

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
ETLC E1 008

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2014-09)

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| 2014-09/1  | <u>SPEAKER'S BUSINESS</u>  |
| 2014-09/1a | Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014    |
| 2014-09/2  | <u>PRESENTATIONS</u>   |
| 2014-09/3  | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u>  |
| 2014-09/3a | Executive Committee Report<br>Please see document SC 14-09.01  |
| 2014-09/4  | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>   |
| 2014-09/4a | Ruling 2014-01 of the DIE Board (Hodgson re: bylaw 100 and committee membership)<br>Please see document SC 14-09.02    |
| 2014-09/5  | <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u>   |
| 2014-09/6  | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>  |
| 2014-09/7  | <u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>  |
| 2014-09/7a | LAU/HODGSON MOVES TO appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the Students' Union Strategic Planning Committee. |

**2014-08/7b HODGSON MOVES** Bill #4 The DFU Reform Bill in first reading:

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

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

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

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

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

**2014-08/7c KHINDA/ORYDZUK MOVE** that the Students' Council define the minimum requirements that must be met by a Student Representative Association (SRA) in order for Council to consider an SRA's wishes to advocate contrary to Students' Union political policy.

**2014-09/8 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**2014-09/8a** Cory Hodgson, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document SC 14-09.03

**2014-09/8b** Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic- Report

Please see document SC 14-09.04

**2014-09/8c** Statement from Bashir Mohamed

Please see document SC 14-09.05

**2014-09/8d** Bylaw Committee Summary Report

Please see document SC 14-09.06

**2014-09/8e** Harley Morris resignation from ERC

Please see document SC 14-09.07

**2014-09/8f** Nominating Committee Summary Report

Please see document SC 14-09.08

**2014-09/8g** Finance Committee Summary Report

Please see document SC 14-09.09

**2014-09/8h** CAC Summary Report

Please see document SC 14-09.10

2014-08-21	4/0/1	HODGSON/LAU moved to approve the painting of the Gateway mural on the 3rd floor of SUB.	ORYDZUK abstains
2014-08-21	5/0/0	ORYDZUK/LAU moved to approve the new Administrative Assistant position and the updated Executive Coordinator (renamed from Executive Assistant) job description.	
2014-08-21	5/0/0	HODGSON/DIAZ moved to approve the Office of Sustainability's request to use the Wall of Gold from October 13 to 24, 2014 to promote Sustainability Awareness Week.	

## **DIE BOARD RULING 2014-01**

### **HEARING DETAILS:**

Style of Cause: Hodgson re: Bylaw 100

Hearing Date: August 19, 2014

Hearing Number: Ruling #01 2014/2015

DIE Board Panel Members: Harvir Mann, Associate Chief Tribune, Chair  
Catherine Fan, Tribune  
Taylor Wong, Tribune

Appearing for the Applicant: Cory Hodgson, Students' Union Vice President, Operations & Finance

Appearing for the Respondent: N/A

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Grants Allocation Standing Committee and Policy Standing Committee have standing orders allowing them to recommend the removal of members to Students' Council. The Nominating committee in particular, outlines that missing four meetings or more without a proxy serves as a justification for removal.

Bylaw 100, section 7 subsection 4 states that Students' Council-elect shall select the compositions of the ensuing year's Students' Council standing committees at the first meeting but is silent in regards to removal of voting members from them. Bylaw 100, section 15 subsection 3 states that standing committees may adopt standing orders as so not to conflict with legislation [bylaws].

Cory Hodgson, Students' Union Vice President (Operations & Finance), is a member of Students' Council who made this application to the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board seeking clarification on Bylaw 100. According to Mr. Hodgson, said bylaw is silent in regards to whether Students' Council standing committees have the authority to remove voting members with poor attendance records unilaterally, without the input of Students' Council. Mr. Hodgson argued that rather than having to provide recommendations to Students' Council, standing committees have the authority to remove members through the use of standing orders.

The panel was asked to interpret who has the authority to remove Councilors from standing committees and what is the process for removing such an individual, as the bylaw is not clear.

**ISSUES:**

[1] As stated by Bylaw 100, section 7 Students' Council has the authority to determine the composition of the ensuing year's standing committees, but does that refer to nominations and exclude removal?

[2] Are standing committees able to adopt standing orders that do not conflict with legislation in regards to removing Councilors?

[3] Assuming Students' Council has the authority to remove members of standing committees, do the standing orders of certain committees violate the principle that standing orders do not conflict with legislation [bylaws]?

**RELEVANT BYLAWS:**

[4] From Bylaw 100, Section 4:

1. Students' Council does not have the authority to remove any Councilor.

[5] From Bylaw 100, Section 7:

4. At the introductory meeting, the Students' Council-elect shall
  - a. select the ensuing year's Speaker of Students' Council,
  - b. select the compositions of the ensuing year's standing committees, and
  - c. set the meeting schedule for the ensuing year's Students' Council, with the first meeting to occur not before the last scheduled meeting of the current Students' Council and not later than May 7, and the last meeting to occur not later than May 7 of the succeeding year.

[6] From Bylaw 100, Section 15:

2. Standing committees may adopt such standing orders as do not conflict with legislation.
6. Every standing committee named at the introductory meeting shall hold a meeting before the first meeting of its Students' Council in order to
  - a. elect a chair,
  - b. set initial standing orders, and
  - c. set a meeting schedule for its first trimester.

[7] From Bylaw 100, Section 16:

1. The chair of each standing committee shall, after each meeting of the committee, submit to Students' Council a report including
  - a. any decisions made by the standing committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council,
  - b. any recommendations made by the standing committee to Students' Council,
  - c. any standing orders adopted by the committee, and
  - d. a summary of all motions passed by the standing committee at the meeting in question
2. The Speaker shall table each report from each standing committee in Students' Council.
3. No decision made by a standing committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council is effective before it has been provided to the Speaker as part of the standing committee's report to Students' Council.

**DECISION:**

The following decision was made unanimously.

[8] The panel finds that Bylaw 100 is silent with regards to whether standing orders issued by standing committees can concern removal of members from them.

[9] The panel recognizes that according to Bylaw 100 Section 15, standing committees may adopt standing orders so long as they do not interfere with legislation.

[10] The panel rejects the interpretation of Bylaw 100 Section 15 referring to standing committees having the authority to remove members by inserting clauses of standing orders. Bylaw 100 section 7 states that Students' Council shall select the composition of standing committees, This section has been interpreted to imply that ultimate authority to determine the final composition of standing committees lies with Students' Council, as Council has the authority both to select the initial members and to fill any vacancies that may arise with their candidate of choice. Of note, the majority of standing orders from standing committees which have adopted removal procedures implicitly acknowledge Council's authority on this matter, as provisions for recommending the removal of a voting member leaves the final decision to Council. Since it has been established in [9] that standing orders may not interfere with legislation, standing committees cannot make standing orders conflicting with this principle.

[11] The panel finds that certain committees have issued standing orders which are in contravention to the principle that bylaws supersede standing orders. The Nominating Committee has a standing order allowing for automatic removal of members following repeated absences, bypassing the authority of Council. It is the D.I.E. Board panel's opinion that these standing orders contravene the intent of Bylaw

100 Section 7 by giving the standing committee the right to determine its composition independent of the desires of Council and shall hereafter be held to be invalid.

[12] The panel recommends that the Students' Council Bylaw Committee clarify Bylaw 100, Section 7 to provide clear guidance on whether Students' Council may allow standing committees unilateral authority to determine their composition without prior approval by Students' Council. This authority must be explicitly delegated by Council. Alternatively, Council may also adopt bylaws outlining criteria for ongoing membership in standing committees if so desired. In the absence of changes, as stated in [10], Students' Council shall have the power to make decisions in regards to composition of standing committees, encompassing nomination and removal.



September 4, 2014

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Salutations Council, long time no report! Here I attempt to summarize the month of August, as well as the days of September past. It is here I hope share with you, the highs, the lows, the ways forward and the no go's. Hope y'all find it interesting, and as always I relish those delicious questions. Without further ado:

## **PROJECTS:**

### **North Power Plant**

I recently met with the Registrar, Lisa Collins to go over my ideas and the steps forward with the NPP. With the potential redevelopment, there's opportunity to leverage the building as a recruitment tool, so I wanted to alert the registrar to the project as well as get any potential ideas and feedback on it. The next big step for this project is writing the visioning document. I have a significant amount of time blocked off in my calendar dedicated entirely to writing, and so may be a little less available for the rest of the month. It's important to solidify a shared vision between all the stakeholders before we move any further with the project.

### **DFU Task Force**

Great success! The draft report is completed, and the final report is scheduled to be approved at the last DFU TF meeting this Tuesday! You should already see the first principles of the glorious DFU Reform Bill on the agenda. I can't even begin to express how happy I am that this so close to being accomplished, as it's been a long time goal within my SU involvement. I apologize for putting the first reading out before the report is approved, but I'll send the draft out sometime late Friday. There are still some pieces of feedback that need to be incorporated, but nothing that will affect the bill as it stands. I'll also be wrapping up consultation with the different DFUs in the next day, so I want to incorporate any of their feedback before I send out the draft report. The task force gave the unofficial approval of the report as it stands last meeting, so I don't anticipate any major hang-ups at this point. If you have any questions on the bill, or would like any clarification please don't hesitate to contact me. DFUs are my jam.

### **Student Market Research Team (SMRT)**

Recruitment for SMRT has started! Tell your friends! I'll be accepting applications until September 20<sup>th</sup> and you are all more than welcome to apply. You can find out more info at [su.ualberta.ca/smrt](http://su.ualberta.ca/smrt) I'll be attaching a summary breakdown of how SMRT will work to the end of my report.

### **Faculty Association Financial Reviews**

I've started working on this file more actively now that the DFU TF is near completion. I'll have a few meetings throughout September to have a proposal ready for the Council of Faculty Associations Finance and Administration Working Group in October.

## **Business Time**

I will no longer be updating this project, as it is ill defined. I'll add any work I do with businesses to the other section.

## **OTHER:**

### **Access Fund**

Still going! We're waiting on the drafted agreements to clear the University's legal department. No clue how long this will take as we've been waiting a while at this point. The representation on the Decision Review Committee (Appeals) has changed and so that's something I'll be following up with.

### **Bylaws**

Drafted the SERC bill as well as the beginnings of Access Fund bill. You'll see the first one but the second will have to wait until the agreements are signed.

### **AEDs**

Procurement of the AEDs has been secured! Studentcare, our health and dental provider has generously agreed to pay for one, while the other will be paid for through a PA. We joined a joint order from faculties and departments from across the U of A and delivery is expected in 8 to 12 weeks. While I hope they are never needed, I'm comforted by the fact that our building will have the tools necessary to potentially save someone's life.

### **Office Hours**

A new initiative we're trying! On Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> I will be in my office from 4 to 6 pm with nothing else scheduled. This time will be dedicated to answering your questions or having a conversation of your choosing. This is a way I hope to communicate anything not captured in my report, as well as getting to know you all better. Feel free to drop in whenever during that time and I'll try to be as helpful as possible. I might also have treats...

### **SUDS**

SUDS was a fantastic experience! Meeting other executives from across the country, sharing problems and ideas, and enjoying one another's company was a great way to re-invigorate my mind, body and soul. I have some ideas now I'd like to follow up on around advancing reconciliation efforts on campus.

### **FACRA**

In my role as the chair of the HR committee, I've been conducting the review of the executive director. This has been a fairly time-consuming process.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Had an all day Exec retreat
- Had multiple board and FA meetings
- Came third in SU baking competition
- PAW Social Street is now open! This means you can get north to south without going all the way around!
- Undergrind is open! Go get fresh donuts!
- Had a tour of PAW fitness center and climbing wall with The Gateway. Expect an article on it soon. Fitness center will likely open late November and the climbing wall in late December or early January
- Lots of tabling for Council for Clubs fair, as well as helping orchestrate the materials, swag and shirts for councilors. (PLEASE PICK YOURS UP)
- Generally being awesome

Live Long and Prosper,

\$\$\$Cory Hodgson\$\$\$

(electronically submitted)



September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To: Council

Re: Council Report

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Hey Council,

WOW! What a week! WOW has been a blast so far and I really like having everyone back on campus.

We had lots of dinner meetings over the last two weeks. We sat down with the Native Studies Students' Association, Business Students' Association, Education Students' Association, and the Gateway and chatted over meals about goals and plans and what we do fundamentally as organizations. These interactions are important for a number of reasons, for example, student advocacy is stronger in general when Faculty Associations communicate with me, the other executives, and Discover Governance because we can help them out with pretty much anything that they are having trouble with.

One of the most awesome things that I get to do as a part of being VPA is sit as a voting member of the Presidential Search Committee. This is a committee that is advisory to the chair of the Board of Governors (remember you all met him some weeks ago) because it is his responsibility to choose the President of the University. That's quite the task for just one person, so the committee consists of stakeholders from the Board and across campus to help make the big decision. There is another big meeting of the PSC coming up soon so William and I have been having prep sessions together to make sure we are in agreement about who we think are the top contenders and hashing out why exactly we think that. You can find more information about the Presidential Search Committee online [HERE](#).

Another great thing in my portfolio that's moving along well is the ALES Faculty Association restructure. The students on the committee that have been tasked with coming up with the structure and constitution of the new Faculty Association gave a presentation last Thursday regarding the new FA. The presentation was amazing! It was so good I was left just about speechless. I am so impressed with the work of the committee. I could not have dreamed better. The presentation that they gave was open to all ALES students, so there were some students there who asked really good questions after the presentation. There were also a couple ALES staff members in attendance to show their support. The timeline is to have the new Association, which will be called FAuNA (perfect for ALES, I know!), recognized by November.

One of the important meetings that I had in the last couple weeks was regarding Open Education Resources. Navneet and I met with Janet Welsh, who was able to fill in a lot of grey area surrounding the initiative. Just for reference, Open Educational Resources is a provincial government initiative that affects students because it will mean a certain number of textbooks/educational resources that are to be used for university courses will be available online for free. Sounds good right? Well, it's not without it's issues and complications, but it's still in very early stages. The main thing to understand right now is that this is a project to be done in tandem with other provinces so that we are not spending money on



duplicating resources already available to students at no charge. Students are represented on the steering committee that governs the creation and implementation of this initiative.

Another important meeting I had was with the Principle and Project Manager of the Leadership College. The President of the Augustana Students' Association skyped in to the meeting to ask questions and discuss how Augustana students might be able to participate in the Leadership Program. So far, the short answer is that an AU student wouldn't be able to get the certificate unless they moved to Edmonton, which would diminish their ability to go to classes in Camrose. However, there are opportunities for communication via video conferencing and events hosted by Augustana. The leaders of the PLLC said that they were open to ideas from Augustana students about how they could be more inclusive.

One of the other fun things about the first week back at the University is that governance starts up again! On Wednesday I went to the first Committee on the Learning Environment for this governance cycle and it was great! It was a very lighthearted meeting and the chair seemed very keen to get the student perspective on the issues at hand. In committee we heard updates from various stakeholders such as the Centre for Teaching and Learning, as well as heard about progress on the survey about educational technology that went out over the summer. We also talked about the priorities of the committee for the year and came to a consensus that they should be educational technology, materials in classrooms (the literal learning environment), and... wait for it... WAIT FOR IT... assessment and grading!

This morning I attended ASC SOS, which is a smaller committee, but just as good as CLE. We discussed the various changes to the faculty of Phys Ed, including the name change to Kinesiology (BKin). We looked at the 10 point enrollment management plan, which I had seen before and we looked at updates to the policy surrounding distribution of recorded materials in classes.

Overall the Be Booksmart campaign has been going fairly well. Thanks to [the Gateway](#), not only for the article specifically about the Be Booksmart, but for the various other articles that encourage students to look for less expensive textbook options.

Week of Welcome has been pretty crazy but I've definitely had a good time giving out free breakfast every morning, distributing UPasses, and checking out the bands at Beer Gardens.

Until next time!

Kathryn



The LSA has broken SU bylaw 8100 by supporting a tuition increase. I am deeply concerned since nothing has been announced yet as possible consequences. What is going to be done of this violation of SU bylaw 8100.



## BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 28<sup>th</sup> 2014

Time: 6.05 pm

2014 – 2015

### Motions

1.	<i>ZHANG/HWANG moved to suspend Standing Orders.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
2.	<i>HUDSON/HODGSON moved to approve the agenda for August 28, 2014 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
3.	<i>ZHANG/KWAN moved to approve the minutes for August 14, 2014 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 3/0/2</i>
4.	<i>ZHANG/HODGSON moved to table the Access Fund Bill till the next meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
5.	<i>ZHANG/HODGSON moved to approve the first principles of the SERC bill. "i) Given that the Social and Environmental Responsibility Committee is a sub-committee of the executive, it should not report to Council"</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
6.	<i>ZHANG/HWANG moved to adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>



September 1, 2014  
Re: ERC Resignation

Dear Council,

Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, I'm resigning from the Elections Review Committee. During my time as ERC chair I did not find myself effective in making sure the committee was consistent in meetings and that ERC goals were moving forward. As school starts I'm realizing that I need to be putting more of my energy into the Native Studies Students Association. I would like to thank my fellow committee members for allowing me to chair, and Stephanie Gruhke for her support as intern chair and Skyping me in. I wish all the best to ERC members and the future chair of ERC.

Thanks,  
Harley Morris.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 26<sup>th</sup> 2014

Time: 5.35 pm

2014 – 2015

### Motions

1.	<i>ORYDZUK/ZHANG moved to amend the agenda to add the item “Academic Policy Planning and Review Task Force”.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
2.	<i>BRYCE/ORYDZUK moved to approve the agenda for August 26, 2014 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
3.	<i>ORYDZUK/BRYCE moved to approve the minutes for July 15, 2014 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 3/0/1</i>
4.	<i>CROUTZE/ORYDZUK moved to go in-camera at 5.39 pm.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
5.	<i>ORYDZUK/ZHANG moved to go out-of-camera at 5.48 pm.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>
6.	<i>ORYDZUK/CROUTZE moved to adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/0</i>



## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 21<sup>st</sup> 2014

Time: 6.07 pm

2014 – 2015

### Motions

1.	<i>CHEN/HODGSON moved to approve the agenda for August 21, 2014 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
2.	<i>HWANG/CROUTZE moved to approve the minutes for August 07, 2014 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/1</i>
3.	<i>HODGSON/CROUTZE moved to approve the minutes for August 12, 2014 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/1</i>
4.	<i>HWANG/CROUTZE moved to approve the Finance Committee's Standing Orders as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
5.	<i>CROUTZE/CHEN moved to adjourn the meeting.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>



# COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: August 19<sup>th</sup> 2014*

*Time: 5.05 pm*

2014 – 2015

## **Motions**

1.	<i>HWANG/DIAZ moved to approve the agenda for August 19, 2014 as amended.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/0</i>
2.	<i>HWANG/SLEIMAN moved to approve the minutes for July 22, 2014 as tabled.</i>	<i>CARRIED 4/0/1</i>
3.	<i>BINCZYK moved to amend Council Administration Committee's Standing Orders 8 to read: "Minutes shall be considered approved as transcribed".</i>	<i>DEFEATED 1/2/3</i>
4.	<i>HODGSON/SLEIMAN moved to stop printing bound editions of Students' Council minutes.</i>	<i>CARRIED 5/0/1</i>

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
TELUS 134

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-08)

2014-08/1

### SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm

2014-08/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, September 9th, 2014

2014-08/2

### PRESENTATIONS

2014-08/2a

The future of the Faculty of Law by the Dean of the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Paul Paton, and Law Students' Association President, Scott Meyer, Sponsored by Governor Hansra and President Lau.

Dean Paton began his first term as the Dean of the Faculty of Law on July 1, 2014. We have invited Dean Paton to discuss his vision for building a better Faculty of Law including better student support, career services, smaller class sizes, more professors and more experiential learning opportunities that will further enhance the already excellent quality of education that U of A Law students receive. Furthermore Dean Paton will address his plans for enhancing revenue generation in order to achieve his vision.

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

**Motion: CARRIED**

2014-08/7

### GENERAL ORDERS

2014-08/7a

**HWANG/DIAZ MOVES TO** appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the Finance Committee.

Nominations: Khan, Sleiman

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Khan, Sleiman

Automatic Recess at 7:08

Meeting called back to order at 7:23pm

Council Scholarship awarded to Councillor Chen and Councillor Hwang

**2014-08/7b** **ZHANG/ALLARD MOVES TO** appoint one (1) member of students' council to bylaw committee

Nominations: Fedoski

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Fedoski

**2014-08/3** **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cory Hodgson, VP Operations and Finance- Report

William Lau, President- Report

Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life- Report

**2014-08/4** **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Natalia Binczyk, CAC chair- Report

Sangram Hansra, BoG Rep- Report

Bo Zhang, Bylaw Committee Chair- Report

**2014-08/5** **QUESTION PERIOD**

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

