

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 2011
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2011-08)

- 2011-08/1** **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**
- Meeting called to order at 6:07
- 2011-08/1a** Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, August 30, 2011
- CHEEMA/CSORBA MOVED** to make item 2011-08/2c a special orders to be moved onto the main agenda
- Motion: CARRED**
- 2011-08/2** **PRESENTATIONS**
- 2011-08/2a** Impeachment Process Presentation- presented by Adam Woods. Sponsored by Councillor Woods/Sumar
- Please see document SC 11-08.01
- 2011-08/2b** CASA Policy and Strategy Conference - Presented by Farid Iskandar, VP External. Sponsored by Farid Iskandar, VP External/Liang
- Abstract
- The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is a federal lobby group that the University of Alberta Students' Union is a part of. CASA officially meets three times a year, the first time is at a conference called Policy and Strategy. At this conference CASA decides on it's lobbying and policy priorities for the year. As councillor you should know what are CASA's priority for the year, as well as how much time the VPX and President will be spending on CASA.
- 2011-08/2c** **SUB Space Planning Update**
- Presented by Andy Cheema, VP (Operations & Finance) and Marc Dumouchel (General Manager). Sponsored by Andy Cheema, VP (Operations & Finance)/Sumar
- Abstract: This presentation will serve as an update on the state of space planning for the Students' Union Building. Details will be provided on the steps that have been taken to initiate the project. An outline will be given of the timelines and

process for moving forward. The discussion will be tied into an overarching strategic vision for the building.

2011-08/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Colten Yamagishi, VP Student Life- Oral Report

Emerson Csorba, VP Academic- Oral Report

Rory Tighe, President- Oral Report

Farid Iskandar, VP External- Oral Report

2011-08/4 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Kim Ferguson, CAC Chair- Oral Report

Saadq Sumar, GAC Chair- Oral Report

Andrew Fehr, Policy Committee Chair Proxy- Oral report

Andy Cheema, BFC Chair- Oral Report

2011-08/5 **QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period extended 15 minutes

2011-08/7 **GENERAL ORDERS**

NICOL/FEHR MOVED TO special order a motion from the floor:
NICOL/FEHR MOVED TO appoint Two (2) members of Students Council to the Audit Committee

Motion: CARRIED

2011-08/7a **NICOL/FEHR MOVED TO** appoint Two (2) members of Students Council to the Audit Committee.

Nominations: Liang

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Liang

CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVED TO special order a motion from the floor:
CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVED TO appoint one (1) members of Students Council to BFC

Motion: CARRIED

2011-08/7b **CHEEMA/SUMAR MOVED TO** appoint one (1) members of Students Council to BFC

Nominations: Sumar

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Sumar

CHEEMA/ZINYEMBA MOVED TO special order a motion from the floor:
CHEEMA/ZINYEMBA MOVED TO appoint one (1) members of Students Council to the Student Legal Board of Directors

Motion: CARRIED

2011-08/7c

CHEEMA/ZINYEMBA MOVED TO appoint one (1) members of Students Council to the Student Legal Board of Directors

Nominations: Nicol, Boutwell

Nominations Closed

Appointment: Nicol

2011-08/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-08/6a

CSORBA/YAMAGISHI MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #3, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Research, in second reading based on the following principles:

XII. Research

1. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University views research and teaching as equally important constituent parts of the University;
2. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta contextualizes research in a manner that maximizes the quality of higher education within the institution;
3. that the Students' Union shall endeavour to ensure that the University of Alberta values the totality of research undertaken within the institution;
4. that the Students' Union advocates for more opportunities that allow undergraduate students to partake in research;
5. that the Students' Union advocates for increased student and faculty awareness of undergraduate research opportunities at the University of Alberta; and

6. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Speakers List: Csorba

Motion: CARRIED

KUSMU/SUMAR MOVED TO suspend the relevant standing orders to not have a recess

Motion: FAILED

Automatic Recess at 8:13

Meeting called by to order at 8:28

2011-08/6b

YAMAGISHI/LIANG MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #4, that Students' Council adopt the Political Policy, Affordable Housing, in second reading based on the following principles:

II. Affordable Housing

1. that the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta and the City of Edmonton remove the burden of municipal property taxes from residences and that the University of Alberta passes any ensuing savings to students in residence.

2. that the Students' Union advocates that the Government of Alberta provide capital funds toward the development of additional student housing.

3. that the Students' Union shall oppose any University of Alberta student residence rent and/or meal plan increase exceeding CPI.

4. that this policy expire on April 30th, 2014.

Speakers list: Yamagishi, Tighe, Iskandar

Motion: CARRIED

2011-08/6c

YAMAGISHI/SUMAR MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #6, that Students' Council update the Political Policy, Engagement, in second reading based on the following

principles:

VI. ENGAGEMENT

1. That the Students' Union shall encourage the University to actively foster campus community and student involvement by investing in initiatives and opportunities that promote engagement; and
2. That the Students' Union advocates that the University identify and reward the contributions of students who actively strive to improve their campus and the greater community.
3. That this policy shall expire on April 30th, 2013.

Speakers List: Yamagishi, Tighe, Iskandar

Motion: CARRIED

2011-08/6d

CSORBA/WOODS MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #5, that Students' Council update the Political Policy, Internationalization, in second reading based on the following principles:

VIII. INTERNATIONALIZATION

1. that the Students' Union shall support accessible post-secondary education for international students at the University of Alberta;
2. that the Students' Union shall not support the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta increasing differential tuition for international students;
3. that the Students' Union shall advocate to the University to provide international students with the support and services needed to help them achieve success in the pursuit of a quality undergraduate experience;
4. that the Students' Union advocates to the University for clear and transparent transfer credit processes at the faculty, Campus Alberta, national, and international levels; and
5. that this policy shall expire on April 30, 2014.

Speakers List: Csorba, Ferguson, Kusmu

FERGUSON/THOMAS MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta does not require educational institutions to charge international student differential fees;

Motion(friendly): CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

2011-08/6e

SUMAR/JOHNSON MOVE THAT Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, adopt Bill #7 based on the following principles:

A motion to impeach a member of the Executive or the Board of Governors Representative must be made in good faith, and with just cause. Just cause shall be defined as:

- i) A significant or multiple breaches of Students' Union Bylaw, or Policies. It is required that contraventions of Students' Union Legislation be supported by D.I.E. Board Rulings.
- ii) Charges posed against the respondent by the Code of Student Behavior, Provincial or Federal Law.
- iii) Acting dishonestly or without the best interests of the undergraduate students.
- iv) Performing without the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

A motion to begin impeachment procedures shall be submitted to the Speaker of Students' Council via a motion by petition, which shall require the endorsement of at least one third of the voting members of Council

At least nine business days before impeachment proceedings begin, the accused member shall be informed in writing of the allegations being levied against him or her.

A motion to impeach shall require two readings. The second reading may not occur at the same council meeting as the first reading.

The first reading will include a presentation where the respondent shall be given the opportunity to defend himself or herself, and the appellate shall be given the opportunity to present their case for removal.

Each reading will require a 2/3rds majority to pass.

After the passage of the 1st reading, the respondent shall be placed on suspension until the second reading occurs. This will relieve the accused of his or her ability to act in any official capacity on behalf of the Students' Union

Upon the passage of the second reading the office of the respondent shall be declared vacant.

The impeached officer has the right to appeal the decision of Council through a hearing with the D.I.E. Board."

Motion Ruled out of Order

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm