

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
ETLC E1-018

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2013-10)

### 2013-10/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-10/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

2013-10/1b Selection of Council Scholarship Winners

### 2013-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-10/2a Dean of Students Initiatives and Goals, Presented by Dr. Frank Robinson, Dean of Students. Sponsored by Dustin Chelen, VP Academic.

The Vice Provost and Dean of Students plays an important role in maintaining a positive relationship between students and the University of Alberta, providing students with services they need. Dr. Frank Robinson, Dean of Students since 2010 will present on the priorities and key issues for his office over the coming year. These include mental health initiatives, new residence life programming, and a review of student group policies.

2013-10/2b Class Talk Initiative- Presented by Councillor Binczyk. Sponsored by Councillor Binczyk/William Lau, VP Student Life

This presentation will provide Councilors with more information on the logistics of the Class Talk Initiative. Presentation development and delivery, timelines, and associated procedures will be discussed. Implementation of the initiative will be partially demonstrated through the actions already undertaken by the Science Faculty representatives. After the presentation, Councilors will have the opportunity to express their opinions, ask questions, and make further decisions regarding the initiative.

2013-10/2c University of Alberta Budget Primer 2.0 Presented by Petros Kusmu, Dustin Chelen, and Adam Woods. Sponsored by Petros Kusmu.  
In advance of the presentation by the University of Alberta Provost and Vice President (Academic) Dr. Martin Ferguson-Pell, the SU will present on recent developments in the University's budget plans. This presentation will cover the University's timeline, budgetary measures taken since the summer, and other important information related to the University's budget situation.

2013-10/2d Progress to Date and Future Plans for the Students' Union Video - Presented by Jessica Nguyen. Sponsored by William Lau.

Mention was made this past summer of creating a Students' Union Video to show students what the is Students' Union is all about. This presentation will allow for an outline of progress to date, future plans, as well as an opportunity for Students' Council to provide feedback and to become involved in the project.

- 2013-10/2e** APIRG Presentation- Presented by the APIRG staff. Sponsored by Councillor Batal.
- APIRG (The Alberta Public Interest Research Group) is an incredible resource based at the University of Alberta for student- and community-based research, education and social activism. We provide the administrative, informational and technological resources to help student working groups to transform social concern into effective action. In this presentation we will give an overview of the organization, including our mandate, our structure, our funding sources, the services/support we provide, and upcoming events/deadlines import to the undergraduate student body.
- 2013-10/3** **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 2013-10/3a** Executive Committee Report
- Please see document SC 13-10.01
- 2013-10/4** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 2013-10/5** **QUESTION PERIOD**
- 2013-10/6** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
- 2013-10/7** **GENERAL ORDERS**
- 2013-10/7a** **NGUYEN/LE MOVES TO** appoint three (3) members of Students' Council to the Grant Allocation Committee.
- 2013-10/7b** **BORDEN MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Council Administration Committee
- 2013-10/8** **INFORMATION ITEMS**
- 2013-10/8a** CAC Summary Report
- Please see document SC 13-10.02
- 2013-10/8b** GAC Summary Report
- Please see document SC 13-10.03
- 2013-10/8c** Brent Kelly, BoG Report
- Please see document SC 13-10.04
- 2013-10/8d** Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report
- Please see document SC 13-10.05

- 2013-10/8e** Adam Woods, VP External- Report  
Please see document SC 13-10.06
- 2013-10/8f** Bashir Mohamed resignation from GAC  
Please see document SC 13-10.07
- 2013-10/8g** Stephanie Corbett resignation from GAC  
Please see document SC 13-10.08
- 2013-10/8h** ERC Summary Report  
Please see document SC 13-10.09
- 2013-10/8i** Raphael Mlynarski resignation from CAC  
Please see document SC 13-10.10
- 2013-10/8j** Audit Committee Summary Report  
Please see document SC 13-10.11
- 2013-10/8k** Eric Grehan resignation from GAC  
Please see document SC 13-10.12
- 2013-10/8l** Policy Committee Summary Report  
Please see document SC 13-10.13
- 2013-10/8m** Executive Goals Document Summary  
Please see document SC 13-10.14
- 2013-10/8n** Presidential Letter  
Please see document SC 13-10.15
- 2013-10/8o** Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report  
Please see document SC 13-10.16
- 2013-10/8p** William Lau, VP Student Life- Report  
Please see document SC 13-10.17

**July 17**

LE/LAU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve \$2410.00 from their individual budgets to attend the SUDS Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia on from August 8-11, 2013.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**July 26**

LAU/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee on behalf of the Students' Union endorse a statement of support for a Wellness Foundation in Alberta.

**3/0/2 CARRIED**

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$2800 for the purpose of the Be Booksmart Campaign.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**August 6**

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the job description for the Discover Governance Manager.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$2433.00 for the purpose of Faculty Association relationship building.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

CHELEN/KUSMU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$2000.00 for the purpose of commissioning a Diversity Centre research report.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

LE/CHELEN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the loan agreement between the University of Alberta Students' Union and the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society for \$10,000.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**August 7**

LE/LAU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a project allocation not to exceed \$2000.00 for the International Transition 2013 coffee break.

**4/0/1 CARRIED**

WOODS/LAU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a project allocation not to exceed \$3500.00 for the purpose of purchasing University of Alberta, Students' Union tents.

**3/2/0 CARRIED**

**August 14**

LAU/LE MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$520 for the purpose of #UAlberta Temporary Tattoos.

**4/0/1 CARRIED**

CHELEN/KUSMU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$1314 for the purpose of sponsoring the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

**4/0/1 CARRIED**

CHELEN/KUSMU MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a projects allocation not to exceed \$250 for the purpose of a Students' Union Annual Report for various University Administrators.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED THAT the Executive Committee appoints Petros Kusmu to be on the Students' Council Engagement Task Force.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**August 16**

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED that the Executive Committee suspend all of policy 2.05 for the purpose of the be book smart campaign.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

**August 27**

CHELEN/WOODS MOVED that the Executive Committee approve the revised CSD job description.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

LE/KUSMU MOVED that the Executive Committee approve a contingency fund allocation not to exceed \$1100 for the purpose of Safewalk police information checks.

**4/0/0 CARRIED**



# COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: August 27<sup>th</sup> 2013*

*Time: 5.01 pm*

2013 – 2014

## **Motions**

1.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for August 27, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>3/0/0</i>
6.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	



# COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 10<sup>th</sup> 2013

Time: 5.04 pm

2013 – 2014

## Motions

1.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for September 10, 2013 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
2.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for August 27, 2013 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 3/0/4
3.	<i>MILLS</i> moved that <i>CAC recommends to council to suspend Standing Orders to allow the fall retreat to happen no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/0
4.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0





# GRANT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: August 29<sup>th</sup> 2013*

*Time: 5.08 pm*

2013 – 2014 *MEETING 7*

## **Motions**

1.	<i>LAU moved to approve the agenda for August 29, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
2.	<i>LAU moved to approve the minutes for August 1, 2013 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
3.	<i>NGUYEN moved to approve the minutes for August 15, 2013 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 3/0/1</i>
4.	<i>HODGSON moved that the Grant Allocation Committee adopt the revised Standing Orders as attached.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
5.	<i>LE moved to adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council

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Hey Council,

Before I proceed with my report, I would like to acknowledge that our university and our Students'

Union are on Indigenous land. Specifically: Cree, Saulteaux, Metis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Siou.

They are faculty, staff, students, family, and friends, and they are still here. I acknowledge that we

meet on treaty 6 territory. That treaty governs the relationship between first-nations and non-first

nations citizens. I am thankful for this opportunity for us to meet on this land today. This statement

will be included at the front of my report to council until either the time that my term ends, or

Council moves to makes a similar statement available for public viewing.

The campus is once again buzzing with activity as a new semester begins. I'm feeling reinvigorated

by the energy that the new school year has brought. Relatively little to report on the BoG front;

there haven't been any meetings of the BoG since last Council. More meetings are scheduled now

that the fall semester has started, so I will be getting progressively busier with meetings as the

semester goes on. I'll have more updates for you as those meetings come along. Other than that,

looking forward to seeing you all in Council on Tuesday.

In Solidarity,

**Brent Kelly**

Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative 2013-2014 | [University of Alberta Students' Union](#)

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September 5, 2013

To: Students' Council 2013-2014

Re: Report of the Vice President Academic

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Hello Council,

Below you'll find an update of my activities from the past two weeks.

### **I. Be Book Smart**

On August 28, the SU launched its reinvigorated Be Book Smart campaign. First held in 2008, the campaign features advertisements located near the Bookstore encouraging students to consider alternatives to purchasing new textbooks. Orientation participants were also given bookmarks and information on ways to save money. My hope is that [www.bebooksmart.ca](http://www.bebooksmart.ca) will become a hub of information for students and staff who care about reducing the burdensome costs of textbooks. I'm now working on reaching out to instructors to encourage them to think differently about how they use textbooks.

### **II. Special COFA Advocacy Working Group Meeting**

I held a special meeting with Faculty Association leaders to share information and discuss the University's budget situation. FAs provided the SU with valuable advice surrounding the Government's letter of expectation, which we will share with the University. Each FA has unique needs when it comes to protecting their students from the budget cuts, but they collectively agreed on a few important principles. First, FAs should have access to more detailed data about where the University spends its money. Second, they should be briefed on the process by which next year's budget cuts are determined well in advance of a final decision. Third, the SU should play a role in supporting their advocacy efforts and helping them reach out to their members. I'll be working over the next few weeks to advance their needs based on these principles.

### **III. New Manager of Discover Governance**

I'm pleased to announce that the SU has hired Rebecca Taylor as the Manager of Discover Governance. In her role, Rebecca will coordinate the Student Governance Centre located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Students' Union Building. Discover Governance will play a greater role in coordinating efforts to enhance the effectiveness of student representatives, collaborate more closely with those involved in SU governance, and will be better equipped to link student representatives to the information they need.



#### IV. Miscellaneous

I participated in Orientation, Clubs Fair, and Week of Welcome activities over the past week. I attended meetings of GFC Exec, TBAC-MBAC, the Committee on the Learning Environment, the Academic Standards Committee Subcommittee on Standards, the Student Financial Aid Task Force, and the SU-Registrar's Office working group. Lastly, I had a number of meetings with University executives including the President, Provost, and VP University Relations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at 780-492-4236, or email me at [vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca).

Sincerely,



Dustin Chelen

September 6, 2013

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Council (for September 10 meeting)

**Introduction**

Hello Council,

This report will be brief, given that the majority of the Exec's attention over the past week has been focused on Orientation, Week of Welcome, and just generally welcome students to school. With that being said, there are a few things I'd like to update you on.

**Municipal Election Campaign:**

I once again met with the representatives from the City of Edmonton Elections office to once again go over the game plan for October 17<sup>th</sup>. A few additions since the last time I spoke to Council about this; first off you may volunteer to work a voting station if you are working on a campaign, however you must not be visibly associated with said campaign. This means no door knocking, handing out leaflets, or anything in which you've been seen with a candidate. Answering phones, packing letters, and the kinds of activities that would normally take place in the campaign office are acceptable. I also have a sheet from the City of Edmonton indicating what students need to present to vote. I will provide copies of this sheet at Council.

I want to again emphasize the importance of having volunteers helping to work the voting stations. We're only down one and require six more. If we do not get the volunteers, the voting station will not be able to run and the City of Edmonton will not provide us with one in the future. If you're Tuesday/Thursday schedule doesn't have any must attend classes, and you aren't visibly associated with this campaign, you should be offering your services as a volunteer. The SU needs your help, and as Councilors you should answer the call.

**Advocacy Meetings:**

I took part in three advocacy meetings last week, two federal and one provincial. Federally, I met with Minister Tim Uppal on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> in order to go over CASA's pre budget submission. The meeting went fairly well, with Minister Uppal showing support towards the student loan and grant aimed asks that CASA is pursuing this year. Unfortunately he was not as receptive towards other issues we brought up, however all in all it was a good meeting.

The Executive as a whole also met with Linda Duncan, campuses MP, to go over CASA's pre budget submission and catching up. Mrs. Duncan was also receptive to our student loan related asks, and this is a very positive thing, showing that parties on both sides of Parliament are willing to support this issue. One of the discussions we had involved NDP leader Thomas Mulcair's upcoming tour across campus. The prospect of him stopping off at the U of A for a conversation with students was suggested, and the SU will be working to make this happen sometime in October or November.

Finally, I met with MLA Ken Lemke at his office in Stony Plain. We went over the CAUS advocacy document, and yet again there was general agreement in the principles. As has been the trend with PC MLA's, there was traction surrounding tuition and mandatory non-instructional fees, and in this case slight agreement on student bursaries and student employment. It certainly appears that our PSLA related financial asks are popular with the government at this time.

Lastly, well not technically a lobby meeting, President Kusmu and I met with Eldon McIlwain, who works in Minister Lukaszuk's office. We discussed a wide variety of topics, including the PSLA, the financial


consultants, and the current budgetary situation. We emphasized our displeasure towards the cuts, and stated that the quality of education is clearly being affected at the U of A. With that being said, we still had a very positive discussion. In terms of the financial consultants, we were told these are simply recommendations and that the findings of the report will be made public. As I stated earlier, so long as the process is completely transparent, I would argue that there's nothing wrong with an extra set of eyes on the U of A's current fiscal situation.

**CASA:**

I will just briefly say that we are gearing up for the Wall of Debt Campaign to occur on the week of October 15-18. At this time, the plan for the campaign is being finalized and I will have more details for Council available at a later time. I will once again stress that this will be an event that is going to require a lot of volunteers if its to be successful, so once I have everything finalized I will be asking for Councilors to volunteer to help with the Wall during the week.

That is all I have to report at this time,

Thank you for your time,



**Adam Woods**

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Hello,

I am resigning from GAC. I hope the funds are allocated in a equitable and needs based way.

Regards,

Bashir

Hello,

I talked to Jessica the chair of GAC and unfortunately need to resign from GAC.

Thanks,

Stephanie Corbett





# ELECTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

Time: 2.08 pm

2013 – 2014

## Motions

1.	<i>SPEAKMAN</i> moved to <i>nominate BANISTER as ERC representative to the Council Engagement Task Force.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 3/0/0
2.	<i>SPEAKMAN</i> moved to <i>move section 15 of bylaw 2400 to bylaw 2200, and move section 16 of bylaw 2400 to bylaw 2300.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
3.	<i>SPEAKMAN</i> moved to <i>add an item to the agenda regarding the discrepancy in bylaws about when the by-election occurs.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
4.	<i>MORRIS</i> moved to <i>change part (4) of section 16 in bylaw 2400 from “11 days” to “9 days”.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
5.	<i>ZENG</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 3/0/0



# ELECTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Motions</b>		
1.	<i>BANISTER</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for September 11, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
2.	<i>BANISTER</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for September 06, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
3.	<i>SPEAKMAN</i> moved to <i>accept the amended sections of bylaws as recommendations, for the bylaw committee or council to adopt.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 4/0/0
4.	<i>BANISTER</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 3/0/0
<i>Date: September 11<sup>th</sup> 2013</i>		<i>Time: 3.15 pm</i>
		2013 – 2014

Hello Council,

Due to my involvement in extracurricular activities and need to maintain a balance between academics and other commitments, I must scale back the amount of time dedicated to SU committees.

I feel that I am not able to dedicate the attention and time necessary to be an effective member of the Council Administration Committee. By vacating this position I hope it will go towards someone who can give the time it deserves and focus on unifying council and making this year a truly awesome one.

I will continue to sit on Students' Council as a full-time member but resign my position on CAC effective Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Kind Regards,

//electronically submitted//

Ralph Mlynarski

SU Councilor, School of Business



## AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **September 10<sup>th</sup> 2013**

Time: **4.02 pm**

2013 – 2014

### **Motions**

1.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the agenda for September 10, 2013 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
2.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>approve the minutes for June 25, 2013 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>
3.	<i>NGUYEN</i> moved to <i>adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>5/0/0</i>

Hi Craig,

I hereby resign from the Grant Allocation Meeting, effective September 18 at 11:59pm.

Eric Grehan



## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: **September 17, 2013**

Time: **6:10 pm**

2013 – 2014 **MEETING #10**

### **Motions**

1.	<b>MILLS</b> moved that <i>September 17 agenda be approved as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0
2.	<b>BATAL</b> moved that <i>August 20 minutes be approved as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 5/0/2
3.	<b>CHELEN</b> moved that <i>the meeting be adjourned.</i>	<i>CARRIED</i> 7/0/0



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**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS' UNION**  
EXECUTIVE GOALS

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# **Petros Kusmu**

## **PRESIDENT**

*The President is the primary spokesperson for the Students' Union. They are responsible for maintaining an awareness of major issues affecting students and shall supervise the overall administration of the Students' Union and coordination of the Executive Committee. As President, Petros will:*

### **IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE STUDENTS' UNION**

- *Explore Ways to Make Students' Council More Engaging:* Executives and Councillors need to work better with one another in finding ways to engage and empower each other and non-Councillors.
- *Expand Communications Outside of the Students' Union Building (SUB):* Continue to expand SUTV efforts and InfoLink kiosks beyond SUB, especially to Campus Saint-Jean and the Augustana Campus, and communicate to students more frequently via a periodic newsletter.

### **EXPLORE NEW IDEAS FOR THE STUDENTS' UNION TO PURSUE**

- *Explore Ways to Support Students in their Non-Profit and Entrepreneurial Pursuits:* Conduct a study on the possibility of an SU-initiative supporting students with non-profit and entrepreneurial pursuits, communicate to students existing non-profit and entrepreneurial opportunities, and find ways to partner with the University's newly created Venture Mentoring Service (VMS).
- *Reevaluate Student Group Funding:* Work with the SU's General Manager, Student Services Department and Student Group Services office on reevaluating whether there is adequate funding allocated for student group grants.
- *Pursue the Establishment of "One Week" Courses Prior to the Start of the Fall & Winter Semester:* Conduct greater research into the feasibility of the University of Alberta offering Block Week Courses (i.e. One Week Courses) and begin a dialogue with the University about it.
- *Fighting for International Students on Permanent Residency:* Continue to have CASA advocate the federal government to increase the annual number of accepted permanent residents in the CEC program and to expand the eligibility of the FSWC program's fast-track stream to undergraduate international students.

### **STAND UP FOR STUDENTS**

- *Fighting for Students in Residence—from Lister to HUB:* The SU should continue to assist the advocacy efforts of residence students while reestablishing trust with the university by working collaboratively with them on a number of issues.
- *Fight for the Regulation of Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees and Tuition:* Continue to lobby the provincial government to regulate MNIFs by working with CAUS and collaborating with other provincial student lobby organizations.



# William Lau

## VP STUDENT LIFE

*The Vice President (Student Life) advocates for a better experience outside the classroom for all undergraduate students at the University of Alberta. As VPSL, William will:*

### SUPPORT STUDENT HEALTH

- *Increased Support for a Zero-Cost Food Environment:* by making microwaves more accessible to encourage home-cooked meals.
- *A Friendlier Winter Quad:* by creating a spectacle to break the monotony of winter.
- *An Active Community Kitchen in PAW:* by exploring programming options around other institutions, conducting a needs assessment on the campus, and putting together a steering/advisory committee to design the optimal structure
- *Reassessing the Smoke-Free Environment Policy:* by revisiting SU policy to ensure that students are protected from second-hand smoke..

### ENHANCE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

- *Centralization of SU Social Media:* to meet students where they are at through a unified voice.
- *Optimizing Email Communications to Undergraduates:* to use preferred means of communication in a structured approach.
- *Strategic Collaboration with Students' Council:* to help Students' Union Council meet their goals of engaging their constituents.

### STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY ACTION

- *De-stigmatizing the Greek Community:* to promote participation in a highly engaged community that values mentorship and philanthropy.
- *Promoting University Athletics:* to strengthen the sense of unity in the campus community.
- *Connecting International Students:* to enhance the experience of international students in Canada while allowing domestic students to build cultural competency
- *Strengthening Relationships with Satellite Campuses:* to learn from each other's successes and failures, and work towards common goals.
- *Structured Programming around the Calendar:* to unify marketing of SU programming, and transition students to/from academics between semesters.

# Dustin Chelen

## VP ACADEMIC

*The Vice President (Academic) advocates for a better educational experience for all undergraduate students at the University of Alberta. As VPA, Dustin will:*

### FOCUS ON TEACHING AND LEARNING QUALITY

- **Increase the Profile of Teaching:** by better promoting quality teaching at University events and through the U of A webpage.
- **Prompt Investment in the Centre for Teaching and Learning:** Advocating for increased investment in the Centre, including more staff to train professors and enhanced space.
- **Establish Student Attributes:** the student outcomes of a University degree as being the focus of new and redeveloped programs
- **Review the Evaluation of Teaching:** through redeveloping University teaching evaluation policy and providing supervisors with different options when reviewing a professor's teaching.

### FIGHT RISING TEXTBOOK COSTS

- **Communicate Textbook Alternatives:** that will save students money to students and staff at the beginning of the year.
- **Reform the Textbook Ordering Process:** and ensuring that most professors have access to information about the cost of textbooks before placing an order
- **Link Libraries and the Bookstore:** With the new Chief Librarian, enhancing the ability of the University library to supplement in-class learning.
- **Increase the Availability of eBooks:** by following up on the proposed new eTextbook shelf

### EMPOWER STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- **Build a Student Governance Centre:** on the 6th floor of SUB to provide more support, training, and information to student representatives
- **Fill Representative Vacancies:** through a streamlined Council Nominating Committee.
- **Connect Representatives with Students:** Brainstorm ways to connect the average student with their representatives on Faculty Associations and Students' Council.
- **Defend Against Governance Reform:** proposed by the U of A President, to ensure that the student voice is enshrined and enhanced as a key part of the development of the University of Alberta.
- **Change How Administrators Treat Student Representatives:** by creating an annual report and presentation that demonstrates the diversity and importance of our undergraduate student body.

# Adam Woods

## VP EXTERNAL

*The Vice President External is responsible for Students' Union relations with government and the larger community. As VPX, Adam will:*

### FIGHT FOR MORE AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

- *The Post Secondary Learning Act has been opened:* this presents an opportunity for great improvements. We must work with other student partners and the provincial government to have the tuition cap concretely planted in legislation. We must also work towards solidifying a process for student approval around mandatory non-instructional fees, and what constitutes tuition as compared to additional services.

### INCREASE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

- *Create a new student employment program:* The youth unemployment rate in Alberta is almost double the average, and Alberta's only student focused summer employment program was recently cut. In order to combat the loss of 3000 student jobs, we must work with the government in the development of a new students employment program. In addition, we must start a conversation with the government surrounding a student's ability to earn their education, and finding employment after a degree is completed.

### FOCUS ON STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

- *The well being of students must be a key focus of our organization:* Mental Health has been one of the most significant challenges students are facing today in post secondary education, and it must be ensured that adequate resources are made available to address these issues. The provincial government recently made a 3 million dollar contribution to the institution earmarked for student mental health. This funding needs to remain continuous, as the threat it was made to address will not be solved in only a few years.

### INCREASE STUDENT PARTICIPATION

- *Students must be involved in communication with the government:* this year, there will be increased student participation in the External Advocacy Team, assisting in lobbying MLA's and MP's. I will also raise campus awareness around the upcoming Municipal election to increase student participation in local government.

# Josh Le

## VP OPERATIONS & FINANCE

*The VP Operations and Finance is responsible for managing the SU's more than ten million dollar budget. As VPOF, Josh will:*

### IMPROVE STUDENT BUILDINGS

- **Lead Students' Union Building Renovations:** SUB is undergoing a major renovation to match and exceed the growing needs of students and stakeholders.
- **Physical Activity & Wellness Centre Construction:** Students are contributing \$30 million of the \$60 million for the PAW Centre construction. The SU is responsible for the community kitchen concept, as well as the food/beverage and retail space.
- **Determine Future of the North Power Plant:** The University prepared a concept document for the North Power Plant. The document will be carefully reviewed and responded to with the Students' Union's vision for the building.

### IMPROVE SU BUSINESSES

- **Build the foundations of success for The Daily Grind:** The Daily Grind is a new SU owned and operated coffee concept.
- **Restart Room At The Top:** RATT is undergoing a major kitchen renovation to improve the product offerings and increase opportunities for success.
- **Create a Business Advisory Group:** The Business Advisory Group will harness the skills, talents, and creativity of business-minded students to analyze and develop recommendations for the business units in conjunction with the managers and VPOF.

### FOCUS ON FEE MANAGEMENT

- **Dedicated Fee Unit Review:** The structure of dedicated fees within the SU is not well defined, which has caused issues in the past. A task force will clarify these issues

### STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE STUDENTS' UNION

- **Create Communications Strategic Plan:** The Communications Strategic Plan will develop a strategic approach for the Students' Union to effectively communicate with its stakeholders.
- **Create Framework for Semesterly Financial Reporting:** Financial reports are typically not engaging. I will explore whether they can be packaged in an informative and engaging format for our stakeholders.

### UPDATE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

- **Operating Policy Review:** The Operating Policy was last updated on April 29, 2011 and it needs to be updated to reflect current practices and clarify ambiguous areas.
- **Inter-Students' Union VP Operations & Finance Collaboration:** I will reach out to the VP Operations & Finances from different Students' Unions across the country to develop a network to collaborate and share best practices between organizations.



# President

*Representing over 30,000 undergraduate students is no easy challenge. A complex web of provincial legislation along with Students' Union political policies, bylaws, operating policies, and practices makes the SU what it is today: a \$14 million organization that advocates, runs businesses, operates a building, and provides services for undergraduate students at the University of Alberta.*

One of the things that makes this such an unbelievably impressive organization is the fact that the reset button is pushed every twelve months, as the organization receives a slate of new executives with new goals and ideas to improve the Students' Union. The fresh-faces, reinvigorating energy, and bursting passion from newly elected officials is the annual reseeded that ensures that the SU remains fresh and relevant. It is what allows us to grow as an organization and it is what allows us to continuously make the student experience for each generation better than what it once was.

This document contains our hopes to build on top of the work of our predecessors and our desires to plant the seeds of change with inno-

vative and boundary-pushing ideas. The caveat with all of this, of course, is that we are given only 365 days to do so.

While executives have to adhere to a set of political policies and principles set by Students' Council, individual goals have traditionally been independent from one another. This year, however, our executive has decided that the best way to execute our executive goals is to explicitly work in tandem with one another. Doing so requires a set of themed goals for which our team will work towards as a whole.

The following are our five overarching executive themes for this year.

Petros Kusmu

## **Executive Themes:**

- **AFFORDABILITY** – *Ensuring the affordability of the university experience, from tuition and food costs to textbook prices.*
- **MAXIMIZING THE STUDENT POTENTIAL** – *Finding ways to maximize the student experience at the U of A.*
- **COMMUNICATIONS** – *Improving communications, especially with the SU's stakeholders, is a priority. While our key stakeholders are our students and their representatives in Students' Council and their respective Faculty Associations, we also want to ensure that we improve communications with the University Administration, the various levels of government and our partner organizations.*
- **INCLUSIVITY** – *The Executive Committee this year wants to make campus a more inclusive place in two aspects. First and foremost, we want to ensure that barriers to participation on campus are reduced, especially for marginalized and excluded groups/individuals. Secondly, we want students more included in all aspects of campus—from having more students involved in the varsity-side of campus to making campus more gender-inclusive.*
- **STUDENT HEALTH** – *This year we want to continue previous efforts to combat challenges to student health. This involves efforts within the SU, as well as working with both the University and the Government (federal and provincial).*

September 20, 2013

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hello Council,

This report combines two reports due to the canceled meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Orientation and Week of Welcome**

The week preceding the start of class and the 1.5 weeks following the start of class have been exciting, invigorating, fun, and exhausting. My schedule's become a different kind of busy with students back on campus. I used this opportunity for to create a positive first impression of the Students' Union. I felt Orientation and the Week of Welcome are crucial times for setting the tone for the Students' Union's year by making a good impression on first year and returning students. It's a blank slate and I feel we did a good job. There's room for improvement on the communications side of things, but I will address that later in my report.

I want to highlight and thank the Centre for Student Development staff and Orientation volunteers for pulling off another successful Orientation, the Programming and Venues department for an amazing set of Week of Welcome activities, the Councillors who participated to help and put themselves in front of their constituents, the Marketing Department for working countless hours to putting together the visual identities for each piece, and my fellow Exec for working together to make a great first few weeks, and everyone else in the SU for pulling together for one of the busier times for the Students' Union.

A list of the Orientation and Week of Welcome events I attended over the 10 days:

- Transitions 2013: International Centre Orientation
- Basecamp BBQ: Lister Orientation
- Orientation 2013's Orientation Volunteer Training (2 days)
- Orientation (2 days)
  - o Sessions, Clubs Fair, every FA barbecue, Presidents' Address
- Week of Welcome (4 days):
  - o Pancake Breakfast (x2)
  - o Clubs Fair (x3)
  - o Main Stage (x3)
  - o Augustana Barbecue and hockey game: Bears vs. Vikings
  - o Taste of the U
  - o Headphone Disco
  - o Hypnotist Wayne Lee
  - o Comedy Night with Sammy Obeid

It was a long 10 day stretch, but it's great to have students back on campus. I encourage you to interact with your students more than just on the governance side, but also on the social side to facilitate the conversations when governance-related issues arise.

## **SUB Renovation**

SUB Renovation Committee meetings have shifted from weekly to biweekly meetings now that we're going through more of the construction phase. We're still doing preliminary site work on 89 Avenue in preparation for the bigger phases in the Spring. We will be doing work in the lower level of SUB during the Fall and Winter. We are still waiting for the government to approve the AFCA loan through an Order of Council. VP Woods is talking to government officials to get us on the agenda and we are optimistic it will happen soon.

## **Facilities Development Committee**

I participated in my first FDC meeting and it went by relatively well. The agenda was light with a presentation and motion for the University Hall Backfill Project Functional Program by the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation along with a discussion about the 63 Avenue/122 Street Design Update. In short, UHall will house more PER offices and programs because of design changes to the PAW Design last year. The 63 Avenue/122 Street design update talked about the layout design of the area by the South Campus LRT station. It was a light meeting, but the next one is looking to be more action-packed.

## **Grant Allocation Committee**

Councillor Nguyen graciously accepted the nomination at GAC to become the new chair. GAC is in good hands and look forward to her leadership as GAC chair.

## **Physical Activity and Wellness Centre**

The latest steering committee put many more action items on my list. We need to figure out the details for the community kitchen, the food/beverage space, and the retail space. The internal SU team will have more time to focus on PAW now that the SUB Renovations is transitioning into the construction phases.

## **International Student Town Hall**

I'm sure my fellow Execs will report more on this piece, but I'm excited to witness a piece of history with a group of International students getting fired up about common issues to potentially spark the often-discussed-but-never-created International Students' Association. I feel they have been



underrepresented by the University and the Students' Union, and the creation of an ISA would be a key part for advocating for specific International students' rights.

## **Faculty Association Dinners**

The SU Exec started off our first and second dinners with Faculty Associations starting with the Physical Education and Recreation Council of Students and the Engineering Students' Society. This is a great opportunity to meet student leaders and learn about their challenges and opportunities for the year. As before, I encourage you to connect with your Faculty Associations because they are a key source in knowing the pulse of the faculty's undergraduate students.

## **Long Range Development Plan**

VP Lau and I met for a focus group about the LRDP. The LRDP is a 30 year looking document outlining how development will be done at the U of A campuses. We focused specifically on North Campus (AKA Main Campus) for the focus group. There are some amendments happening this Fall and the focus group and open houses are a key consultation mechanism before recommending changes to the governance structures.

## **Venture Mentoring Service**

President Kusmu, VP Lau, and I met with the VMS Manager Ashlyn Bernier to discuss the plans of VMS and the University of Alberta and how the Students' Union can help participate. It is an exciting program to foster the entrepreneurial attributes in students with entrepreneurial U of A alumni. The program is still taking shape, but we will keep you posted with any updates.

## **Communications Strategic Plan**

The Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications, the Director of Research and Political Affairs, and I met to begin the conversation about the Communications Strategic Plan. The discussions are still preliminary, but the outlook is looking very positive. I will focus a good amount of time (weekly meetings) this semester in creating this document because I will take this on as my Business Coop project.

## **Dedicated Fee Unit Task Force**

The DFU Reps are almost chosen. The DFUs have shortlisted 3 candidates and the candidates have written a blurb to be chosen by the DFUs. The Task Force will begin shortly afterwards.

## **OPA! of Greece**

Our newest food court tenant, OPA!, opened up on August 30 at 9:45AM. Let the record show that I was the first paying customer ever. I brought the Gateway's EIC, Andrew Jeffrey, and Business Manager, Ryan Bromsgrove, along for the meal to fulfill and promise and as a sign of good faith between the two organizations.

Feel free to get in touch with me at 780-492-4236 or [vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am happy to meet with you if you would like to discuss any VPOF topics in detail.

Cheerio,

Josh Le

September 24th, 2013

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2013/2014

Re: Council Report of the Student Life Portfolio

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Dear Council,

The work is piling up, and I'm trying super duper hard to focus my efforts on two projects that I could complete by the end of my term. Of course, while balancing and maintaining all other aspects of the student life portfolio. The focus is on 1) the Community Kitchen in PAW, and 2) building towards an International Students' Association. Also, let me know what you think about this format of my Council Report – I will be organizing it according to the political policies I deal with.

### Engagement

- **Heroes for Health (H4H) Challenge** – Overlapping with the Health & Wellness policy, the H4H challenge is an amazing opportunity for students to join like-minded individuals to *build something*. All students with the ambition of improving campus could register, and would be sorted into groups to compile proposals surrounding a project idea that could create a healthier campus environment. The registration deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Green and Gold day** –Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, everyone is invited to wear Green and Gold. This will be the second large “campus pride” event this year (the first being the Presidents’ Address at the end of Orientation). The goal is to have everyone wear their school colours and to gather the community together for a group picture. We are currently still sorting out the perks that the SU will provide. So far, it looks something like free coffee at the Daily Grind from 7-10pm, a lunch special (20% off) at L’Express, followed by (potentially) green and gold beers at RATT in the evening. These specials would only be offered to customers wearing Green and Gold ;)
- **Council Outreach** – WOW Pancake Breakfast and Clubs Fair was quite successful! Thanks to all of you that came out for helping! If you have any feedback on the Clubs Fair table, please forward them to CAC to be passed on to next year’s council. For Councillor portraits, all portraits have been collected, and VP Le will be working with our marketing department to put together a poster/banner to promote by-elections. As for Unitea, David has been busy with wrapping up his work, and we are currently trying to find another time to meet to wrap up training resources. The video that was to be distributed for class talks has been difficult to plan

while balancing other projects, and it is now in the hands of Councillor Nguyen, who will be presenting to Council at this meeting to provide updates as well as another call out to Councillors that may want to be involved.

- Athletic Tailgate Party – postponed from September 21<sup>st</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us adequate time to promote the event. This will also be a great opportunity to partner with the Alumni Association, who is planning to use that game to introduce International Students to hockey. Regular meetings are now being scheduled to make sure that planning does not fall behind.
- Programming and Venues Department – they have been super busy after WOW simply with cleanup. Besides that, they have short term planning for Comedy Nights, Movie Nights, Singer/Songwriter Series, as well as longer term planning for Campus Cup in November and Break The Record..... : P

## **Food**

Farmers' Market will be taking place in SUB again every two Thursdays, with the next one on the 26<sup>th</sup>! I have received a list of programming options from our research department, and am meeting with F&O on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> to look over limitations of the Community Kitchen – more specifically, its proximity to bookable spaces in PAW as well as its proximity to loading zones, which will have a large impact on how the space could be used.

Furthermore, I have heard that all microwaves in CAB are dysfunctional. I am working as quickly as possible to get new microwaves installed. Also, I have been pushing Facilities and Operations to release their Sustainable Food Report. I will be meeting with the project lead in the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and will keep you posted.

## **Health and Wellness**

For mental health, I have been meeting Jason Murray, one of the Mental Health Centre's psychologists, to chat about his ideas for mental health outreach. I have connected his project (Positive U) to both potential volunteers and funding opportunities. Positive U aims to build open spaces on campus for conversation around mental health. They want to open up and broaden the topic of mental health to

raise awareness about how simple it can be to create a healthy environment. A large part of the project will be to identify, tag, and reward positive behaviours and activities that are currently going on.

I have also contacted Campus Recreation and have met with them as we both share a vision of increasing team sports on campus. I am currently hassling F&O for a list of available dates/times in October that could be blocked off for Sports Clubs to book.

### **Internationalization**

Over and over, I'm hearing that support for International students seems to simply diminish after Transitions Orientation. Although I am aware that the support is there, just less "in their face", it shows that there are changes to be made.

As for the International Student Peer Program, I had included a direct link in my upcoming newsletter blurb (even though it is not a SU service) in hopes to help recruit more domestic students to help mentor international students.

Most of my efforts surrounding International students are currently targeted towards:

1. International Student Tuition – I am supporting a group of international students that want to spread the following key messages:
  - a. International students pay 2-3x higher tuition than domestic students (International Differential fee)
  - b. International students in "professional programs" get hit twice, with their market modifiers also multiplied
  - c. They also don't have a say in (and also don't know) how their dollars are being spent
  - d. Goal: Fair and transparent international student tuition; Action: Sign a petition to request specific asks from the University (specific asks not yet confirmed)
2. Building an International Students' Association (ISA) – I will be reviewing a few potential organizational structures with a group of international students to find one that may fit the structures in place at the U of A. In the meantime, I am aiming to meet with two international student groups each week to hear their thoughts on an ISA. I have already collected feedback

from the Indian Students' Association and the Chinese Students and Scholars' Association this week.

3. Strengthening domestic-international student interactions – I am supporting a pair of domestic students that wish to launch a campaign in January to promote domestic-international student interactions. The campaign would build-up to a launch of a documentary during International week to support a similar message.
4. International Student Issues Town Hall – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. An open forum to discuss international student issues.

### **Public Transit**

With the pushback of Council's by-elections, the DSA U-Pass referendum is also pushed back.

Fortunately, the DSA actually prefers the election dates of October 24-25, allowing them enough time to raise the concern with their constituents.

In response to the City's written response turning down any action related to a U-Pass holder's failure to provide Proof of Payment, the SU is currently drafting a public response to address 1) the City's response, and 2) what students should do.

As for the state of the U-Pass subsidy, there are no new updates.

### **Sustainability**

N/A

Cheers,

William Lau

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-09)

### 2013-09/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-09/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2013

### 2013-09/2 PRESENTATIONS

**KUSMU/GRULKE MOVE TO** Special Order item 2013-09/2c to be dealt with immediately

**Motion: CARRIED**

2013-09/2c SUB Renovation Update sponsored by Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance

General Manager Marc Dumouchel will provide an update about the SUB Renovation project highlighting major details since the last formal update in May with a roadmap entering the new school year.

2013-09/2a The SU's Gender Based Violence Prevention Project (GBVPP)- Presented by Melanie Alexander. Sponsored by President Kusmu.

The SU's Gender Based Violence Prevention Project (GBVPP) and other groups on campus (such as ISMSS and OUTreach) have been advocating for Gender-Inclusive Washrooms (GIW) for the past year. Recently, they have published an "all-gender washroom campus map" and they are interested in transforming one of the bathrooms in SUB to a GIW one. In doing so, they are interested in hearing from Students' Council on how they should consult with the campus community to create a political impetus for this proposal.

2013-09/2b Law Student Tuition, Presented by Scott Meyer, VP External, Law Students' Association. Sponsored by Dustin Chelen

The LSA is the Faculty Association for students in Law. As part of their advocacy efforts, they are interested in exploring whether or not higher tuition would be in the best interests of law students. This presentation will provide council with information on their perspective, and be an opportunity for discussion before the LSA seeks Council's approval to advocate in contradiction to SU political policy.

**MOHAMED/BINCZYK MOVED TO** suspend the relevant standing orders to

increase the presentation time by 15 minutes.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**MOHAMED/SCHIAVONE MOVED TO** suspend the relevant standing orders to increase the presentation time by 15 minutes.

**Motion: FAILED**

2013-09/7

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2013-09/7a

**HODGSON/ZENG MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to Bylaw Committee.

Nominations: Schiavone

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Schiavone

Automatic Recess at 8:05pm

Meeting called back to order at 8:20pm

2013-09/3

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dustin Chelen, VP Academic- Report

Adam Woods, VP External- Report

Petros Kusmu, President- Report

Josh Le, VP Operations and Finance- Report

William Lau, VP Student Life- Report

2013-09/4

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Kareema Batal, Policy Committee Chair- Report

Josh Le, BFC Chair- Report

William Lau, CAC Proxy- Report

2013-09/5

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period extended 15 minutes.

2013-09/6

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2013-09/6a

**HODGSON/DOUGLAS move that**, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #1 in first reading based on the following principles:

1. *Conflict of interest includes any situation where an impartial observer*



*may reasonably question whether the actions or decisions of a member of council were influenced by their personal or financial interests, given a divergence between those interests and their obligations to Students' Council.*

*2. Members of Council determined to be in a conflict of interest via the flowchart must refrain from voting. They must choose to recuse themselves from debate or declare any conflict of interest to Council prior to debate.*

*3. Members of Council appointed as a Students' Council representative to the board of a DFU represent the interests of the Students' Union, not that Dedicated Fee Unit. As such, they may freely vote on and discuss issues related to that DFU.*

*4. Students' Council recognizes that most inappropriate conduct related to conflict of interest issues is not malicious, and commits itself to resolving conflict of interest issues informally and at the earliest possible step. (See the attached flowchart for proposed procedures.)*

Speaker list: Hodgson, Batal, Speakman, Woods

**Motion: CARRIED**

2013-09/6b

**HODGSON/DOUGLAS move that**, upon the recommendation of Bylaw committee, Students' Council approve Bill #2 in first reading based on the following principles:

- 1. Students' Council will have a standing committee titled the "Nominating Committee"*
- 2. The Nominating Committee will be subject to the rules current Council standing committees are subject to.*
- 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the VPA, VPX, and 5 members of Council.*
- 4. The Nominating Committee shall have a quorum of 5 members.*
- 5. The Nominating Committee shall solicit and review applications and recommend the appointment of students-at-large on GFC, GFC subcommittees, University advisory committees, University executive hiring committees, and the Senate.*
- 6. The Nominating Committee shall only recommend the appointment of students to GFC when vacancies still exist after the election.*

*7. The Nominating Committee has the authority to determine the application process and criteria.*

*8. The Council Administration Committee shall relinquish its role in Senate student appointments*

Speakers List: Hodgson, Chelen, Speakman, Kusmu

**MEMBER/MEMBER** Called to question

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

2013-09/6c

**CHELEN/WOODS MOVE THAT** Students' Council, on the recommendation of the Policy Committee approve the Students in Governance policy in second reading, based on the following principles:

1. *Students are best represented by other students*
2. *The University has a number of undergraduate student representatives as part of their governance structure*
3. *Student representative activities add to the workload of the normal student.*
4. *Students in governance should be treated fairly and equitably.*
5. *Students in governance should have access to training, support, and academic accommodations when representative duties conflict with classes*
6. *Student representative positions should not be eliminated*
7. *The Students' Union should actively promote the necessity and value of including undergraduate student representatives in University decision-making.*
8. *The Students' Union should endeavor to increase student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups.*
9. *Undergraduate student associations are autonomous organizations that exist to advocate for the students they represent.*
10. *Faculty and department support is appreciated by the Students' Union and student organizations.*

Speakers List: Hodgson, Chelen, Woods, Kusmu

**KUSMU/SPEAKMAN MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:

**STUDENTS IN GOVERNANCE POLICY**

WHEREAS undergraduate students know their needs best, and

WHEREAS some University and Faculty policies already give undergraduate students and student groups representative capacity on certain committees and boards, and

WHEREAS there are over 600 representative positions filled by undergraduates at the University of Alberta, and

WHEREAS undergraduate student associations are autonomus organizations that exist to advocate for the students they represent, and

WHEREAS faculty and department support is appreciated by the Students' Union and student organizations, and

WHEREAS student representatives activities supplement the educational experiences of students, and

WHEREAS undergraduate students are required to balance their academic, personal, and professional lives with their representative activities, and

WHEREAS the undergraduate population at the University of Alberta is diverse in its makeup.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate that the University act fairly and equitably toward undergraduate student representatives and student group representatives, as they would any other faculty and administrator member of the University community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate for increased training and support for undergraduate student representatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate for appropriate and fair academic accommodations for student representatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate against the elimination of undergraduate student representative positions at any level from policy or practice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union inform the University about its obligation to consult student representatives on academic, administrative, and operational issues, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall advocate for these organizations to remain autonomus organizations, free to advocate for the students they represent without the influence from department or faculty, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union encourage faculties and departments to support their student organizations, but inform them that

student organizations need to be driven by the students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall actively communicate to the University the value of student representatives, and student representative groups, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Students' Union shall act to reduce barriers to student participation in University governance, especially for under-represented groups.

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**LE/NGUYEN MOVED TO Adjourn**

**Motion: CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm**

2013-2014		Attendance										
		13-00-April 9	13-00-April 25	13-01-May 7	13-02-May 21	13-03-June 4	13-04-June 18	13-05-July 2	13-06-July 16	13-07-July 30	13-08-Aug 13	13-09-Aug 27
<b>Council Seats (40 total) Name</b>												
<b>Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)</b>												
President	Petros Kusmu	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Academic	Dustin Chelen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5
VP External	Adam Woods	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Operations & Finance	Josh Le	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
VP Student Life	William Lau	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Brent Kelly	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	0.5	0.5	Y	Y	Y
<b>Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)</b>												
ALES	Kareema Batal	N	Y	0.5(p)	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arts	Erin Borden	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)
Arts	Kelsey Mills	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	0.5	0.5
Arts	Dylan Hanwell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Arts	Marina Banister	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	N
Arts	Stephen Schiavone	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	N	Y(p)	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Arts	Bashir Mohamed	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Augustana (Faculty)	Stephanie Grulke	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	0.5(p)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Business	Ralph Mlynarski	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	0.5	Y	N	Y	N
Business	Rafael Valdez	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	N	0.5	0.5
Education	Stephanie Corbett	Y	Y(p)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Education	Vacant											
Education	Vacant											
Engineering	Braiden Redman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Engineering	Justin Mercier	N	N	N								
Engineering	Abdullah Hamid	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Engineering	Vacant											
Law	Vacant											
Medicine & Dentistry	Vacant											
Native Studies	Harley Morris	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Nursing	Vacant											
Nursing	Vacant											
Open Studies	Jessica Nguyen	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Pharmacy	Vacant											
Phys Ed & Rec	Vacant											
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Colin Champagne	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	0.5	0.5(p)	Y	0.5
Science	Chloe Speakman	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Science	Cory Hodgson	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	Y
Science	James Hwang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5(p)	0.5	Y(p)	Y	Y
Science	Dawson Zeng	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y
Science	Eric Grehan	Y	Y	Y	Y(p)	N	Y(p)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Science	Natalia Binczyk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.5
Science	Maxwell Douglas	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y	0.5	Y	Y	Y
<b>Ex-Officio Members (2 non-)</b>												
Speaker	Craig Turner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	0.5	N	N	N	0.5