

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, November 4th 2014
ETLC E1 008

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-14)

2014-14/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:17 pm.

2014-14/1a

Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, November 18th, 2014

2014-14/2

PRESENTATIONS

2014-14/2a

Your Athletics and Recreation Fee, by Ian Reade; sponsored by President Lau and Vice President Diaz

The Athletics and Recreation Fee supports the provision of recreation, sport and wellness services, access to recreation and sport facilities and the administrative support for these services that benefit students, including varsity athletics, recreation facility access, group exercise, intramural sports, aquatics, instructional recreation, special events, sports clubs, personal training, and sport development. The fee was recently increased, and we have invited the Director of Athletics, Ian Reade to provide updates on the impact of the fee. He will also discuss the processes around the Golden Bears & Pandas Legacy Fund as well as the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund.

2014-14/2b

Helping Individuals at Risk policy proposal by Acting Dean of Students Dr. Robin Everall, sponsored by President Lau and Vice President Diaz

In the 2013 Provost Fellow, Student Mental Health Report, it was proposed that the Helping Individuals at Risk (HIAR) policy be augmented to include students at academic risk. The presentation will outline the proposed changes to the policy and procedure and seek student feedback.

HODGSON/FAROOQ MOVED TO special order item 2014-14/7a to the main agenda.

Motion CARRIED

2014-14/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life- Report

Cory Hodgson, VP Operations & Finance- Report

Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic- Report

2014-14/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sangram Hansra, Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep- Report

Marina Banister, Nominating Committee Chair- Report

2014-14/5

QUESTION PERIOD

Question period extended 15 minutes.

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MOVED TO extend question period by 15 minutes.

Motion CARRIED

Question period extended 15 minutes.

Automatic Recess at 8:30 pm.

Meeting called back to order at 8:45 pm.

2014-14/6

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2014-14/6a

ORYDZUK/KHINDA move to approve the Student Financial Assistance policy in second reading based on the recommendation of Policy Committee.

Speakers List: Orydzuk, Diaz

Motion CARRIED

2014-14/6b

ORYDZUK/GRUHLKE move that, upon the recommendation of policy committee, the Deferred Maintenance Policy be approved in first reading based on the following principles:

1. Funding for routine building and systems preventive maintenance had been significantly cut back, resulting in a massive backlog of deferred maintenance.
2. The accumulation of significant deferred maintenance liability represents a failure of the government to adequately fund the operations of the University.
3. Deferred maintenance reduces the quality of the undergraduate learning experience, the University's public image, and presents a potential health and safety hazard.
4. It is inappropriate for the University and the government to expect current and future undergraduates to fund the correction of historically deficient resource allocations.
5. Adequate funding should be provided by the provincial government to cover the costs of accumulated and ongoing deferred maintenance.

6. The University should adequately prioritize preventative maintenance in future budgets.

7. The University should follow construction practices that minimize future maintenance costs.

Speakers List: Orydzuk

Motion CARRIED

2014-14/6c

ORYDZUK/GRUHLKE move that, upon the recommendation of policy committee, the Research Policy be approved in first reading based on the following principles:

1. Research and teaching represent the foundation of any comprehensive higher education institution and the University should view research and teaching as equally important constituent parts of the University.

2. Research is a valuable aspect of the University and conducting research is a necessary activity that improves the reputation of the University.

3. University culture lends itself to celebrate the successes of research while overlooking successes in teaching.

4. Indirect costs of research are necessary expenses not covered by research funding and are therefore covered by the University operating budget.

5. When the indirect cost of research competes with undergraduate education for funding, it encroaches on the quality of education delivered to undergraduates.

6. The University of Alberta should contextualize research in a manner that maximizes the quality of higher education within the institution.

7. Undergraduate research is valuable to students and to the institution.

8. There should be more opportunities for undergraduates to participate in research.

9. Undergraduates should be made aware of the research opportunities available to them.

Speakers List: Orydzuk, Farooq, Croutze

Motion CARRIED

Abstain: Wong, Warriar

2014-14/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2014-14/7a

HODGSON/HWANG MOVE TO approve Bill #4 in second reading based on the following principles:

All mentions and processes involving DFUs shall be moved to a newly created 6000 series of bylaws.

Two categories of DFUs shall be created, Operational DFUs and Granting DFUs. Only DFUs with 100% of funds going to grants shall be considered Granting DFUs.

Timelines for DFU creation shall be clarified and made explicit. Time will be allowed for the Students' Union to adequately consider a question.

Responsibilities of all parties involved in DFU creation shall be clearly outlined, and alternatives shall be made available should the Students' Union fail in its role to consider the question.

DFUs shall be moved to a five year plebiscite cycle, as opposed to the current referendum cycle. References to Class C and D fees shall be eliminated.

DFUs that have the condition of being opt-out as part of the referendum question shall conduct opt-outs through an online process.

Please see documents LA 14-14.01, LA 14-14.02, LA 14-14.03, LA 14-14.04 and LA 14-14.05

Speakers List: Hodgson, Champagne, Farooq

Motion CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm