

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday April 5th, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2010-26)

- 2010-26/1 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- 2010-26/1a President's farewell address
- KAAI/FERGUSON MOVED TO** suspends standing orders 2.1
- Motion: CARRIED**
- COX/GORDON MOVED TO** Move everything from the late additions on the main agenda to be dealt with at the appropriate time.
- Motion: CARRIED**
- KAAI MOVED TO** Move item 2010-26/2a and 2010-26/2b to the end of the agenda.
- Motion: CARRIED**
- 2010-26/2 **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2010-26/2c Executive 2010/2011 Review Presentation - Presented by the 2010/2011 Executive Sponsored by President Nick Dehod
- 2010-26/2d Undergraduate Survey Results Presentation - Presented by Marc Dumouchel & Nick Dehod Sponsored by President Nick Dehod
- 2010-26/2e SU Sustainability Update - Presented by President Nick Dehod Sponsored by Nick Dehod
- Automatic Recess at 7:50 pm
- Meeting called back to order at 8:05 pm
- 2010-26/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- Nick Dehod, President- Oral Report
- Aden Murphy, VP External- Oral Report
- 2010-26/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Natalie Cox, Policy Committee Chair- Oral Report

Craig Turner, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Petros Kusmu, Bylaw Committee Chair- Oral Report

Andy Cheema, Audit Committee Chair- Oral Report

TURNER.KAAI MOVED TO award the 2011 winter Council scholarships to Michael Ross and Kenzie Gordon

Motion: CARRIED

Luimes abstain

2010-26/5

QUESTION PERIOD

2010-26/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2010-26/6a

COX/ISKANDAR MOVE THAT, upon the recommendation of the Elections Review Committee, Students' Council adopt Bill # 23 in second reading, that Students' Council adopt a Single Transferable Vote Electoral Method based on the following principles:

- 1) Balloting shall be conducted by preferential balloting, in which each voter shall rank his/her choices for each position using natural numbers with one (1) representing the first choice, and increasing numbers representing less desirable choices.
- 2) Voters shall be entitled to mark as few as zero candidates for any given position or as many as all of them.
- 3) Once the total number of valid ballots is established for each race, the minimum number of votes required for a candidate to be elected is calculated. This minimum number of votes shall be determined by the sum of one plus the quotient of the total number valid ballots cast divided by the sum of the number of seats being contested plus one, with remainders being ignored.

$$n = 1 + \frac{\text{Votes}}{\text{Seats} + 1}$$

- 4) All ballots shall be counted and each ballot is allocated as a vote to the candidate who is indicated to be the voter's first preference.
- 5) If a candidate on the first count has a number of first preference votes exactly equal to the minimum number of votes needed to be elected, that candidate is declared elected.
- 6) If a candidate on the first count gains more than the minimum number of votes needed to be elected, the candidate is declared elected, and the number of votes in excess of the number needed to be elected is recorded as a surplus. All of the elected candidate's ballots are then re-examined and assigned to candidates not yet elected according to the second preferences marked on the ballot at a fractional transfer value. The transfer value shall be determined by the quotient of the surplus votes cast for the elected candidate divided by the total number of votes received by the elected candidate.
- 7) If two or more candidates on the first count gain more than the minimum number of votes needed to be elected, all of those candidates shall be

declared elected. The ballots of the candidate with the largest number of first preference votes will be re-examined first and assigned at a transfer value to candidates not yet elected according to the second preferences marked on the ballots, or the next available preference if the second preference candidate has already been elected. The ballots of the other candidate(s) will then be re-examined and their surpluses distributed in order according to the number of first preference votes each candidate received.

- 8) If a candidate reaches more than the minimum number of votes needed to be elected as the consequence of a transfer of votes from an elected candidate, the number of votes in excess of the number of votes needed to be elected will be transferred to other candidates. This transfer will be to the next available preference shown on all of this candidate's ballots. The transfer value for the candidate's first preference ballots is the quotient of the surplus votes cast for the elected candidate divided by the total number of votes received by the elected candidate, and the transfer value for each ballot previously received from one or more elected candidates is the quotient of the product of the surplus votes cast for the elected candidate multiplied by the transfer value of the ballots received by the previously elected candidate, all divided by the total number of votes received by the candidate.
- 9) In the event that no candidate has more than the minimum number of votes required to be elected, the candidate with the smallest number of votes is eliminated. All ballots cast for that candidate are transferred to candidates who have not been elected or eliminated according to the next available preference shown on the eliminated candidate's ballots. The eliminated candidate's first preference ballots are transferred to the next available preference at full value, while ballots received from previously-elected or eliminated candidates are transferred at the transfer value at which the ballots were received.
- 10) The ballot-counting process as set out in principles 6-9 shall continue until such a point as all but one of the candidates to be elected have been elected, and only two candidate remain in the count. At this point, the candidate with the most votes is declared elected.
- 11) If, during the transfer of preferences, a ballot paper does not indicate an available preference, the ballot is put aside as exhausted. This can occur because:
 - a. the voter only indicated one, or a small number of preferences, or
 - b. all the preferred candidates have already been elected or eliminated.
- 12) Where two or more candidates have the same number of first preference votes at the end of the first count, and this number is more than the minimum number of votes necessary to be elected, the candidate whose surplus votes are re-distributed first will be decided in the following manner:
 - a. If the Chief Returning Officer is a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race and has ranked one of the tied candidates as the first preference on the C.R.O's ballot, then that candidate's surplus votes shall be redistributed first.
 - b. If the C.R.O is ineligible to vote in the race, or has not ranked one of the tied candidates as the first preference, then the candidate whose surplus votes are re-distributed first shall be determined by a random or quasi-random method selected by the C.R.O.
- 13) Where no candidate has a number of first preference votes equal to or greater than the number of votes necessary for election at the end of the first count, and two or more candidates have the same number of first

preference votes, this number being the smallest number of first preference votes gained by any candidate, then the candidate who is eliminated first shall be decided in the following manner:

- a. If the Chief Returning Officer is a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race and has ranked one of the tied candidates as the first preference on the C.R.O's ballot, then the candidate who was not indicated as the first preference of the C.R.O shall be eliminated.
 - b. If the C.R.O is ineligible to vote in the race, has not ranked one of the tied candidates as the first preference, or in the event that more than one candidate remains tied following the provision of principle 14) a, then the candidate who is eliminated first shall be determined by a random or quasi-random method selected by the C.R.O.
- 14) If, at any stage of the count other than the first count, two candidates have the same number of votes, the candidate who is declared elected first, or who is not excluded will be:
- a. the candidate with the larger number of votes in the first count in which a differential existed between the number of votes received by each candidate,
 - b. the candidate whose name is ranked highest on a ballot cast by the C.R.O, if the C.R.O is a Students' Union member eligible to vote in that race, and no differential in the number of votes has existed between the candidates at any preceding count, or
 - c. the candidate whose name is selected by a random or quasi-random method selected by the C.R.O, if the C.R.O is ineligible to vote in the race and no differential in the number of votes has existed between the candidates at any preceding count.

Motion: RULED OUT OF ORDER

2010-26/6b

EASTHAM/TIGHE MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #28, that Students' Council adopt the political policy, Tuition, in second reading.

Principles:

1. that the University of Alberta Students Union advocate for a tuition policy that:
 - a) provides long-term, sustained base operating funding for our universities that will be protected from negative changes in our government's financial situation;
 - b) protects tuition from increasing due to fluctuations in funding grants to the university from the government;
 - c) ensures tuition levels are predictable;
 - d) has as its primary indicator of affordability the ability of students to pay without having to accrue the burden of debt;
 - e) provides for the fact that tuition is only one of the costs of pursuing a postsecondary education;
 - f) ensures that no student will ever be denied the opportunity to pursue postsecondary education because of their inability to pay
2. that the University of Alberta Students' Union advocate that the Government of Alberta legislate a policy on tuition fees that:

- a) provides strict guidance to an institution's ability to set tuition, including annual and ultimate limits on the maximum amount of tuition fees that can be levied on students;
 - b) requires post-secondary institutions to provide to the Board of Governors of the institution, the Auditor General of Alberta and the Minister of Advanced Education & Technology a detailed and verifiably transparent public plan on how additional tuition revenues will be spent
3. that the Students' Union shall not support the Board of Governors increasing tuition; and
4. this policy will expire April 20, 2014

Speakers List: Eastham

Motion: CARRIED
Turner abstain

2010-26/6c

MURPHY/HUYNH MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #27, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees, in second reading based on the following principles:

- 1. that the Students' Union advocates that students maintain representation on any body directing the general affairs and mandate of a service which is funded by a student fee;
- 2. that the Students' Union advocate that any service funded by a fee exhibit full budgetary disclosure to undergraduate students; and
- 3. that the Students' Union lobby for a provincial regulation on Mandatory NonInstructional Fees such that:
 - a. there is clear identification of which fees are non-instructional and thus outside the framework established in the Public Post-Secondary Institutions' Tuition Fees Regulation;
 - b. new fees are required to explicitly articulate the reason for the fee, the duration of the fee, and the year-to-year price inflator (e.g. Consumer Price Index) or increase schedule; and
 - c. proposed new fees and increases for existing fees beyond their established price inflator be approved by a referendum of the students to whom the proposed fee would apply.
- 4. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014

Speakers List: Murphy, Cox

COX/KUSMU MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
MANDATORY NON-INSTRUCTIONAL FEES

WHEREAS services for students are a major resource to create positive undergraduate experiences;

WHEREAS students bear a substantial portion of the costs of these services through mandatory non-instructional fees;

WHEREAS mandatory non-instructional fees present significant costs additional to the essential costs of education;

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of students to have ongoing input regarding services designed to benefit them;

WHEREAS a referendum of a body of students is the best method of determining the value to students of a non-instructional service and thus the only acceptable means of gaining consent for the levying of mandatory non-instructional fees;

WHEREAS mandatory non-instructional fee increases are not regulated by any provincial statutes;

WHEREAS the University is a public institution and is therefore committed to high standards of service, administrative effectiveness, and good governance in the responsible management of its financial resources;

WHEREAS a rise in fees in concert with the Consumer Price Index is necessary to sustain services on a year-to-year basis;

WHEREAS the continued affordability of public post-secondary education in Alberta is jeopardized by the exploitation of unregulated mandatory non-instructional fees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT hat the Students' Union advocates that students maintain representation on any body directing the general affairs and mandate of a service which is funded by a student fee;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that any service funded by a fee exhibit full budgetary disclosure to undergraduate students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall lobby for a provincial regulation on mandatory non-instructional fees such that:

- a. there is clear identification of which fees are non-instructional and thus outside the framework established in the Public Post-Secondary Institutions' Tuition Fees Regulation;
- b. new fees are required to explicitly articulate the reason for the fee, the duration of the fee, and the year-to-year price inflator (e.g. Consumer Price Index) or increase schedule; and
- c. proposed new fees and increases for existing fees beyond their established price inflator be approved by a referendum of the students to whom the proposed fee would apply.

Motion: CARRIED

TURNER/GORDON MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
MANDATORY NON-INSTRUCTIONAL FEES

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WHEREAS students bear a substantial portion of the costs of these services through mandatory non-instructional fees;

WHEREAS mandatory non-instructional fees present significant costs additional to the essential costs of education;

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of students to have ongoing input regarding services designed to benefit them;

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WHEREAS mandatory non-instructional fee increases are not regulated by any provincial statutes;

WHEREAS the University is a public institution and is therefore committed to high standards of service, administrative effectiveness, and good governance in the responsible management of its financial resources;

WHEREAS a rise in fees in concert with the Consumer Price Index is necessary to sustain services on a year-to-year basis;

WHEREAS the continued affordability of public post-secondary education in Alberta is jeopardized by the exploitation of unregulated mandatory non-instructional fees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that students maintain representation on any body directing the general affairs and mandate of a service which is funded by a student fee;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that any service funded by a fee exhibit full budgetary disclosure to undergraduate students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union shall lobby for a provincial regulation on mandatory non-instructional fees such that:

- a. there is clear identification of which fees are non-instructional and thus outside the framework established in the Public Post-Secondary

Institutions' Tuition Fees Regulation;

- b. new fees are required to explicitly articulate the reason for the fee, the duration of the fee, and the year-to-year price inflator (e.g. Consumer Price Index) or increase schedule; and
- c. proposed new fees and increases for existing fees beyond their established price inflator be approved by a referendum of the students to whom the proposed fee would apply.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/6d

EASTHAM/HUYNH MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill # 51, that Students' Council adopt the political policy, Scholarships and Bursaries, in second reading.

Principles:

1. that the Students' Union shall lobby the University of Alberta to increase the number and value of awards granted to continuing undergraduate students in order to be consistent with the number and value of entrance awards;
2. that the Students' Union shall lobby the University of Alberta and the Government of Alberta to increase the proportion of scholarships and bursaries that are awarded based on the students' financial need and/or involvement;
3. that the Students' Union lobby the University of Alberta to pursue a single point entry to the scholarship and bursaries application process; and
4. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Speakers List: Eastham

Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/6e

TIGHE/HUYNH MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill # 52, that Students' Council adopt the political policy, Student Loans, in second reading.

Principles:

1. that the Students' Union advocates for a financial aid system that:
 - a. includes increased relative and absolute amounts of non-repayable assistance, including but not limited to grants and bursaries;
 - b. is accessible to all Albertan students attending not-for-profit post-secondary institutions and addresses the real financial need;
 - c. recognizes the complete overhead costs of education to the learner including, but not limited to: rent and utility costs, textbook costs, transportation costs, food, personal care, internet and computer

costs;

- d. includes adjustments to all forms of financial assistance to reflect changes in market realities as they affect students;
- e. does not consider parental income as a factor for loans; and
- f. eases the growing burden of student debt to post-secondary graduates.

2. that this policy expire on April 30, 2014.

Speakers List: Tighe

Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2010-26/7a

EASTHAM/ROBERTS MOVED TO approve an omnibus motion of Bills #39, 40, 41 and 42 in second reading based on the following principle:

Bill #39 - After three months and before one calendar year of an Association being recognized as having probationary status, the Students' Union shall:

a) recognize the Association as no longer having probationary status and no longer being subject to their conditions of probation, if the Association has met their conditions of probation;

b) extend the probationary period of an Association for up to six months, if all signatories to the conditions of probation consent to the extension or if the Students' Union has reason to believe that the conditions of probation will be met during the period of extension; or

c) derecognize the Association, if the conditions of probation are not met and the Students' Union has no reason to believe that the conditions of probation will be met during the probationary period.

Bill #40 - Schedules of Departmental Associations, Program Associations, and Affiliated Associations shall be provided to the association's membership and the Students' Union annually, or upon request

Bill #41 - Minutes of Association Executive or Board of Directors, Council and General meetings shall actively be made available publicly

Bill #42 - Each year an Association shall provide the Students' Union with an outline of organizational and financial goals. An update on the progress of these goals will be submitted at the September COFA meeting, or circulated to the Council of Faculty associations six months after the Association's General Election, whichever occurs first.

Speakers List: Eastham

Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7b

COX/KAAI MOVED TO approve Bill #44 in second reading based on the following principles

1. Candidate slates shall cease to exist for all Students' Union elections.
2. Candidates shall be allowed to endorse other candidates, including those within his or her own race.

Speakers List: Cox, Turner

TURNER/COX MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

38. Endorsements

- (1) Any member with the exception of the C.R.O, the D.R.O.s, and incumbent members of the Executive Committee who are not also candidates shall be free to endorse any candidate.

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7c

ISKANDAR/KAAI MOVED TO approve Bill #45 in second reading based on the following principles –

1. No voting shall be conducted prior to the DIE Board ruling on all appeals covered by Bylaw 2000, Section 73.

Speakers List: Iskandar

Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7d

ISKANDAR/ROBERTS MOVED TO approve Bill #48 in second reading based on the following principles -

1. The Students' Union shall develop, maintain, and use a Strategic Plan.
2. The Strategic Plan shall comprise the following:
 - a. Mission
 - b. Vision
 - c. Values
 - d. Critical Success Factors
 - e. Strategic Goals
3. The Strategic Plan shall have a life no less than four years.
4. The Strategic Plan shall be reviewed and/or renewed every four years
5. The Students' Union shall develop, maintain, and use Executive plans and Operating Plan which support, as appropriate to functional area, the Strategic Plan and its components.
6. The Executive shall provide Students' Council with reports and presentations regarding the progress of goals and strategic objectives once per a trimester.
7. A two-thirds majority vote of Students' Council shall be required in order to ratify or amend a Strategic Plan.

8. Every four (4) years, unless commissioned by Students' Council earlier, the Strategic Plan shall be reviewed and/or renewed by the Strategic Plan Steering Committee.
9. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the Executive Committee including the President, three (3) senior management employees including the General Manager, three (3) members of Students' Council, and three (3) members-at-large selected through a nomination process.
10. The President shall Chair the Strategic Plan Steering Committee.
11. The Executive Committee shall act as the steward of the Strategic Plan on behalf of Students' Council and the membership.

Speakers List: Iskandar, Dehod, Kusmyu, Fentiman, Eastham, Cox

FENTIMAN MOVED TO amend the motion to add:

ISKANDAR/ROBERTS MOVED TO approve Bill #48 in second reading based on the following principles -

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9. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the Executive Committee including the President, three (3) senior management employees including the General Manager, three (3) members of Students' Council, and three (3) members-at-large selected through a

nomination process.

10. The President shall Chair the Strategic Plan Steering Committee.

11. The Executive Committee shall act as the steward of the Strategic Plan on behalf of Students' Council and the membership.

12. Will become effective immediately

Motion: RULED OUT OF ORDER

COX/L'ABBEE' MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

13) The mandate of the strategic plan steering committee shall be to review the Strategic Plan by:

- a) examining the relevancy and appropriateness of the mission, vision, statement of values, critical success factors, and strategic goals; and
- b) inducing a process to redevelop and renew the Strategic Plan as appropriate.

14) The strategic plan steering committee shall be struck:

- a) After four (4) years have elapsed from the previous review, or
- b) Upon a two-thirds majority vote of Students' Council to do so.

Motion: CARRIED

FENTIMAN/EASTHAM MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders to allow the motion to become effective immediately

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7e

KAAI/ISKANDAR MOVED TO approve Bill #49 in second reading based on the following principles -

1. Recommendations of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board shall be reported to the Council Administration Committee as information items.
2. The Council Administration Committee shall review rulings of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board within two CAC meetings of the release of the ruling.

Speakers List: Kaai

Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7f

KUSMU/KAAI MOVED TO approve Bill #50 in second reading based on the following principles - Budgeted reserves not spent in entirety, shall have its budgeted monies available in future year(s) for related purchases as originally deemed. Reserve funds carried over shall be accurately and openly presented on the audited financial statements.

Speakers List: Kusmu, Fentiman

Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7g

DEHOD/TIGHE MOVE THAT Students' Council ratify the University of Alberta Students' Union Strategic Plan 2011-2015.

Speakers List: Dehod, Fentiman, Tighe

Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7h

COX/ISKANDAR MOVE THAT Students' Council approve Bill #29, in second reading.

Principle:

1. that Students' Council adopt the ballot counting mechanism, UASU-STV, as outlined in the November 2010 Elections Review Committee Report.
2. this motion will come into effect immediately prior to the 2012 General Elections.

Speakers List: Cox, Ross, Yamigishi

Yamigishi called to question

Main Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/7i

MURPHY/ISKANDAR MOVE THAT Students' Council approve the following resolution:

Whereas at its March 17th, 2011 meeting the delegates at a meeting of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations passed a resolution with two-thirds (2/3) of all votes present at the meeting with such votes representing over fifty percent (50%) of the total full-time equivalent students to amend the organization's bylaws.

Be It Resolved That this body, representing the authority to make such a decision on behalf of University of Alberta Students' Union, approve the amendment in whole of the present CASA bylaws with the presented amended CASA bylaws;

Speakers List: Murphy, Dehod

Motion: CARRIED

TURNER/KAAI MOVED that the speaker vacate the chair

Motion: CARRIED

KAAI/ROSS MOVED bestow the Bachelor of Students Governance award to Steven Dollansky.

Motion: CARRIED

STITT MOVED TO reconsider the motion to have the speaker vacate the chair.

Motion: CARRIED

DEHOD/TURNER MOVED to suspend the relevant standing orders to not have a 15 minute break at 10:00 pm

Motion: CARRIED

2010-26/2

PRESENTATIONS

2010-26/2a

The SU and You (yes, you): A Modest Proposal on How to Re-achieve Relevance Presented by Kim Ferguson, Science Councillor and Ngina wa Kaai, Education Councillor. Sponsored by Kim Ferguson, Science Councillor and Ngina wa Kaai, Education Councillor

2010-26/2b

Craig A. Turner Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Hackery Presented by Simon Yackulic and Aaron Yeo. Sponsored by Craig Turner.

TURNER/ROSS MOVED to adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm