conference?

Brechtel: The tuition debate is new each year. That will probably be one prong of our attack.

Laffin: Do we have a CRO yet?

Smith: This should have been done by now; it's not our fault that it hasn't. The original nom-com has proved to be difficult to reconvene.

Kotovych: Will elections be held at the same time this year?

Smith: The date of elections is mandated in bylaw. However, these bylaws will be amended at our next meeting; these amendments might give the CRO more leeway in setting election dates.

Samuel: Last year we approved a \$20,000 expenditure to improve VIDS; what has happened to this money?

Ross: \$8,000 has been spent to purchase video recording equipment, which is currently being used to evaluate orientation. I don't want to spend any more money on that defunct system.

Samuel: The campus food bank director wants to know when you're bringing back the wheelbarrow you borrowed to pay the exec's tuition.

Ross: It's was Anand's fault.

Smith: It's currently full of loose nickels that I'm giving away by the handful.

Clyburn: Who was the missing exec member at the nickel-and-diming-media stunt?

Brechtel: Sharma had already paid his first semester tuition; he attended the media stunt nonetheless.

Pepin: What was the university's reaction to the tuition payments in nickels and dimes?

Brechtel: We actually received some positive comments from the staff, but I don't know what the administration's reaction was. It took 2 hours to deliver the money.

Jones: When can I sit down in SUB at lunch?

Smith: We're on schedule with our latest schedule; everything should be done by the beginning of November.

Kawanami: Will CAC be reconvened to consider the letter Ross sent to the Sun?

Ross: This letter was approved by the exec, sent to the communications officer, and sent to the sun.

Kawanami: Are we still telling Graham that he didn't do his research?

Ross: I asked our communications officer if this would be a Samuel II and was assured that it would not be.

Knoll: Is anything being done to improve campus recreation facilities, especially Lister Field?

Ross: Lister Field is gross and bacteria-infested. The funds to upgrade it may not be available, though.

Slomp: New turf is being put on the field this year.

Sharma (Councilor): What is being done to promote used textbooks, Course packs, etc.

Brechtel: Oy. The SU has SUBTitles, our major service for recycling texts, and the used book registry. Recycling is just the first step in addressing textbook costs (also problems with publishers). Each year we send out promotional material about course packs, but we can't enforce there. Encouraging professors to refer to readings in both current and previous editions of texts. This year looking into Print-on-Demand: Print center would have rights to text and could print out only those sections that are important for a course. Would be particularly helpful for small-run books (e.g. for

higher level courses). There is hope on the textbook front.

Bolivar: The Debate Club threw out two garbage cans of paper this weekend because there are no paper recycling bins in SUB.

Smith: It baffles me that this doesn't already exist; I'll look into it.

Reikie: There is a shortage of paper recycling facilities throughout campus.

Brechtel: In two weeks the new VP facilities and administrations will be appointed; talk to him.

Kawanami: If the MAC is an informal and unofficial group, why is it on the SU Website?

Smith: The group has no formal powers and is just a sounding board to suggest to the exec how to lobby on political policies that council has already passed. It was advertised to encourage student involvement.

Weppler: Last year there was a clash of strategies at the BoG meeting where tuition was decided. Is the SU planning to exert more control this year?

Brechtel: The SU won't attempt to control the actions of other students. Students have a right to make a statement, no matter how they choose to make it. If you're concerned, please come to the tuition task force.

Jones: What is the SU's opinion on the proposal to grant degree-granting authority to colleges?

Brechtel: We don't have an official position on the issue. It's hard to say how this would affect the U of A. It will be addressed in our official submission to the provincial government.

Kawanami: Given the new postering policy in SUB, what is the exec's comment on the "Boycott Esso" poster that had until recently been hanging in their office?

Smith: That board is not covered by the operating policy; it's governed by the exec and therefore council.

2002-12/11

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see document SC 02-12.01.

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED TO suspend Standing Order 1

Carried

SMITH/JONES MOVED TO make item 14a a special order.

Carried

2002-12/12

LEGISLATION

2002-12/12a

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 3200 Respecting the Honoraria and Salaries Paid by the Students' Union to Term and Elected Employees (SECOND Reading).

Please see document SC 02-12.02.

Smith: This allows the Director and Associate Director of ECOS to be paid.

Carried (27/7/1)

2002-12/12b

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 5400 Respecting the Nominating Committee of the Students' Union (SECOND Reading).

Please see document SC 02-12.03.

Smith: This allows us to hire the positions we've agreed to pay.

Carried (28/7/0)

2002-12/12c

BRECHTEL/RAJULU MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to Accessibility to Computer Technology.

Please see document SC 02-12.04.

Brechtel: AAB feels that computers are a necessary at university (re: course notes, BearTracks password). It is essential that students have access to computers even if they can't afford one at home.

Jones: Computers are evil and should never be used. Open standards are important to ensure that everyone, regardless of choice of operating systems or religious beliefs, have access to these resources.

JONES/SLOMP MOVED TO ADD a clause that was never actually given to the Recording Secretary but basically encouraged the use of open standards on university computers.

Slomp: This is a great idea, since the entire purpose of this policy is accessibility.

Brechtel: I'd prefer to see "open standards" defined in the whereas, to avoid confusion for future readers of the policy.

Motion Withdrawn

JONES/REID MOVED TO return the policy to AAB to include provisions re: open standards.

Carried

2002-12/12d

BRECHTEL/RAJULU MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to the Add/Drop Deadline.

Please see document SC 02-12.05.

Brechtel: 9-15 days is reflective of the time periods included on the Students' Union survey last year.

Carried (35/0/0)

2002-12/12e

ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to Affordable and Accessible Parking.

Please see document SC 02-12.06.

Ross: Parking is a huge issue on campus, in terms of both accessibility and affordability. Parking Services will run a \$3M profit this year and shouldn't be raising fees. Campus green space is at a premium; the focus should be on building up, not out. As an ancillary organization, Parking Services shouldn't be contributing to general revenue.

Oberhoffner: If Parking Services no longer contributed to general revenue, what would that money be spent on?

Kawanami: Doesn't this look contradictory for us to say we

want more parking but don't build on green spaces?

Furthermore, there are levels of greenness in campus green spaces. For example, there is a difference between quad and the green area in front of Stadium parkade.

Reid: We've already signed on to the LRDP, which says where parkades will be placed. To say that we don't support building on green spaces at all would be contradictory to our earlier approval of the LRDP.

REID/JONES MOVED TO amend clause 2 to read: "BIFT The U of A Students' Union oppose parking expansion that is not in accordance with the University of Alberta's Long-Range Development Plan and that will further jeopardize the already limited amount of campus green space."

Samuel: What binds us to support the LRDP?

Smith: Nothing, really. The president signed off on the plan earlier, but not under the authority of any existing political policy.

Brechtel: The LRDP will be in flux for the next 30 years and could potentially be changed. This motion binds us to the LRDP and not the LRDP as it exists now.

Reid: The VPEx wants to draft a political policy re: Garneau expansions; this is also in the LRDP

Motion Withdrawn

JONES MOVED TO strike the last clause, "BIFRT the University of Alberta Students' Union request that Parking Services no longer contribute parking proceeds to the University's general operating budget."

Jones: \$3M per year is equivalent to a 1% tuition increase

Wepler: This begs the question on what is the purpose of ancillary services. Operating budget money shouldn't be coming from these groups.

Bolivar: Students are paying this money whether it is through tuition or through parking. This amendment is contradictory to the definition of an ancillary unit.

Kotovych: Keeping parking rates low subsidizes those students who drive at the expense of those who don't.

Carried (18/15/6)

OBERHOFFNER/ROSS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION to include "BIFRT the SU oppose the use of 24-hour parking

meters”

Carried (34/0/2)

Carried (34/3/0)

2002-12/13

OLD BUSINESS

2002-12/13a

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$5,000.00 to send Anand Sharma, Vice President (External) and a member of the External Affairs Board as selected by that committee to the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations National Lobbying Conference scheduled for October 25 to November 2, 2002 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Kotovych: Why do we need two people?

Clyburn: Traditionally, the SU has sent two people to the CASA lobbying conference. This is usually two exec members but one can't make it this year.

Wepler: What happened at the last meeting?

Samuel: At the last EAB meeting a nomination process was held; EAB selected the Student-at-Large, Howard Young.

Wepler: Why isn't the President going?

Samuel: He doesn't want to.

Jones: Wasn't the researcher the other one?

Samuel: No, it was two exec plus the researcher

Hirji: Jones is confusing this with the Ottawa Lobbying Trip

Smith: As I do not wish to sully council chambers with my vomit, I'd like to ask that this sickening use of Points of Information end.

Samuel: It would be valuable to send an additional person to the lobbying conference; sending only the VP External would reflect poorly upon us.

Williams: Why is a SAL, not a councilor, being sent?

Kawanami: The original intent was for this person to be a councilor. I would rather this person be a councilor so that they can provide additional insight at council meetings.

KAWANAMI/SLOMP MOVED TO insert "council" before "member" and strike "as selected by that committee"

Smith: If EAB wanted this SAL to go, let's abide by their decision.

Carried (13/10/11)

WEPPLER/ROSS MOVED TO replace “a council member of EAB as selected by that committee” with “Mike Hudema, President,”

Weppler: I couldn't stay last week because there's only one bus to Sherwood Park. It is the job of the president to represent us at CASA, regardless of his personal opinion of the organization. We're at a crossroads in terms of our membership so it's important that he go.

Ross: It was decided to send a councilor to the conference to give a more balanced opinion to council. We don't know where the President will be on a day-to-day basis, let alone where he will be at this date.

Kawanami: Council decided it wanted a more balanced perspective; the original motion from the exec was to send the VPEX only.

Smith: What section of the bylaw describes this as the President's duty or is it just tradition?

Kawanami: If the VPEX decided not to attend any of the conferences he traditionally attends, this would be a problem. The president didn't attend the first CASA conference.

Smith: It is necessary for the sake of the credibility of the forthcoming debate that a second person, without the “perceived” bias of the President and VPEX be well versed in CASA issues.

Jones: Hudema's Uncertainty Principle: we don't know where the President is, but we know he's going fast! If we're truly looking for a balanced perspective on this issue, we should send the current and past VPEXes. We may not get them both back intact, but perhaps that wouldn't be a bad thing.

Kotovych: We want to send those people who will best represent UofA at the conference.

ROSS MOVED the previous question
Carried

Defeated (7/29/4)

Carried (30/7/3) Abstaining: Samuel, Clyburn, Kawanami

Congratulations to Clyburn

2002-12/14a

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Students' Union and the Forest Society.
Please see document LA 02-12.03.

Smith: For the last decade the SU has loaned the Forest Society money to cover their annual Christmas tree sale. This has traditionally been an interest-free loan, which represents an opportunity cost to the SU. We have drafted a memorandum of understanding that would give the group the loan interest-free this year but would charge them interest in future years. The group has started to save money each year so eventually they will no longer require the loan.

Cloutier: We're putting \$2000 per year into a mutual fund and will be financially self-sufficient in 2009. We've paid this loan back on time every year. The event donates a significant amount of money to the United Way each year.

Kawanami: The SU throws interest-free money at many less-worthy projects.

Beamish: It seems inappropriate to be charging the faculty association interest; the loan should be interest-free until they are self-sufficient.

Ross: Bear in mind the opportunity cost to students of loaning the group this money interest-free.

Jones: \$25,000 at 5% for 3 months is about \$300; is this really worth our bother?

Beamish: We've been doing this for 10 years without a problem; why did it suddenly become one?

Smith: It's a potential problem, especially if other associations expect the same privileges.

BOLIVAR/SLOMP MOVED the previous question
Carried

Carried (24/11/1)

2002-12/14b

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council appoints two undergraduate students to sit on the University of Alberta Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Search Advisory Committee.

In Greg's temporary abstention, Smith chaired the meeting to

the general glee of council.

Congratulations to **Brechtel** and **Harlow**

2002-12/14c

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expense not to exceed \$2417.00 from the Special Project Reserve to hire Incite Solutions to conduct a student survey relating to Upass issues.

Smith: This survey would be a joint effort with the NAIT and GMC SU's to get a more reliable assessment of student opinion on the UPass as the ETS figures seem inaccurate. The cost will be shared equally between the three schools

Tomte: Marketing 312 classes need of survey projects; could this not be taken to them?

Ross: This would be beyond the scope of those class projects.

Kawanami: Will ETS take the findings of this survey seriously?

Smith: ETS realizes that their numbers are likely in error but isn't willing to foot the cost of a second survey. They would be receptive to these results.

Kidston: What would be the consequences if council doesn't approve this?

Ross: Sending out many marketing 312 classes, as well as poor relations with other schools.

Bolivar: What other firms were considered? Was any comparison-shopping done?

Reikie: Is this a local firm?

Brechtel: To the best of my knowledge, this is a local firm. We had good relations with them when they did the comprehensive survey last year. The marketing department chose them.

Carried (25/5/0)

2002-12/14d

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, select two (2) councilors to sit on the selection committee for the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

Congratulations to **Jones** and **Rajulu**

2002-12/14e

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the

recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve in principle a referendum question to eliminate the Student Financial Aid and Information Centre dedicated fee and replace it with a corresponding increase in the base Students' Union fee, and that it direct the Internal Review Board to draft a specific wording for the question.

Smith: SFAIC is like all other SU services, except that a dedicated fee funds it. SFAIC is now spending more money than it is collecting, which will only be sustained by their previous surpluses for a short amount of time. This service should properly be funded by general revenue.

BRECHTEL/KAWANAMI MOVED TO suspend standing order 30.
Defeated

Roll Call: Jones Kawanami smith Rajulu Samuel
Defeated

2002-12/17

ADJOURNMENT (9:15)