

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday February 5, 2013
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2012-20/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2012-20/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, February 19th, 2013

2012-20/2 PRESENTATIONS

2012-20/2a Mental Health Initiatives

Presented by Dr. Robin Overall, Associate Dean of Students.

Sponsored by Saadiq Sumar, Vice President Student Life.

Abstract: Dr. Overall will discuss what she has been working on over the last year during her term as Provostial Fellow, including a number of important mental health related projects and initiatives that she has and will be implementing.

2012-20/2b SUB Renovation Update
Presented by Andy Cheema and Marc Dumouchel
Sponsored by Andy Cheema

The presenters will summarize the SUB Renovation Schematic Design Report and highlight the most up-to-date design considerations. This document will be discussed in the context of the overall project delivery strategy. A financial update will be provided alongside a recommendation to complete the next planning phase. A request for funding to move beyond Design Development will follow at a subsequent meeting.

Please see online document located on the following website.
<http://www.su.ualberta.ca/about/sub/renovation/>

2012-20/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2012-20/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2012-20/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2012-20/5a VP External Kusmu,

What are your feelings about charging students \$75 for a conference that features a discussion on "Financial barriers and access // Who pays for PSE?" ? Is

there a reason that a cheaper option for students is not being offered? Could there have been measures taken to set up a fund for individuals whose finances were a barrier to having their voice heard at this conference?

Thanks!

Mike McGinn

2012-20/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2012-20/6a

Chelen/Smith move that upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #16 in first reading based on the following principles:

- Sections of bylaw 8100 should be reordered or reformatted for consistency and clarity.
- The definition and use of "Affiliated Association" should be expanded to include "Program Associations" and the definition and use of "Program Association" should be eliminated.
- Associations should not have to inform the VPA of advocacy to the University or Government but Associations shall not advocate in contradiction to SU political policy.
- COFA should be advisory to the Students' Union, not just the VPA.
- Definitions of association memberships should be included in the schedule, and eliminated from bylaw.
- The VPA should consult with the Student Governance Advisor before making any determinations as specified in section 11.
- Probationary status should be included in the schedule
- An association can be derecognized if it does not meet its conditions of probation by the time allowed.
- Newly recognized FAs will have probationary status.
- When an association is derecognized, the SU will hold on to its assets in trust until a new association for that faculty is recognized.
- Recognition should not be an annual process, but information should still be reported to the SU.
- FAs shall annually provide their officer contact information to the SU.
- Decisions to place an FA on probation should be made in adherence to the principles of natural justice.
- FAs shall have the right to use SU Executive or Council polling stations for elections, plebiscites, or referenda.
- Any amendments to bylaw 8100 must be reported to FAs.

2012-20/6b

Chelen/Smith move that upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #17 in first reading based on the following principle:

FA officers shall annually sign agreements on the rules and policies that they must adhere to.

2012-20/6c

Chelen/Smith move that upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #18 in first reading based on the following principles:

- Sections of bylaw 8200 should be reordered or reformatted for consistency

and clarity.

- Financial statements will be defined to be a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement.
- Accountant shall be defined as a person with the designation of CA, CMA, or CGA as recognized by Canadian accounting bodies.
- No association shall collect a mandatory fee that is not a Faculty Association Fee.
- Financial reports will be submitted within six months of an Association's fiscal year end.
- Financial statements for fee collecting FAs shall be reviewed by an accountant.
- Financial statements for non fee collecting FAs shall be reviewed by an external, qualified, and impartial individual or group.
- Financial irregularities will be immediately reported to Audit Committee.
- Audit committee shall retain the right to conduct an investigation in to the finances or operations of an FA, or request the results of an audit.
- Intent to collect a Faculty Association Fee shall be submitted to the SU before November 15.
- A proposal to collect a Faculty Association Fee shall be submitted to Council before December 15.
- Council will approve or deny the proposal no less than 30 days before the commencement of voting in the Executive and Board of Governors election.
- Faculty Association Fees shall be collected for a term no longer than five years.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association acquires probationary status.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association fails to report their finances.
- Faculty Association Fees can be terminated by Council if an association's budget or financial statements don't reflect the allocation proposed to Council.

Campus Association Transfer Payments shall be renegotiated at least every five years.

2012-20/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2012-20/7a

Chelen moves that Students' Council approve the Nursing Undergraduate Association FAMF proposal.

2012-20/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2012-20/8a

Saadq Sumar, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document SC 12-20.01

2012-20/8b

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 12-20.02

2012-20/8c

Petros Kusmu, VP External- Report

Please see document SC 12-20.03

Prepared by: Saadiq Sumar, Vice President (Student Life)

To: Students' Council 2012/13

Hey Everyone!

Hopefully, the last two weeks have been restful, especially considering the number of council meetings we've had in the last month. I have been working quite diligently on my unfinished goals and have completed a few more. Make sure to check out the new sports ticker on the SU homepage as well as the campus musical page that should be going up very shortly!

Programming

Campus Musical

The musical is continuing to steam ahead. I have been meeting regularly with the Director and other members of the technical team and had a chance to check out one of their rehearsals. The props and set are starting to come together in terms of design and the vision of the Director and Choreographer is slowly starting to take shape.

The license is finally in with the scripts and scores and we will start to seek sponsorship and advertise the show very shortly with ticket info. We are trying to make the show tickets as cheap as possible to attract as many students as possible, but will also be opening the show to the general public in order to showcase the talent that we have on our campus.

Finally, I will be looking for a marketing and promotions team for this event. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please let me know.

Services

U-Pass

I met with representatives from transit and the University to finalize the Spring/Summer U-Pass contract. Additionally, I will be sending a proposal and a few other important items that will be important in the years ahead to the different student associations for consideration and support.

Gender Based Violence Prevention Project

The project has hosted a number of different programs and events, some earlier in the semester and some more recently as part of International Week. The next program will conclude International Week and I encourage everyone to check out the Gender Based Monologues in Education North 4-104

Granting

I sat in on another set of granting sessions, which may set some interesting precedent for future granting sessions. We discussed the issue of whether or not to release grant information for those who are successful in receiving their grants before diving into the grants themselves. Once again, the grant funding that was available was not sufficient for all the groups to get the money they applied for or were approved for. I am hoping that the next VPSL can pick up this conversation with the Office of the Dean of Students and Student Groups Services.

ONEcard Student Advisory Group

The VPOF and I attended a meeting to talk about issues relating to the ONEcard with representatives from the GSA, Ancillary Services and other undergraduate students. A number of different topics were discussed, including the potential change to the U-Pass to SMARTcard technology, using ONEcards at the Farmer's Market, and the new ONEcards that should be launching in September.

Centre for Student Development

I had an opportunity to sit in on the interviews for the Centre for Student Development Assistant Manager, as the position has been vacant since Tim Ira became the Manager of CSD. The interview panel selected a candidate, whom I cannot confirm until all of the applicants have been contacted. I will say however that I believe the selected individual will bring a new perspective and fresh eyes to CSD Programming and I am very excited to see what this individual does within the CSD! Good luck!

Advocacy

Municipal Property Taxes

The VPX and I met with representatives from various residence associations at the RHA Council to discuss their thoughts on the MoU with Facilities and Operations and got some great feedback. We'll be seeking some more feedback at various council meetings this weekend and hopefully have something finalized in the next week or so.

Athletics

The VPOF, the Director of Research and Political Affairs and I met to finish drafting the Memorandum of Agreement with the University on the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund. In the coming weeks, we will present the document to representatives from Athletics for feedback and hopefully for agreement on the document.

I would like to mention that our teams are doing particularly well currently and I encourage all of you to check out some of the games this weekend, as they may be the some of the last regular home games some of them play. For the schedule of events, check <http://www.bears.ualberta.ca/Schedules.aspx>.

Finally, the PotSU and I attended the Athletics and Recreation Fee Advisory Committee to discuss up-to-date information on the fee and to get general updates from the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation and its various units.

Council on Student Affairs

COSA met to review some new and upcoming projects, including the potential changes to the Code of Student Behaviour relating to student groups, the SUB Renovations Project, and the new hazing videos that the Office of Student Judicial Affairs has put together called Hazed and Confused. A number of councilors and prominent members of the community are in those videos and I encourage everyone to have a quick look at some of them, as they are entertaining and have a very important message for our students.

General Faculties Council

A number of interesting issues were raised at GFC, including the latest report to come out of the Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights and potential changes to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. More importantly, the President and Chair of GFC addressed a number of concerns raised at the last meeting of GFC, including the conduct of certain members in suppressing questions during Question Period and the issue of raising important advocacy issues during Question Period.

Other

Meeting with the Office of the Registrar

The Executives met with members of the Office of the Registrar to get an update on the Student Connect project and to discuss topics of interest in our respective portfolios. I recommend with rigour to the next executive to continue to meet with representatives from the Office of the Registrar to discuss issues of importance to students, as they have been extremely receptive and supportive.

VPSL/VPSA/VPI Conference Call

The VPSL equivalents from SAIT, ULeth, UCSU, and USSU had a quick phone chat to discuss an upcoming student-run conference regarding Mental Health and to setup another meeting to discuss a few other issues including FNMI issues, new International student issues, and commuter student spaces among other things. I'm looking forward to collaborating with other SU's on various projects to expand the reach of our projects and get different perspectives on current programming and advocacy.

If you have any other questions, please ask during council, stop by the office in SUB, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca.

Saadiq Sumar
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January 31, 2013

To: Students' Council 2012-2013

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

Hello Council,

It feels like forever since we last met! Please see below for a report of my activities over the past two weeks.

I. Bookstore Strategic Plan Submission

I've submitted a report with 17 recommendations to the Bookstore as part of their strategic planning process. The submission includes data from surveys and focus groups, research of major North American campus bookstores, and realistic recommendations to help reduce the cost of academic materials on campus. It was positively received by the Bookstore Director, and circulated to staff, some senior administrators, and members of the Bookstore Advisory Group.

II. Subcommittee on the Status of USRIs

The Committee on the Learning Environment recently approved the terms of reference for a Subcommittee on the Status of USRIs. The SU VPA is a member of this subcommittee, which has a mandate to provide recommendations on how the USRI instrument should be best used as a formative and summative teaching evaluation tool.

III. International Learning Certificate

The Academic Standards Committee recently approved a certificate open to all students which recognizes their participation in global education programs, cross-cultural competency, and interest in global issues.

Sincerely,



Dustin Chelen

February 1st, 2013

To: Students' Council

From: Petros Kusmu, Vice President External 2012-2013

Re: Report to Council Committee (for February 5th, 2013 Meeting)

Hello Council! Unlike past reports, I'll keep this one relatively short and sweet.

I. Ignite Conference + Councillor McGinn's Question

Things are coming along swiftly. I've been putting in a tremendous amount of work into this conference and it'll get even heavier in the weeks to come. A lot of the effort is now being focused on the second day of the conference. Speaking of the second day, Councillor McGinn asked me the following question:

What are your feelings about charging students \$75 for a conference that features a discussion on "Financial barriers and access // Who pays for PSE?" ? Is there a reason that a cheaper option for students is not being offered? Could there have been measures taken to set up a fund for individuals whose finances were a barrier to having their voice heard at this conference?

Just to clear things up, the summit (Day Two of the Conference; Friday, February 22nd) isn't an "open-invite" for just anybody to attend. The conference's steering committee has decided that to have meaningful discussions with all the stakeholders involved in post-secondary education (PSE), a workable group size is needed. As a result, we're targeting approximately 100 attendees that represent a diverse range of backgrounds. The student representation will consist of student leaders from various student associations across the province.

Now, at this point, one may be asking, "Well how can a regular student get engaged in what they think the future of PSE should look like in this province?" Glad you asked! Ignite is more than a conference, it is an overall engagement plan. After the conference, student associations are tasked with consulting our constituents on some of the topics and things raised at the conference. This will take place via townhall meetings, focus groups, surveys, and etc. Engaging in this part of the conference is *free*, so financial barriers won't prevent anyone from providing their feedback. All of this information will be collected and compiled in a post-conference report for the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education sometime next year (meaning that next year's VP External will have to finish this task).

Also, if you're interested in volunteering for Ignite, please check out www.IgniteAlberta.ca for more information!!!

II. Student Work Programs

Things are coming along great on this end! Adam Woods (the External Policy & Information Officer) has spent a fair amount of work researching into provincial work programs and we have a policy that is ready to be brought forward the Policy Committee next week. I'm hoping to use this policy for not only the UASU, but for the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. That way next year's VPX can get the ball going on provincial and federal advocacy on this issue!

III. Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees (MNIFs)

We've actually picked up an unbelievable amount of interest on this from the Minister. He's clearly expressed that he wants to get a consultative framework from CAUS on how we think MNIFs should be implemented. He has expressed to us on numerous occasions that he is very supportive of students and wants to put an end to this issue once and for all during his term.

IV. Dormitory Property Taxes

In addition to the municipal and provincial lobbying that I continue to do on this front (i.e. I had a meeting Councillor Sohi this week), I'm also working towards a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University's Facilities & Operations and the Students' Union. I'm still consulting with residence associations on what they would like to see in this MoU and this consultation process should wrap up by February 8th.

V. Premier Budget Cuts + Townhall

In case you haven't noticed, the Premier of Alberta is really trying to communicate to Albertans that the province is going through incredibly tough fiscal times. Whether you completely buy it or not, there are real concerns that Enterprise and Advanced Education may see drastic cuts. Keep your eyes posted.

VI. Gateway Report Card

Now I don't want to comment too much on my report card from the Gateway. But I felt like it was necessary to highlight two of the biggest things that I have done this year that got absolutely no mention:

- a. Changing provincial law (i.e. Elections Act), and
- b. Hosting a one-of-a-kind PSE conference and engagement plan (i.e. Ignite Conference)

If you have any relevant questions, ideas, or interesting thoughts, don't hesitate to give me a shout.

Signing off,



Petros Kusmu

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