

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday February 7th, 2012
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2011-19)

2011-19/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2011-19/2 PRESENTATIONS

2011-19/2b NSSA Presentation- Presented by Brianne Lovstrom. Sponsored by Emerson Csorba, VP Academic.

Here is our abstract:

The NSSA represents all students at the University of Alberta who have their major or minor listed as Native Studies, are in a combined degree program with the Native Studies Faculty, or are enrolled in one Native Studies course for that academic year. We are very proud to have increased our active membership by over double this past year and to announce that we are applying to be released from probation on February 17th. In our presentation we will address our probationary journey, strategic plan for the future, and address the sustainability of our organization.

2011-19/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2011-19/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2011-19/5 QUESTION PERIOD

2011-19/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2011-19/6a **YAMAGISHI/POWER MOVE THAT** Students Council approve the Food Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

The Students' Union advocates that the University increases the availability of diverse and healthy food options;

The Students' Union advocates that the University provides an increase of affordable food and beverage options;

The Student's Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to food preparation resources;

The Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access

to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations;

The Students' Union advocates that the University encourages the sale of organic[PK1] [1], local[PK2] , or Fair Trade certified food and beverage options when competitively priced to reduce its adverse ecological and social impact;[PK3]

The Students' Union advocates that the University reduces the ONEcard vendor levy to promote the expansion of its ONEcard service to vendors providing more choice for students who wish to eat on campus[PK4] ;

The Students' Union advocates that the University provides easily accessible nutritional information for all of its food and beverage products; and

8. That this policy will expire April 30th 2013.

Please see document LA 11-19.01

2011-19/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2011-19/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2011-19/8f

Audit Committee- Report

Please see document LA 11-19.02

2011-19/8g

Andy Cheema, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 11-19.03

2011-19/8h

Farid Iskandar, VP External- Report

Please see document LA 11-19.04

Food Policy – Third Draft

WHEREAS access to good preparation resources on campus is currently limited;

WHEREAS nutrition plays a vital role in the health and wellness of students and therefore can have a significant impact on their academic success;

WHEREAS access to a variety of healthy food and beverage options available on campus is currently limited;

WHEREAS food and beverages sold on campus do not meet the needs of students with a variety of dietary restrictions;

WHEREAS nutritional information provided for food products sold on campus is currently limited;

WHEREAS food and beverages incur a significant cost to students;

WHEREAS students living in Lister Centre are required to purchase a mandatory meal plan that can only be used to purchase food and beverages from specific food vendors on campus who accept ONEcards as payment;

WHEREAS food and beverages have a social and environmental impact;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University increases the availability of diverse and healthy food options;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University provides an increase of affordable food and beverage options;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Student's Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to food preparation resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University encourages the sale of organic, local, or Fair Trade food and beverage options when competitively priced to reduce its adverse ecological and social impact;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University expands its ONEcard service to as many food vendors as possible, as to provide more choice for students who wish to eat on campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocates that the University provide easily accessible nutritional information for all of its food products;

Food Policy – First Reading – Final Draft

YAMAGISHI/POWER move that the Policy Committee approve the Food Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

1. The Students' Union advocates that the University increases the availability of diverse and healthy food options;
2. The Students' Union advocates that the University provides an increase of affordable food and beverage options;
3. The Student's Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to food preparation resources;
4. The Students' Union advocates that the University provides and improves access to water fountains and water bottle refilling stations;
5. The Students' Union advocates that the University encourages the sale of organic¹, local, or Fair Trade certified food and beverage options when competitively priced to reduce its adverse ecological and social impact;
6. The Students' Union advocates that the University reduces the ONEcard vendor levy to promote the expansion of its ONEcard service to vendors providing more choice for students who wish to eat on campus;
7. The Students' Union advocates that the University provides easily accessible nutritional information for all of its food and beverage products; and
8. That this policy will expire April 30th 2013.

¹ “Organic agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of soils, ecosystems and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. Organic agriculture combines tradition, innovation and science to benefit the shared environment and promote fair relationships and a good quality of life for all involved.” *International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)* . “Organic Agriculture’s Role in Countering Climate Change.” http://www.ifoam.org/growing_organic/3_advocacy_lobbying/eng_leaflet_PDF/Climate_Change.pdf (2007).

TO: Students' Council, University of Alberta Students' Union
FROM: Su Su Liang, Chair, Audit Committee
DATE: February 6, 2012
RE: Report on Audit Committee's Activities – Meeting of January 30, 2012

Dear Council,

The Audit Committee met on January 30, 2012.

The Audit Committee reviewed financial documents from the AUFSJ and found them acceptable. The AUFSJ CATP fees were approved for dispersal contingent upon verification of AUFSJ's audited financial statements from the previous fiscal year.

The Audit Committee has received a satisfactory response from management regard its concerns with credit card statements spanning September to December. Audit Committee's primary concern continues to be the number of incomplete packages it receives due to missing receipts. Management and Audit Committee agrees that every effort should be made to ensure proper reporting of transactions charged to Students' Union credit cards. Audit Committee will be looking further into the matter. The speeding ticket was found to be charged to a rental vehicle during the Week of Welcome with an unknown driver, and will be further investigated.

The Audit Committee reviewed financial documents from the BSA. The documents were unacceptable due to several deficiencies. The BSA and the Student Governance Advisor have been contacted regarding the deficiencies.

Yours Faithfully,

Su Su Liang
Chair, Audit Committee

February 7, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

Below are the highlights since my last report.

Capital Project Planning

Council's approval of a renovation referendum two weeks ago marked the conclusion of the feasibility study. The next steps will be contingent on the referendum's outcome. Our latest payment to DIALOG was \$28525.79, and our payment to Turner & Townsend (order of magnitude estimate) was \$4,200.

Student Group Granting

The Student Group Granting Committee conducted the latest granting cycle last week. The meeting went fairly smoothly, although the volume of successful grants exceeded budget. A discussion ensued about how to more elegantly manage this type of situation. Ideas include creating quotas for different grant types, adjusting the score threshold required to receive a grant and varying the available grants depending on the time of year.

Grant Allocation Committee

GAC met last Friday and had a relatively brief meeting. The committee received an update on the status of the awards adjudication committee and discussed the process for ratifying members. It was noted that a new Assistant Manager of SFAIC has been selected – she began work this week. An Access Fund Selection committee meeting was scheduled as well.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee met last week and welcomed two new members – Councillors Le and Elmallah. The committee reviewed an initial version of budget principles. We'll be recommending a set of principles for Council's approval in the near future.

U-Pass Advisory Committee

I attended the U-Pass advisory committee in lieu of the Vice President (Student Life). I explained the status of the Spring-Summer U-Pass referendum, including the steps leading up to it and the timelines moving forward. Another item of discussion was the current U-Pass agreement, which terminates in August 2013 and will need to go to referendum next year in order for the program to continue.

Facilities Development Committee

FDC held its monthly meeting last week, with two main items on the agenda. The proposed Discrimination, Harassment and Duty to Accommodate policy suite was presented in draft form for feedback. The University of Alberta International General Space Program was presented for approval and was approved.

Power Plant Program Charette

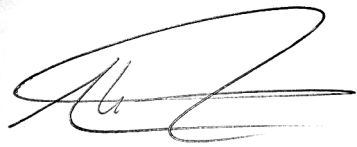
The President, General Manager, Vice President (Student Life) and I attended a program charette for the Power Plant, along with representatives from Facilities and Operations, the GSA and the Dean of Students. The meeting was a good start to the Power Plant discussion and gave every party an opportunity to articulate their vision for the building. In terms of the lease, the President has been meeting with the GSA President and the Provost to begin negotiations.

Miscellaneous

Other activities in the last two weeks have included writing a midterm, attending Policy Committee and playing in Break the Record.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to get in touch at 780-492-4236 or vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca. If you wish to discuss any topics in depth, I would welcome the opportunity to meet in person.

Cheers,



Andy Cheema

February 7th, 2012

To: Students' Council

Re: VPX Report to Council

Lobby Training

It's happening! I sent Council an email about it. But to remind you:

On February 11th the Students' Union will be working to help students improve their advocacy efforts. The Students' Union is running a series of advocacy training session to teach interested students about advocacy at the university and externally. The sessions will be held starting at 1pm in CAB 265.

The event will be divided into two sections. The first section is focused on members of faculty associations interested in improving their advocacy efforts. Throughout the day executive members and staff of the Students' Union will provide information on university governance, go through best practices in advocacy and lead discussions on concerns and issues that faculty associations have faced in their advocacy efforts. They will then end off the day with mock scenarios to help practice the lessons learned earlier.

The second section of the advocacy day will be focused on students interested in learning more about external advocacy. Using the example of post-secondary education as their guide, members of the Students' Union and the Council of Alberta University Students will teach participants about lobby. Participants can expect to learn about how the Students' Union currently advocates for students, best practices in personal and organizational lobbying and how interested students can get involved with current lobbying efforts.

Duncan Wojtaszek (Executive Director of CAUS), Amanda Henry (Student Governance Advisor), Justin Williams (Director of Research and Political Affairs), Emerson Csorba, and I will be giving the presentations between the two sections.

Meeting with Minister

On Monday February 6th CAUS, ASEC (Alberta Student Executives Council), AGC (Alberta Graduate Council) met with the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology Gregg Weadick. The main purpose of the meeting was regarding Student Financial Assistance. More information about this meeting will be coming out soon.

Random Fact

Today is Minister Gregg Weadick's Birthday!

Cheers,
Farid