

University of Alberta Students' Union

**STUDENTS'
COUNCIL**

Tuesday October 29, 2002 - 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

MINUTES (SC 2002-15)

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

Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓
Arts	Paul Welke	✓
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	Chris Jones	✓
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	✓
Engineering	Paige Smith	✓
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	✓
Engineering	David Wepler	✓ (6:40)
Law	Paul Varga	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Miranda Richardson (Patricia Tsang)	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Jeffrey Cao (Tim Van Aerde)	✓
Native Studies	Valerie Knaga	✓
Pharmacy	Kurt Greene	✓
Rehabilitation Medicine	Adelaine Wong	✓
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn (Ryan Arsenault)	✓

Science	Chamila Adhietty (Elaine Poon)	✓
Science	Kimberly Dary	✓
Science	Katie Grant	✓ (6:30)
Science	Aisha Khatib	✓
Science	Chris Samuel	✓
Science	Steven Schendel (Lindsay Eales)	✓
Science	Kimmy Williams	✓
General Manager	Bill Smith	✗
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	✓

Observers: Michelle Kelly

2002-15/1 CALL TO ORDER 6:10

2002-15/4 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Valerie Knaga was appointed Councilor from the School of Native Studies

2002-15/6 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SHARMA (COUNCILOR) MOVED TO make item 13b 13a and to make 14d 14a

Carried

JONES/BRECHTEL MOVED TO limit debate on 14d to 15min.

Carried

WELKE/PEPIN MOVED TO strike 14d

Defeated

SMITH/ROSS MOVED TO add Late Additions

Carried

2002-15/8 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Oct. 22

p. 5: it would take 62 \$100 budget reductions to make up the Eco Conference Losses, not 63

p. 8: Smith: "Since the U of A SU itself..."

Alampi and Reikie were not informed of the meeting

Oct. 15

p. 3: Zwack, Botten, and Zeibin were named Guests of Council

p. 6: Smith: "I will discuss the issue with the Senior Manager (Entertainment and Programming) and the Operations Manager (Venues.)"

p. 8: "Steve Smith will be meeting with the Registrar's Office"

p. 8: "The intent is to change the scheme so U of A students would pay SU fees to RDC."

p. 12: Smith's comments on motion 12c should be preceded with "With this Executive," as otherwise his brilliant joke about Mike being a maniac is of no effect.

2002-15/9

REPORTS

2002-15/9a

Mike Hudema, President

Written report provided

Reverse Trick-or-Treating for the FTAA on Halloween and FTAA postcards at front.

2002-15/9b

Mat Brechtel, Vice-President (Academic)

Written report provided (LA 02-15.01)

2002-15/9c

Steve Smith, Vice-President (Operations and Finance)

Written report provided (LA 02-15.02)

2002-15/9d

Mike Reid, Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep

BoG meeting on Friday. Will discuss parking increase, which is a result of the university's decision to have Parking Services be a net contributor to the university's general budget. I will be voting against the increase as the SU has expressed their opposition to it.

2002-15/9e

Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee Minutes

**Eugene L. Brody
Funding
Committee
Minutes**

Please see document SC 02-15.01.

2002-15/9f

Dave Arsenault, Faculte St. Jean

Formal casino coming up

2002-15/9g

Kimberly Dary, Science

It's science week! Free DDR in Tory Lecture tomorrow night! Chem magic show on Thursday. Come schmooze with us at our banquet! We also have cheaper tickets for the Saturday night show at the Power Plant.

2002-15/9h

Greg Harlow, Committee for Council Reform And Progress

A new legislative process was approved and will be submitted to council. Meeting after this council meeting adjourns to discuss ways to make meetings progress more effectively.

2002-15/10

QUESTION PERIOD

Kawanami: Will APIRG's request to use Dinwoodie for free be granted?

Smith: They need to submit a more coherent budget before it can be considered.

Jones: Didn't we approve a policy asking Parking Services to contribute to the general budget?

Reid: Council has all sorts of conflicting policies and it would be great if we could get an updated version of them.

Vigeant: How much will the parking increase be and when would it come into effect?

Reid: It varies between lots, from \$5 to \$20. There is also an increase in fines. The increases will be in effect for the next academic year.

Oberhoffner: Can we expect to see written reports from the exec in the regular agenda packages, rather than the Late Additions?

Brechtel: Reports would have to be submitted by Thursday

to be in the agenda, which might make them less relevant to the current council meeting.

Samuel: Is UASUS subsidizing the tickets to the Halloween party?

Williams: A tech company is sponsoring the event.

Kawanami: People have been getting invitations to faculties to which they are not enrolled; how are faculties getting this information and does it violate FOIPP?

Brechtel: It might violate FOIPP but it would depend on the circumstances; I'll look into it.

Jones: GFC councilors are permitted to ask wide-ranging questions of University administrators but only few have taken advantage of this; does the VPA intend to encourage his minions to take advantage of their investigatory powers?

Brechtel: Step 1: get people to attend. 2: get people to ask questions. 3: making motions. I am striving for this truly lofty goal.

2002-15/12

LEGISLATION

2002-15/12a
POLITICAL POLICY
ACADEMIC
MATERIALS

BRECHTEL/BEAMISH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board, adopt the Proposed Political Policy **Academic Materials**.

Please see document SC 02-15.03.

Brechtel: This policy has been amended to address the concerns raised earlier in council.

Jones: This policy is excessively broad.

Varga: This policy is excessively broad and restricts all influence on curriculum, not just negative impacts.

Wepler: There are cases when contributions could be beneficial to students; why should we restrict these?

Brechtel: The problem arises when curriculum changes are mandated as a condition of the donation to the university.

Carried (29/6/5)

2002-15/12b
POLITICAL POLICY
BURSARIES

HUDEMA/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to **Bursaries**.

Please see document SC 02-15.04.

Hudema: Alberta Learning is investigating the way in which bursaries are handed out at U of A. Our system places more emphasis on financial need than U of C's, which emphasizes grades more. This policy asserts our right to decide which selection system we wish to use as well as maintaining the \$1600 exemption, which may be revoked.

OBERHOFFNER/WELKE MOVED TO strike “demonstrating financial need and” from the first whereas

Oberhoffner: People shouldn't be denied financial aid just because their parents make too much money

Smith: This amendment doesn't address parental dependency and says that we'll give money to everyone with good academic standing, regardless of whether they need it.

Alampi: This ignores the distinction between bursaries and scholarships.

Welke: The original motion doesn't say to whom you must demonstrate financial need.

Williams: Committees that grant bursaries need the flexibility to address applications on a case-by-case basis.

Weppler: It is important to keep the financial need clause in there.

Smith: It makes sense that bursaries would only be available to students in financial need.

Hudema: I encourage council to vote against this amendment. The SFAIC director is all about this policy as written.

Defeated (5/33/3)

Carried (35/3/2)

2002-15/12c
POLITICAL POLICY
ACCESS FUND

HUDEMA/SHARMA (COUNCILOR) MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to the **Access Fund**.

Please see document SC 02-15.05.

Hudema: Alberta Learning is considering excluding the Access Fund from the \$16000 bursary exemption.

Carried (31/3/4)

2002-15/13

OLD BUSINESS2002-15/13a
LETTER OF
CLARIFICATION

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed letter of clarification from the Executive Committee to Orientation staff and volunteers, and direct the Executive Committee to send it to the Orientation staff and volunteers.

Please bring supporting documentation from the October 1, 2002 meeting.

Smith: The letter was drafted as per council's request.

Sharma (Councilor): Council decided that the letter should be explanatory, rather than conciliatory, in nature; please keep this in mind as you read it.

Kawanami: One of the primary purposes for drafting this letter was so as to not alienate our volunteers

JOHNSON/KAWANAMI MOVED TO AMEND the motion to include the words "and publish the letter in an upcoming edition of the Gateway"

Ross: We already shot this down

Sharma (Councilor): Council already decided that publishing this letter in the Gateway was unnecessary as the letter is addressed specifically to orientation volunteers.

Kawanami: Categorizing this letter as a political flogging would be fallacious.

Smith (Councilor): No one else is still talking about this; why are we?

Defeated (10/28/2)

Carried (33/7/2)

2002-15/13b
REFERENDUM
QUESTION

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, direct the Internal Review Board to draft 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.

Smith: SFAIC more properly belongs in the general operating budget of the SU as it is now spending more than it takes in

through dedicated fees and its accumulated surplus won't last forever.

Carried (31/1/5)

2002-15/13c
CREFC

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, select one voting member of Students' Council to sit on the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee for the duration of the 2002-2003 year.

Congratulations to **Slomp**

2002-15/14

NEW BUSINESS

2002-14a

SHARMA (Councilor)/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1320 to send Steve Smith, Vice President (Operations and Finance) to the Campus Advantage Mid Year Shareholders Meeting in Waterloo to take place November 28 through 30, 2002.

Please see document SC 02-15.07.

Kidston: What is the purpose of the meeting?

Samuel: Will Bill Smith be attending the meeting as well and could he do two Smiths' jobs at once?

Smith: This is a shareholders meeting, not a board meeting.; I will be going in the capacity of shareholder, not board member we are the largest shareholders and this is one of two annual meetings. The GM will be attending but I believe that it is important for an elected representative to attend the meeting as well.

Carried (32/3/4) (Abstaining: Smith)

2002-15/14b
DIE BOARD
COMMITTEE

SMITH/JONES MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the ad hoc committee for the selection of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, appoint Christopher G. Samuel as Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, William McBeath as the Alternate Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, Jason Tobias, Vincent Tong, and Debora Philips as regular members of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board, and Lucas Lau as an alternate member of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement

Board.

Smith: I don't consider Christoher G. Samuel to be the ideal chair as this represents a conflict between the political and judicial sides of the SU. But he was the most knowledgeable and best qualified candidate for the position.

HUDEMA/SLOMP MOVED to go in camera

Carried (Opposing: Jones)

In Camera Business

HUDMEA/WILLIAMS MOVED TO STRIKE "Christopher G. Samuel as Chair of the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board" and "upon the recommendation of the ad hoc committee for the selection of the DIE Board"

In Camera Business

WEPPLER/SLOMP MOVED the previous question

Carried

Defeated (11/27/4)

Carried (28/2/1)

ROSS/SMITH MOVED TO go ex camera

Carried

**2002-15/14c
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
BOARD**

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint Dónal Finnegan as a Student at Large on the Financial Affairs Board for the remainder of the 2002-2003 year.

Carried (34/0/4) Abstaining: Samuel

2002-15/16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next installment of the Revolutionary speaker series will be tomorrow night. Tuition town hall tomorrow afternoon.

Stick around for a CRAP meeting

Congratulations to **Reid** who won the 4th place Speaker and Top Novice Speaker awards at the Calgary Fall Open debate

tournament last weekend.

The Recording Secretary was moved by the stirring rendition of Happy Birthday to which council treated her.

2002-15/17

ADJOURNMENT

OBERHOFFNER/SAMUEL (8:25)