

University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday October 15, 2002 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

A G E N D A (SC 2002-13)

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| 2002-13/1 | <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> |
| 2002-13/2 | <u>NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada:"</u> |
| 2002-13/3 | <u>University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"</u> |
| 2002-13/4 | <u>SPEAKER'S BUSINESS</u> |
| 2002-13/5 | <u>ROLL CALL</u> |
| 2002-13/6 | <u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u> |
| 2002-13/7 | <u>PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION</u> |
| 2002-13/7a | Anand Sharma – GATS, FTAA Presentation |
| 2002-13/8 | <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u> |
| 2002-13/9 | <u>REPORTS</u> |
| 2002-13/9a | Pharmacy Report

<i>Please see document SC 02-13.01.</i> |
| 2002-13/10 | <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u> |
| 2002-13/11 | <u>APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u>

<i>Please see document SC 02-13.02.</i> |

2002-13/12

LEGISLATION

2002-13/12a
Political Policy –
Garneau

SHARMA/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, adopt the proposed Political Policy **Garneau**.

Please see document SC 02-13.03.

2002-13/12b
Political Policy –
Differential Tuition

SHARMA/CLYBURN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, renew the Political Policy **Differential Tuition**.

Please see document SC 02-13.04.

2002-13/12c
Political Policy –
Tuition Policy

SHARMA/SAMUEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board, rescind the Political Policy **Alberta's and the University of Alberta's Tuition Policy**.

Please see document SC 02-13.05.

2002-13/12d
Political Policy –
Accessibility to
Computer
Technology

BRECHTEL/BEAMISH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board, adopt the proposed Political Policy **Accessibility to Computer Technology**.

Please see document SC 02-13.06.

2002-13/12e
Political Policy –
Technology on
Campus

BRECHTEL/BEAMISH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board, adopt the proposed Political Policy **Technology on Campus**.

Please see document SC 02-13.07.

2002-13/12f
Political Policy –
Academic Materials

BRECHTEL/BEAMISH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board, adopt the proposed Political Policy **Academic Materials**.

Please see document SC 02-13.08.

2002-13/13

OLD BUSINESS

2002-13/13a
Tuition Task Force

SHARMA/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint three Student Councilors to sit on the Tuition Task Force for the duration of its existence.

2002-13/13b
Referendum Question

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, direct the Internal Review Board to draft a referendum question to eliminate the Students Financial Aid and Information Centre dedicated fee and replace it with a corresponding increase in the base Students' Union fee.

2002-13/13c
Letter of Clarification

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed letter of clarification from the Executive Committee to Orientation staff and volunteers, and direct the Executive Committee to send it to the Orientation staff and volunteers.

Please bring back up documentation from the October 1, 2002 meeting.

2002-13/13d
CREFC

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council select one voting member of Students' Council to sit on the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund Committee for the duration of the 2002-2003 year.

2002-13/14

NEW BUSINESS

2002-13/14a
Director – Environmental Sustainability Office of Students

HUDEMA/ROBERTS MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of Geneva Rae as Director of the Environmental Sustainability Office of Students.

2002-13/14b
Associate Director – Environmental Sustainability Office of Students

HUDEMA/ROBERTS MOVED THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of Dwayne Wohlgemuth as Associate Director of the Environmental Sustainability Office of Students.

2002-13/14c

Chief Returning Officer

SMITH/SHARMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the ad hoc committee struck by Students' Council on August 20th, 2002, appoint Alexandra Taylor as Chief Returning Officer for the remainder of the 2002-2003 year.

2002-13/14d

Committee for the Examination and Evaluation of Students' Union Events (CEESE)

KNULL/OBERHOFFNER MOVED THAT Students' Council strike a Committee for the Examination and Evaluation of Students' Union Events (CEESE) with:

- a) The Vice President (Student Life) as chair, voting only in the event of a tie;
- b) Four (4) Councilors as voting members;
- c) One (1) other member of the Executive Committee as a voting member;
- d) Five (5) Students at large, as voting members;
- e) A mandate to:
 - i) Examine SU Events including but not limited to Orientation, Week of Welcome, and AntiFreeze;
 - ii) Consult with students at large;
 - iii) Examine and evaluate the status quo respecting the political and apolitical nature of Students' Union events;
 - iv) Make recommendations as to the political or apolitical nature of Students' Union events and provide council with direction regarding future political or apolitical conduct at Students' Union events;
 - v) Draft an extensive report to submit to council no later than December 10.

2002-13/15

INFORMATION ITEMS

2002-13/16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2002-13/16a

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next Council Meeting

- October 29, 2002 – 6:00 PM
- November 5, 2002 – 6:00 PM
- November 26, 2002 – 6:00 PM

2002-13/16b

UPCOMING FACULTY ASSOCIATION REPORTS

- Pharmacy
- Physical Education

2002-13/17

ADJOURNMENT

University of Alberta Students' Union

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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MINUTES (SC 2002-12)

Faculty/Position	Name	6:00
President	Mike Hudema	x
VP Academic	Mat Brechtel	✓
VP External	Anand Sharma	x
VP Finance	Steve Smith	✓
VP Student Life	Kail Ross	✓
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Mike Reid	✓
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Paul Reikie	✓
Agric/Forest/HomeEc		
Arts	Chris Bolivar	✓
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	✓
Arts	James Knull	✓
Arts	Matt Oberhoffner	✓
Arts	Alexis Pepin	✓
Arts	Laura Roberts	✓

Arts	Vivek Sharma	✓
Arts	Paul Welke (Hector MacIntyre)	✓
Business	Jamie Kidston	✓
Business	Meena Rajulu	✓
Business	Holly Tomte	✓
Education	Charles Beamish	✓
Education	Daljeet Chhina	✓
Education	Allison Ekdahl	✓
Education	Mandeep Gill	✓
Education	Janet Lo	✓
Engineering	Margaret Laffin	✓
Engineering	Paige Smith	✓
Engineering	Chris Jones	✓
Engineering	Michelle Vigeant	✓
Engineering	David Wepler	✓
Law	Paul Varga	✓
Residence Halls Association	George Slomp	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Miranda Richardson	✓
Medicine/Dentistry	Jeffrey Cao	✓
Native Studies (School of		
Nursing		
Open Studies		

Open Studies		
Pharmacy	Kurt Greene	✓
Rehabilitation Medicine	Adelaine Wong	✓
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	✓
Science	Chamila Adhihetty (Roman Kotovych)	✓
Science	Kimberly Dary	✗
Science	Katie Grant	✓
Science	Aisha Khatib (Wen Wen Shan)	✓
Science	Constantino Renzi	✗
Science	Chris Samuel	✓
Science	Steven Schendel (Elizabeth Meiling Shih)	✓
Science	Kimmy Williams	✓
President Athletics		
General Manager	Bill Smith	✗
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	✓
Recording Secretary	Helen McGraw	✓

Guests of Council: Mustafa Hirji, Raymond Cloutier, Sharon Hass, Christine Owram, Shimchuk

MINUTES (SC 2002-12)

2002-12/1 **CALL TO ORDER 6:05**

2002-12/5 **ROLL CALL**

2002-12/6 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
 BEAMISH/SAMUEL MOVED TO approve the agenda

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED TO add the Late Additions
Carried

2002-12/8

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SMITH/SAMUEL MOVED TO approve the minutes of the Sept. 17 meeting.

Changes:

p2: Kurt **Greene** was present at both 6:00 and 9:00

p3: "PEPPIN" is correctly spelled "PEPIN"

p6: **Varga** saw things in Europe other than just male nudity
Brechtel's hopes for the extension of the add drop deadline are good, but the odds of it actually happening aren't necessarily good. These good hopes are due to the climate this year in addition to the actions of his predecessors.

18,000 handbooks were ordered, not 15,000

p17: The meeting was adjourned because quorum was lost.

Carried

2002-12/9

REPORTS

2002-12/9a

Mat Brechtel, Vice-President Academic

Went to Canadian Academic Roundtable conference where we drafted a constitution and common declaration of issues thought to be important nationally. Expect report at beginning of Nov. Budget Process Principles sent back at GFC - small victory for tuition.

2002-12/9b

Steve Smith, Vice-President Operations and Finance

Lamest written report of career provided.

2002-12/9c

Kail Ross, Vice-President Student-Life

Worked on WUSC and Orientation bylaws. Paying off WOW. Beginning student services review.

2002-12/9d

Mike Reid, Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep

Accepted committee reports at last BoG meeting.

University's AGM Friday morning at Westin Downtown and later next week at Horowitz.

2002-12/9e

Miranda Richardson, Dentistry

We're orally fixated! Halloween party on the 25th. TGIF Nov. 1. Silent auction on Nov. 25 and Jan. 17. Skit night second semester. \$27,000 tuition per year for first-year dentistry students.

2002-12/9f

Jeffrey Cao, Medicine

Written report provided. Orientation included mentorship program and "Drink Yourself Silly". Shinerama raised \$27,000 for CF. Monster Mash Oct. 26. Faculty is looking at differential tuition, which would be \$8,000 to \$12,000 for the incoming class.

Brechtel: Did the faculty consult students about differential tuition?

Cao: Two students were on the finding committee. These numbers are what the faculty wants but haven't yet been approved by the university. Many students support this. The faculty is running a substantial deficit right now.

2002-12/9g

External Affairs Board

Please see document LA 02-12.01.

Jones; What are our current relations with Red Deer College?

Clyburn: RDC has education students who take a U of A program at RDC. We collect their Students' Union fees, a bone of contention.

2002-12/10

QUESTION PERIOD

Clyburn: What steps are being taken to alleviate the concerns of RDC students who are paying SU fees to the U of A.

Smith: We're trying to draft a fee-sharing agreement with RDC. RDC students are considered off-campus students; they pay part-time fees. They receive all of the benefits that part-time U of A students receive in addition to all of the benefits that full-time RDC students receive

Jones: This year's WOW dance was poorly attended. What can be done to make future WOW dances suck less?

Ross: Theory of a Deadman was a calculated risk (they were cheap). 1200 people came, 5-600 less than previous years. We don't know yet whether we broke even; expect a report soon.

Knull: Where's report on the Eco-Conference budget that I was promised?

Smith: It's not ready yet. Roughly, though, the conference

lost a four-figure amount of money. The major problem was assuming a 50:50 ratio of student : non-student tickets. The ratio was closer to 90:10. A more detailed report will be forthcoming.

Bolivar: Any idea what those four might be?

Smith: Low center of \$999-\$10,000. Not everything is resolved yet; stay tuned.

Kotovych: Now that I'm not on council I have time to spend on my other hobbies, like sitting at council. At the Ralph Nader talk Mr. Hudema named a Men's mike and a women's microphone. Does the SU plan to continue achieving equality by segregation?

Ross: I share what you say. Agree, perhaps. You know Hudema's stance on gender parity, etc. This was his conference. That's about it.

Kawanami: Is the SU still planning to point out the Administration's wasteful expenditures in the tuition debate, given the SU's wasteful expenditures at WOW and the Eco Conference?

Brechtel: The tuition debate is new each year. That will probably be one prong of our attack.

Laffin: Do we have a CRO yet?

Smith: This should have been done by now; it's not our fault that it hasn't. The original nom-com has proved to be difficult to reconvene.

Kotovych: Will elections be held at the same time this year?

Smith: The date of elections is mandated in bylaw. However, these bylaws will be amended at our next meeting; these amendments might give the CRO more leeway in setting election dates.

Samuel: Last year we approved a \$20,000 expenditure to improve VIDS; what has happened to this money?

Ross: \$8,000 has been spent to purchase video recording equipment, which is currently being used to evaluate orientation. I don't want to spend any more money on that defunct system.

Samuel: The campus food bank director wants to know when you're bringing back the wheelbarrow you borrowed to pay the exec's tuition.

Ross: It's was Anand's fault.

Smith: It's currently full of loose nickels that I'm giving away

by the handful.

Clyburn: Who was the missing exec member at the nickel-and-dime-media stunt?

Brechtel: Sharma had already paid his first semester tuition; he attended the media stunt nonetheless.

Pepin: What was the university's reaction to the tuition payments in nickels and dimes?

Brechtel: We actually received some positive comments from the staff, but I don't know what the administration's reaction was. It took 2 hours to deliver the money.

Jones: When can I sit down in SUB at lunch?

Smith: We're on schedule with our latest schedule; everything should be done by the beginning of November.

Kawanami: Will CAC be reconvened to consider the letter Ross sent to the Sun?

Ross: This letter was approved by the exec, sent to the communications officer, and sent to the sun.

Kawanami: Are we still telling Graham that he didn't do his research?

Ross: I asked our communications officer if this would be a Samuel II and was assured that it would not be.

Knull: Is anything being done to improve campus recreation facilities, especially Lister Field?

Ross: Lister Field is gross and bacteria-infested. The funds to upgrade it may not be available, though.

Slomp: New turf is being put on the field this year.

Sharma (Councilor): What is being done to promote used textbooks, Course packs, etc.

Brechtel: Oy. The SU has SUBTitles, our major service for recycling texts, and the used book registry. Recycling is just the first step in addressing textbook costs (also problems with publishers). Each year we send out promotional material about course packs, but we can't enforce there. Encouraging professors to refer to readings in both current and previous editions of texts. This year looking into Print-on-Demand: Print center would have rights to text and could print out only those sections that are important for a course. Would be particularly helpful for small-run books (e.g. for higher level courses). There is hope on the textbook front.

Bolivar: The Debate Club threw out two garbage cans of paper this weekend because there are no paper recycling bins in SUB.

Smith: It baffles me that this doesn't already exist; I'll look into it.

Reikie: There is a shortage of paper recycling facilities throughout campus.

Brechtel: In two weeks the new VP facilities and administrations will be appointed; talk to him.

Kawanami: If the MAC is an informal and unofficial group, why is it on the SU Website?

Smith: The group has no formal powers and is just a sounding board to suggest to the exec how to lobby on political policies that council has already passed. It was advertised to encourage student involvement.

Weppler: Last year there was a clash of strategies at the BoG meeting where tuition was decided. Is the SU planning to exert more control this year?

Brechtel: The SU won't attempt to control the actions of other students. Students have a right to make a statement, no matter how they choose to make it. If you're concerned, please come to the tuition task force.

Jones: What is the SU's opinion on the proposal to grant degree-granting authority to colleges?

Brechtel: We don't have an official position on the issue. It's hard to say how this would affect the U of A. It will be addressed in our official submission to the provincial government.

Kawanami: Given the new postering policy in SUB, what is the exec's comment on the "Boycott Esso" poster that had until recently been hanging in their office?

Smith: That board is not covered by the operating policy; it's governed by the exec and therefore council.

2002-12/11

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see document SC 02-12.01.

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED TO suspend Standing Order 1

Carried

SMITH/JONES MOVED TO make item 14a a special order.

Carried

2002-12/12

LEGISLATION

2002-12/12a

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 3200 Respecting the Honoraria and Salaries Paid by the Students' Union to Term and Elected Employees (SECOND Reading).

Please see document SC 02-12.02.

Smith: This allows the Director and Associate Director of ECOS to be paid.

Carried (27/7/1)

2002-12/12b

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed changes to Bylaw 5400 Respecting the Nominating Committee of the Students' Union (SECOND Reading).

Please see document SC 02-12.03.

Smith: This allows us to hire the positions we've agreed to pay.

Carried (28/7/0)

2002-12/12c

BRECHTEL/RAJULU MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to Accessibility to Computer Technology.

Please see document SC 02-12.04.

Brechtel: AAB feels that computers are a necessary at university (re: course notes, BearTracks password). It is essential that students have access to computers even if they can't afford one at home.

Jones: Computers are evil and should never be used. Open standards are important to ensure that everyone, regardless of choice of operating systems or religious beliefs, have access to these resources.

JONES/SLOMP MOVED TO ADD a clause that was never

actually given to the Recording Secretary but basically encouraged the use of open standards on university computers.

Slomp: This is a great idea, since the entire purpose of this policy is accessibility.

Brechtel: I'd prefer to see "open standards" defined in the whereas, to avoid confusion for future readers of the policy.

Motion Withdrawn

JONES/REID MOVED TO return the policy to AAB to include provisions re: open standards.

Carried

2002-12/12d

BRECHTEL/RAJULU MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Board and the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to the Add/Drop Deadline.

Please see document SC 02-12.05.

Brechtel: 9-15 days is reflective of the time periods included on the Students' Union survey last year.

Carried (35/0/0)

2002-12/12e

ROSS/SMITH MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Political Policy relating to Affordable and Accessible Parking.

Please see document SC 02-12.06.

Ross: Parking is a huge issue on campus, in terms of both accessibility and affordability. Parking Services will run a \$3M profit this year and shouldn't be raising fees. Campus green space is at a premium; the focus should be on building up, not out. As an ancillary organization, Parking Services shouldn't be contributing to general revenue.

Oberhoffner: If Parking Services no longer contributed to general revenue, what would that money be spent on?

Kawanami: Doesn't this look contradictory for us to say we want more parking but don't build on green spaces?

Furthermore, there are levels of greenness in campus green

spaces.

Reid: We've already signed on to the LRDP, which says where parkades will be placed. To say that we don't support building on green spaces at all would be contradictory to our earlier approval of the LRDP.

REID/JONES MOVED TO amend clause 2 to read: "BIFT The U of A Students' Union oppose parking expansion that is not in accordance with the University of Alberta's Long-Range Development Plan and that will further jeopardize the already limited amount of campus green space."

Samuel: What binds us to support the LRDC?

Smith: Nothing, really. The president signed off on the plan earlier, but not under the authority of any existing political policy.

Brechtel: The LRDP will be in flux for the next 30 years and could potentially be changed. This motion binds us to the LRDP and not the LRDP as it exists now.

Reid: The VPEX wants to draft a political policy re: Garneau expansions; this is also in the LRDP

Motion Withdrawn

JONES MOVED TO strike the last clause, "BIFRT the University of Alberta Students' Union request that Parking Services no longer contribute parking proceeds to the University's general operating budget."

Jones: \$3M per year is equivalent to a 1% tuition increase

Weppler: This begs the question on what is the purpose of ancillary services. Operating budget money shouldn't be coming from these groups.

Bolivar: Students are paying this money whether it is through tuition or through parking. This amendment is contradictory to the definition of an ancillary unit.

Kotovych: Keeping parking rates low subsidizes those students who drive at the expense of those who don't.

Carried (18/15/6)

OBERHOFFNER/ROSS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION to include "BIFRT the SU oppose the use of 24-hour parking meters"

Carried (34/0/2)

Carried (34/3/0)

2002-12/13

OLD BUSINESS

2002-12/13a

SMITH/HUDEMA MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve a budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$5,000.00 to send Anand Sharma, Vice President (External) and a member of the External Affairs Board as selected by that committee to the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations National Lobbying Conference scheduled for October 25 to November 2, 2002 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Kotovych: Why do we need two people?

Clyburn: Traditionally, the SU has sent two people to the CASA lobbying conference. This is usually two exec members but one can't make it this year.

Wepler: What happened at the last meeting?

Samuel: At the last EAB meeting a nomination process was held; EAB selected the Student-at-Large, Howard Young.

Wepler: Why isn't the President going?

Samuel: He doesn't want to.

Jones: Wasn't the researcher the other one?

Samuel: No, it was two exec plus the researcher

Hirji: Jones is confusing this with the Ottawa Lobbying Trip

Smith: As I do not wish to sully council chambers with my vomit, I'd like to ask that this sickening use of Points of Information end.

Samuel: It would be valuable to send an additional person to the lobbying conference; sending only the VP External would reflect poorly upon us.

Williams: Why is a SAL, not a councilor, being sent?

Kawanami: The original intent was for this person to be a councilor. I would rather this person be a councilor so that they can provide additional insight at council meetings.

KAWANAMI/SLOMP MOVED TO insert "council" before "member" and strike "as selected by that committee"

Smith: If EAB wanted this SAL to go, let's abide by their decision.

Carried (13/10/11)

WEPPLER/ROSS MOVED TO replace "a council member of EAB as selected by that committee" with "Mike Hudema, President,"

Wepler: I couldn't stay last week because there's only one bus to Sherwood Park. It is the job of the president to represent us at CASA, regardless of his personal opinion of the organization. We're at a crossroads in terms of our membership so it's important that he go.

Ross: It was decided to send a councilor to the conference to give a more balanced opinion to council. We don't know where the President will be on a day-to-day basis, let alone where he will be at this date.

Kawanami: Council decided it wanted a more balanced perspective; the original motion from the exec was to send the VPEX only.

Smith: What section of the bylaw describes this as the President's duty or is it just tradition?

Kawanami: If the VPEX decided not to attend any of the conferences he traditionally attends, this would be a problem. The president didn't attend the first CASA conference.

Smith: It is necessary for the sake of the credibility of the forthcoming debate that a second person, without the "perceived" bias of the President and VPEX be well versed in CASA issues.

Jones: Hudema's Uncertainty Principle: we don't know where the President is, but we know he's going fast! If we're truly looking for a balanced perspective on this issue, we should send the current and past VPEXes. We may not get them both back intact, but perhaps that wouldn't be a bad thing.

Kotovych: We want to send those people who will best represent UofA at the conference.

ROSS MOVED the previous question

Carried

Defeated (7/29/4)

Carried (30/7/3) Abstaining: Samuel, Clyburn, Kawanami

Congratulations to Clyburn

2002-12/14

NEW BUSINESS

2002-12/14a

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the

recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Students' Union and the Forest Society.
Please see document LA 02-12.03.

Smith: For the last decade the SU has loaned the Forest Society money to cover their annual Christmas tree sale. This has traditionally been an interest-free loan, which represents an opportunity cost to the SU. We have drafted a memorandum of understanding that would give the group the loan interest-free this year but would charge them interest in future years. The group has started to save money each year so eventually they will no longer require the loan.

Cloutier: We're putting \$2000 per year into a mutual fund and will be financially self-sufficient in 2009. We've paid this loan back on time every year. The event donates a significant amount of money to the United Way each year.

Kawanami: The SU throws interest-free money at many less-worthy projects.

Beamish: It seems inappropriate to be charging the faculty association interest; the loan should be interest-free until they are self-sufficient.

Ross: Bear in mind the opportunity cost to students of loaning the group this money interest-free.

Jones: \$25,000 at 5% for 3 months is about \$300; is this really worth our bother?

Beamish: We've been doing this for 10 years without a problem; why did it suddenly become one?

Smith: It's a potential problem, especially if other associations expect the same privileges.

BOLIVAR/SLOMP MOVED the previous question
Carried

Carried (24/11/1)

2002-12/14b

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council appoints two undergraduate students to sit on the University of Alberta Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Search Advisory Committee.

In Greg's temporary abstention, Smith chaired the meeting to the general boos of council.

Congratulations to **Brechtel** and **Harlow**

2002-12/14c

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve an expense not to exceed \$2417.00 from the Special Project Reserve to hire Incite Solutions to conduct a student survey relating to Upass issues.

Smith: This survey would be a joint effort with the NAIT and GMC SU's to get a more reliable assessment of student opinion on the UPass as the ETS figures seem inaccurate. The cost will be shared equally between the three schools

Tomte: Marketing 312 classes need of survey projects; could this not be taken to them?

Ross: This would be beyond the scope of those class projects.

Kawanami: Will ETS take the findings of this survey seriously?

Smith: ETS realizes that their numbers are likely in error but isn't willing to foot the cost of a second survey. They would be receptive to these results.

Kidston: What would be the consequences if council doesn't approve this?

Ross: Sending out many marketing 312 classes, as well as poor relations with other schools.

Bolivar: What other firms were considered? Was any comparison-shopping done?

Reikie: Is this a local firm?

Brechtel: To the best of my knowledge, this is a local firm. We had good relations with them when they did the comprehensive survey last year. The marketing department chose them.

Carried (25/5/0)

2002-12/14d

SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, select two (2) councilors to sit on the selection committee for the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board.

Congratulations to **Jones and Rajulu**

2002-12/14e

SMITH/ROSS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, approve in principle a referendum question to eliminate the Student Financial Aid and Information Centre dedicated fee and

replace it with a corresponding increase in the base Students' Union fee, and that it direct the Internal Review Board to draft a specific wording for the question.

Smith: SFAIC is like all other SU services, except that a dedicated fee funds it. SFAIC is now spending more money than it is collecting, which will only be sustained by their previous surpluses for a short amount of time. This service should properly be funded by general revenue.

BRECHTEL/KAWANAMI MOVED TO suspend standing order 30.

Defeated

Roll Call: Jones Kawanami smith Rajulu Samuel

Defeated

2002-12/17

ADJOURNMENT (9:15)

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council

1. The following motions were passed at the September 30, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting

- a. SMITH/ROSS moved that the Executive Committee recommend to Students' Council that it approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Students' Union and the Forest Society.

VOTE ON MOTION 4/0 CARRIED

- b. SMITH/ROSS moved that Executive Committee recommend to Students' Council that it accept the letter of clarification drafted by the Executive Committee and that it direct the Executive Committee to send it to the appropriate recipients.

SMITH/BRECHTEL: moved to amend the proposed amendment to reverse the last two sentences instead of striking the last one.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT 3/1/0 CARRIED

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED 3/1/0 CARRIED

2. The following motions were passed at the October 3, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting

- a. SMITH/BRECHTEL MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted amount not to exceed \$6586.00 to send the Orientation Manager to NODA and the Director of New Student Programs to Conference on Students in Transition.

SMITH/ROSS MOVED to amend the original motion to add "and direct the Director to investigate more economical accommodations.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT 3/1 opposed CARRIED

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED 4/0 CARRIED

3. There were no motions were passed at the October 7, 2002 Executive Committee Meeting

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<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Students' Council	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<u>Garneau</u>
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

WHEREAS the Garneau region at present provides a unique environment for low density student housing;

WHEREAS this unique environment could conceivably be threatened by University expansion into the Garneau region;

WHEREAS alternatives exist for the University, making expansion into the Garneau region unnecessary; and

WHEREAS the Students' Union recognizes the necessity for expansion to meet the needs of students in the form of increased affordable housing and accessibility to University facilities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, oppose any University of Alberta expansion into the Garneau Region where that expansion would threaten the current unique environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union, University of Alberta, strongly urge the University of Alberta to explore alternative options to meet student needs in housing and facilities.

Policy History:

Reference/Vote

Board/Committee

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POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

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	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2003	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	External Affairs Board	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<i>Differential Tuition</i>
	- <i>Topic:</i>	

MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the External Affairs Board adopt the following as Students' Union Policy regarding tuition increases:

WHEREAS tuition at the University of Alberta has increased more than most Canadian universities in the last ten years,
AND WHEREAS access and equity are paramount values in universities,

AND WHEREAS the Students' Union recognizes that all disciplines of education are valuable to both society and the economy, and should be perceived as such,

AND WHEREAS the Students' Union rejects the notion that tuition rates should be assessed on the basis of future earning potential of graduates,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student' Union oppose any efforts to differentiate tuition fees between faculties at the University of Alberta.

Policy History:

	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Updated	SC 00-18/9h (32/1/3)	External Affairs Board	January 30, 2001
Updated	SC 99-17/9h (29/3)	External Affairs Board	January 25, 2000
Updated	SC 98-22/9c(24/1)	External Affairs Board	March 23, 1999
Updated	SC 97-20/9f (31/3)	External Affairs Board	March 24, 1998
Created	(20/10)	External Affairs Board	February 11, 1997

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	<i>Expiration Date:</i> April 30, 2006	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Students' Council	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	<i>- Category:</i> POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	<i>- Specific:</i> <i>ALBERTA'S AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA'S TUITION POLICY</i>	
	<i>- Topic:</i>	

MOVED THAT Students' Council adopt the following policy regarding tuition:
 WHEREAS the province of Alberta needs a tuition model that is student centric;
 AND WHEREAS the University of Alberta also needs a tuition model that is student centric;
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Students' Council endorses, and supports through whatever means are necessary, the document entitled "Alberta's Tuition Policy: Ensuring Affordability, Accountability, Accessibility, Predictability and Quality".

Policy History:	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created April 30, 2002	24/5/0	Students' Council	April 30, 2002

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POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

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	<i>Expiration Date: April 30, 2006</i>	
<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Academic Affairs Board	
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i> POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)	
	- <i>Specific:</i> ACCESSIBILITY TO COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	
	- <i>Topic:</i> <u>Number of Computer Facilities</u>	

The University of Alberta is high quality institute of Post-Secondary Education that aspires to become recognized internationally as a center of learning and innovation. As such, there are many initiatives in place to encourage the use of new technology in the University environment. The current utilization of computer technology at this University necessitates that all students have access to computing technology, and this need will only increase in the future.

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the University of Alberta to provide for its students materials necessary to their education;

AND WHEREAS the use of computer technology is ever increasing at this and every recognized institution where access to computers is now seen by some faculties as critical;

AND WHEREAS the cost of personal computers is prohibitive for many students attending the University of Alberta due to current costs associated with tuition and living expenses and the average wage earned by students;

AND WHEREAS attending this University should be limited only by academic qualifications;

AND WHEREAS the total number of computers at the University is not indicative of general student access because labs are frequently used for classroom teaching and/or are department specific labs;

AND WHEREAS a substantial and necessary portion of the use of computer labs is for email and other communication;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union encourage the creation of new computer labs with access to all students attending the University;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union encourage the University to extend the hours of the existing computer labs in specific high traffic areas so as to decrease the strain on computer labs during peak hours;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union encourage the University to create "public access terminals" for students to check and respond to email and other forms of communication, thus decreasing strain on computer labs;

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<i>Responsibility for Policy:</i>	Academic Affairs Board				
<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)			
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<i>Technology on Campus</i>			
	- <i>Topic:</i>	<i>Calculator Restrictions</i>			

As the abilities of calculators increase, there may be need for some regulation, however any rules instituted should be as flexible for students as possible so as not to unreasonably inhibit choices or to strain already limited resources.

WHEREAS calculators should be limited only to an extent sufficient to ensure the fairness and accuracy of testing on campus;

AND WHEREAS to ensure fairness on tests, several functions and abilities of calculators may have to be excluded;

AND WHEREAS all other calculators that do not have functions that are unfairly advantageous are not a threat to the testing process;

AND WHEREAS if students do not have a calculator that is approved they will have to purchase new calculators, thus limiting their choice and straining their resources;

AND WHEREAS familiarity with certain functionality of calculators is a significant aspect of performance on examinations that require the assistance of calculators;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT if any group on campus decides to limit calculator use on an inclusion model, they provide for students to be able to add calculators to the inclusion list, given they satisfy a predetermined list of requirements set out by the group in consultation with the student body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union encourages any groups who chooses to limit calculator use to create inclusion criteria at least as broad as those of Alberta Learning to be reassessed every two years so as to stay current.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union encourages professors to create exams in a way that will not provide unfair advantage for any student who uses a calculator approved by Alberta Learning.

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<i>Subject Matter</i>	- <i>Category:</i>	POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)
	- <i>Specific:</i>	<i>Academic Materials</i>
	- <i>Topic:</i>	<i>In Relation to Sponsorship</i>

While The University of Alberta is in a time of fiscal restraint and alternate funding alternatives need to be pursued, caution must be exercised when deciding what avenues to pursue.

WHEREAS academic course material at the University of Alberta should best reflect the most current and academically valuable information available;

AND WHEREAS donations to the University can assist in offsetting the rising cost of tuition;

AND WHEREAS academic staff should determine academic course materials, so as to best educate students with the most current and the widest variety of information;

AND WHEREAS the value of a University education is based on the quality of the information and new alternatives presented to students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union of the University of Alberta does not oppose donations to the University except those that allow outside organizations to influence curriculum.

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