

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday August 9, 2005
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

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August 9th, 2005

Fellow Council Members,

This has been a very difficult decision that I've been wrestling with for sometime now, but I've pretty much resigned myself to it – pun intended. Although I do not wish to leave this body, come September, I will no longer, in my opinion, be able to serve this Assembly in a befitting manner, by virtue of being unable to attend Council meetings from September through April. As such, I am resigning my position as of the last Council meeting prior to the Fall by-election – September 20th, 2005. It's been a fun run, to say the least. I wish you all the best.

Regretfully submitted,

Shawna Pandya

On Tap Summary

Meeting date: Monday, August 8, 2005

Location: Council Chambers

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As the summer draws to a close, the projects of the VPs are being finalized. My own specific efforts are also coming together nicely: the PAC proposal is being furthered in discussions; plans have developed for the students' day with President Indira; our speaker series is nearing completion; and the recent Teaching & Research summit has helped our push to focus University efforts back on undergraduate education.

SPECIFICS:

- PAC project

Notes are included in the current agenda package: I wish for a vigorous questioning of the proposal by councilors, and to then bring a motion to Council next meeting to be debated and decided upon.

- Students' day with President Indira

Our proposal is almost finalized. I have presented it to Indira and her office. The final items of discussion group questions and funding assistance have to be resolved. From there it will be a matter of logistics.

- Speaker series (On Tap)

Marketing is driving the look and feel of this event; so far, I am very impressed with their ideas and concept development. I will be contacting and finalizing speakers for the topics we have created.

- Summit: Teaching & Research

This is an area of our university that all undergraduates should be interested in and vocal about. While much of the summit revolved around interesting pedagogical improvements and new constructions of the classroom, there seems to still be uncertainty about the final goal of integrating these two key pieces of our university. Questions directed at Mat Johnson or myself would be appreciated in order to allow for further dissemination to councilors.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Vacation: August 13th – 22nd

Council Report August 5, 2005

Vice President External

Council Admin position: Brought it to CAC, and it is in Bill form in the council agenda. With any luck we can start hiring next week.

Campus Campaigns: We've done some great work in the past few weeks organizing what the political action week will look like. We have theme days worked out, sustainability, poverty, international problems and war, Alberta events, and gender and culture. Brett, Sarah and I are currently working on contacting speakers. **The week is Sept 26th-30th if you'd like to volunteer let me know.**

Communications Strategy:

Aug 10 -- We're releasing an **open letter to the premier** about accepting a dedicated transfer to PSE from the federal government for the minister's conference next week.

Aug. 16 -- We'll have a **CAUS press conference** for the submission of our affordability review documents, where we hope to have MLAs out to comment. Come check it out at 1030.

Aug. 29 -- **Public Interest Alberta** will be holding a for the release of their PSE campaign, Jen the VPX from Calgary and CAUS chair will be in attendance.

Sept 6 - We'll be releasing the CAUS campaign for the affordability review with a press conference that will hopefully be a province wide conference.

Public Interest Alberta is **looking for volunteers!!!!** They need "streeters" to talk about their PSE experience. Let me know if you're interested.

If you're interested in volunteering for any of these events, let me know.

Affordability Review: Document submission is moving along. We've decided to submit one CAUS document with additional letters to the Steering Committee from each president.

A Learning Alberta held spur of the moment consultation sessions on tuition and investment, they're being held across Alberta, I attended the Edmonton one. It went fairly well, the main points made were base operating funding needs to be increased and changed to address the needs of the institution, and discussions on tuition went really well.

CAUS now has a **public campaign** we decided to re-use the "I Heart Alberta Education" to build an education "brand" but we changed it to "I Broken Heart Alberta Education" and it will feature four themes, debt, tuition, faculty to student ratio, and per student funding.

Coming Up: August 12-17 Vacation

Mathieu Johnson VP(Academic)
Report to Students' Council
August 8, 2005

Follow-up on Past Projects

Canadian Summit on Teaching and Research: A good event with a lot of really promising ideas for undergraduates, and the reason why my report is in the late additions as opposed to the regular package. However, most of what was discussed at the summit was simply good pedagogical practices and ways to put more emphasis on teaching in professors' workload. All while I am happy to hear talk about these issues, the misleading context in which it is being brought up is a little disconcerting.

The President and I are looking into ways to inform concerned students about the curriculum ideas presented at the conference, with the hopes of creating some student pressure on curriculum changes.

24/7 SUB: As I write this on Monday, the meeting of the Strategic initiatives group is still scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. I will update council verbally about the proceedings.

Update on Current Projects

Academic Survey: The analysis is done and is currently being put through the crucible to attempt to gather the salient points so that it is not a 130 page document. Therefore it is not in a publicly digestible format as of yet. As usual any information about a specific topic may be requested. Everything is still on track to have an extensive gateway supplement in September as planned.

Justin Kehoe, Vice President (Student Life)
Report to Students' Council
August 9, 2005

Submitted: August 5, 2005

Good Evening Council,

WOW is taking up quite a bit of time and there have been a few glitches, but with the help of WOWPC, we're pulling through. The design for Destination: WOW has been finalized, as well as the majority of the schedule and T-shirt plans. I've met with the Transitions Programs Manager to receive updates on Orientation, cover WOW and Orientation cooperation, and clarify our Labatt's sponsorship arrangements. I am working with several different groups who wish to be involved during WOW.

The **Revolutionary Speakers Series** is close to having a final roster of speakers for the year. We are attempting to make the program as financially safe as possible this year. Along with securing speakers, we will continue to set up proper procedures for planning and running the series, as it currently exists at the whim of the Vice President.

The **Campus Food Bank** Board of Directors set its goals for the next few years, discussed Board membership, considered space options, and approved a motion to increase the salary of the Executive Director. CFB legislation is quite a mess and in dire need of revision. We made plans for the summer Board retreat, as well as a more formal Board development retreat in the fall.

The **Alcohol Policy Review Committee** received proposals for the SU WOW beer gardens, the LHSA Rezfest, and the BSA Oktoberfest. There was significant discussion on the introduction of ASIP and a timeline of changes on campus. **Rezfest** will be operating this year under the Students' Union's insurance policy, since the LHSA was unable to secure insurance and the University would otherwise prohibit the event.

I went to the first official SU event with **Sonic 102.9** as a sponsor, and look forward to this partnership benefiting us. I also attended two **CAC** meetings, went to a Taste of Edmonton with the **Service Directors**, dined with **AP!RG**, planned a **Senate** event, met with **Studentcare**, and began organizing my office.

The first person who can tell me that they read my report in its entirety will win a prize from the Office of the Vice President (Student Life).

Upcoming:

- August 10: Workplace Health Promotions Advisory Committee
SU Volunteer working group
SFAIC Director interviews
SLAC, WOWPC, & PC meetings
- August 11-12: SFAIC Director interviews
- August 13: Orientation Crafts Day
- August 19: Campus Food Bank Board Retreat

EXEC COMMITTEE REPORT

The executive met on August 1st to discuss where we fit in the committee scheme and what we deem as "exec" goals for the year.

We've discussed this for the past few months and decided that developing a long term planning strategy that is able to incorporate the short term goals of turn over, the structure of governance and the goals of the organization as a whole.

Our second goal is to provide direction to the organization, by incorporating council's goals and the day to day operations which must be dealt with.

We'd like to assist in defining the policy direction of the organization, by helping to develop enforceable political policy and finding the structural office supports for the initiative.

Finally we'd like to revise Bylaw 1100, as it is horribly outdated.

The exec committee has achieved a couple goals which we set out to do at the beginning of the year. We wanted to review operating policy and ensure it is up to date, this should be accomplished by September. As well we set out to provide administrative support to council, which is finally in the form of a motion, Bill 12.

INSTITUTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BURSARY

IOB – matching grant program providing more dollars to students eligible for a provincial bursary. To qualify for a provincial government AOB, a student's need must be assessed at more than 4,000\$. The student is then given additional funding from the University's IOB. So the AOB is a bursary program for those whose need is more than four grand, and the IOB is set up between the government and the institutions to grant more money to students in need.

The policy reads, to have the province recognize the Access Fund as an IOB. This means the Access Fund would qualify as an institutional bursary. The intent could be implied to be that once the need has been assessed, that the government would match the grant. This is not what happens. The Access Fund would be recognized, but to no real benefit to anyone.

In consultation with Clare Ard, another intent may have been to have the Access Fund classified as an institutional bursary.

“This is because there is an unwritten agreement that the Universities of A, C and L get the \$1800 scholarship waiver extended to their institutional bursary funds. This came about because the Us of C and L award bursaries with their merit awards; they rank the awards in terms of amount and go down their lists of highest GPAs so the highest GPAs get the most money. At the Uof A of course, the scholarships and bursaries are awarded completely separately.

However, all the other post-secondary institutions are somewhat miffed that they don't benefit from this unwritten agreement - the issue comes up every few years or so. Alberta Adv Ed doesn't want to anger the universities but is (for some spurious reason, based on highly inflated cost estimates) unwilling to allow the other schools to receive the bursary waiver. So students on loans at those schools who receive bursaries are supposed to report them and then they get clawed back dollar for dollar. Happily or not, most schools have very little or no bursary money and most students who do receive them don't report.

At present there is no attempt by the government to disallow Access Funds for the waiver and the University does use AF monies for the MacLean's rankings so we are covered by precedent. But, of course, there's nothing written either from the University recognizing us or from the government.”

My recommendation would be to ditch this policy. First of all it seems incorrect in its intent. Secondly if the policy that were to be developed a case of awaking a bear of an issue, I think we're better leaving this unwritten agreement.

On the other hand, it may be an issue we'd like to bring to ACTISEC, take initiative on, and develop joint policy to lobby together.

August 4, 2005

Bonjour Council,

First, a Disclaimer,,,

The last meeting was ridiculously long. Like, really, really long. 4 hours really long. Ergo, the Votes and Proceedings and Chair's report will also be really, really ridiculously long (Votes and Proceedings were 25 pages at last count). Therefore, to make your lives somewhat easier, the following report has been interspersed with a sense of dramatic heroism that may or may not have actually been present at the last CAC meeting...

Welcome to the latest volume in the ongoing saga that is the Council Administration Committee. When we last left our heroes (aka CAC committee members), they were bravely struggling on in the face of a heavy agenda, but thanks to god-like endurance, and marathon meetings lasting 4 hours, the villainous agenda was slowly but surely being vanquished...

So after the late entrance of the chair (who maintains she was being fashionably late), and the usual approval of previous minutes, CAC plunged headfirst into their agenda, and was helped along by some very powerful allies, including Steve Smith (the ex-councilor, not the hockey player), Sam Power, international woman of mystery, and the ever shady possible-messiah-in-hiding, Justin Kehoe.

The Ongoing Battle: Old Business

Bill #3: Member of Council Legitimacy Bill

CAC saw fit to make three changes here, with the rationale as follows. Firstly, the registrar's report will be sent to the speaker on a semesterly, rather than a bi-monthly basis, because this division is more logical – most students are forced to leave or tend to change faculties between semesters (as an aside, please note that 'semesterly' includes spring and summer as well as fall and winter terms). Secondly, CAC chose to specify that this report apply to all *student* members only, because it seemed pointless to check on the eligibility requirements of the General Manager. Finally, the committee chose to omit the Chair of DIE Board from those who would be receiving the report, because it seemed to be such a trivial point – realistically, the Chair of DIE Board only needs to see the report when there is a violation, and someone has chosen to bring the case before DIE Board.

SCHNEIDER'S Efficiency Report

Before he left, Councilor SCHNEIDER submitted his work on his CAC project, which was to perform an ongoing efficiency audit on Council processes. The first

report contained four points, ultimately leading to four changes. Firstly, the Cheer Song has been scrapped from the Council ritual, to save time in Council chambers, and to move on to pressing business more quickly. In a similar vein, roll call has been changed from verbal to written, as it was deemed that the verbal roll call takes up time and disrupts the flow of debate. Next came the discussion of Board and Committee Reports, leading to two motions to save time: firstly, like the Exec Reports, oral Board and Committee Reports will now be limited to 2 minutes in length. Additionally, the Board and Committee Reports have been shifted such that they occur directly before Question Period, to eliminate the current problem of questions being posed to the Committee chair both during the report, and during question period.

If nothing else, read this paragraph: Further to these changes, in the name of the good and noble spirit “Efficiency,” it was requested that the acting Chair of CAC (me, for those of you who haven’t been paying attention) gently and lovingly remind Council that firstly, oral Exec/Board and Committee reports needn’t repeat what is already contained in the written report, as it is assumed that the vast majority of the assembly’s members fall within the 98% of Canadians who are literate. Secondly, it was also requested that I remind you (again, gently and lovingly) that recesses are 15 minutes long, so please adhere to those limits, or I’ll come after you with a big stick. With nails in it. Rusty ones, at that.

Reapportionment of the VPSL/VPA Portfolio

Although CAC had initially chosen to pursue this as one of its year-long goals, it has become apparent, after much discussion with the VPSL, that the VPA and VPSL have already committed to looking into this, so CAC has relinquished its pursuit of this goal for the time being.

The Emerging Threat: New Business

Our heroes, exhausted but deliriously euphoric after having brilliantly conquered the seemingly immortal giant that was old business, had their celebrations prematurely terminated as an altogether more ominous menace loomed darkly on the horizon: it would be the ultimate test of endurance, they knew. Still, our valiant champions of all that is good and pure stared bravely into the face of the latest enemy, New Business.

Students’ Council Administrative Assistant Position

Clearly, somebody had been paying attention to the struggle of our brave committee soldiers, because Sam Power, international woman of mystery came riding over the horizon on a gleaming white stallion (metaphorically speaking, of course), bearing news that was greatly welcomed: she had three proposed reporting structures for a new Admin Assistant to take on the mammoth task of

providing resource and structural support for Council and its committees. Of the three proposed structures, the committee agreed that a reporting structure where the new position reported to the Executive Assistant, who in turn reported to the President, who would then report to the Speaker on all Councilsque issues was most favorable; this structure would be easiest to implement (requiring only changes to By-Law 1100), it did not create unnecessary amounts of work for the Speaker (as would be the case if (s)he had to manage a full-time position, and it also ensured that the Speaker was not cut out of the reporting structure loop. The remaining options were discarded because of problems that would arise in renegotiating the Executive Assistant's contract, and the Speaker's added workload if the new Admin position were to report to the speaker. Based on this discussion, Ms. Power was then sent on a mission work out the details involved, and bring a proposal to Council.

Bill #10: The Amalgamation of Council By-Laws

The warrior people of CAC were delighted to see that their counterparts in a far-off land called By-Law Committee had taken on the daunting task of condensing all of the current Council-related by-laws into a single document, aka Bill #10. From this, it was up to the allies on CAC to renege the finer points of the bill, and then send it back to the good folk at By-Law to do what the would. There are numerous changes within this bill, however, for the sake of getting some sleep tonight, and of not stealing Bill #10's mover's thunder, I shall limit the list to major points discussed at CAC, providing a brief rationale where necessary.

- 1) No member of Council may simultaneously hold office as Speaker and as Councilor. Rationale: This is more straight-forward than dealing with the logistics of trying to figure out Council size, replenishment issues, and whether a Speaker can properly maintain impartiality as a speaker.
- 2) All current Council member requirements (as set out in By-Law 100) are repealed. Rationale: CAC decided not to implement any new requirements, because it was generally agreed that any new rules should be concrete and enforceable, and CAC had no suggestions for concrete requisites at this time.
- 3) The Oath of office, the process by which Council elected a speaker, and the details of the style of the proxy form were removed from By-Law. Rationale: These details are more procedural than legislative.
- 4) Under new categories added to legislation, "Budget" was scrapped, leaving only "Standing Orders" and "General Orders." Rationale: Someone pointed out that the Budget could very simply and easily be defined elsewhere.
- 5) Political Policies will be prioritized and strategized on an annual basis, and as such, will no longer have an expiry date.. Rationale: Political Policy was initially proposed as existing in two forms: "Statements" of the SU's beliefs of attitude towards a particular issue, and "Implementable" – those policies that can be acted upon. However, Mr. Smith quickly pointed out that the

- status of a particular policy can fluctuate between the two categories as circumstances warrant. For this reason, it was decided that it would be more efficient for all Political Policies to exist in one form, and be prioritized annually as needing be acted upon or not. This also means that all Political Policies created will perpetually exist, without expiration date.
- 6) There will be no limitation on the minimum/maximum number of committees a Council member may sit on, or chair. Rationale: The original bill #10 had stipulations with regards to this issue, however after careful deliberation, it was realized that this would likely be unenforceable.
 - 7) For committees, entire meeting schedules must be posted for the entire semester. Rationale: Prior to this, the whole “for the entire semester” was absent, and some smart aleck pointed out that posting a meeting schedule for a single meetings at a time is still technically a ‘schedule,’ which kind of defeats the purpose of having this in by-law to begin with.
 - 8) Style of Board and Committee Reports – initially, it was decreed that these consisted of Votes and Proceedings and a Chair’s Report contained in separate documents, however, CAC changed the format so that both will be contained in a single document. Rationale: For committee meetings where no actual motions are passed (but discussion does occur), it is somewhat wasteful to write an entire Votes and Proceedings to say that nothing happened.
 - 9) Bill #10 initially stated that the undergraduate Board of Governors representative was to a) submit reports to Council as directed, and b) take on the same responsibilities as any other member of Council. This was nixed. Rationale: These directives are not set out in by-law for either the Exec or Councilors, so it is inconsistent to create directives for the BOG rep.
 - 10) Perhaps the most striking change: proxies are now permitted to serve on committees. Proxies may be a member of the Councilor’s faculty, another Councilor, or a Proxy of another Councilor (who is directly asked to proxy on Committee; if Councilor A asks Councilor B to proxy for A, B cannot delegate this authority to his/her proxy, A must ask B’s proxy). Rationale: Our committee system this year has seen the detriment of not permitting proxies in the committee system – many committees and boards either cannot operate, or are operating at bare quorum. Finally, proxies of Councilors were granted Committee-proxy power because by-law 100 explicitly states that “proxies have the same rights and responsibilities as the Councilor who appointed the proxy member.” In this vein, it does not make sense that proxies within Council chambers are not permitted to serve on Committees.

The last frontier: CRO’s Goals for the Year

CAC passed a motion directing the CRO submit a list of her year-long goals to the committee, so that Council is aware of the objectives of its officer. This may

also prevent the CRO from pursuing directives the Council does not wish to pursue, as CAC will have the ability to amend and strike goals.

Thus ended one of the most epic battles of the year. CAC was tired, the Chair was too tired to think at certain points (and subsequently declared “unfit to Chair by at least 2 committee members”; this attempted mutiny was quickly quashed by the Chair’s tyrannical ways), people were injured (mostly villains though, so it’s okay), babies were saved, and medals were awarded. But CAC knew their work was not yet done, not by a long shot – there was the next agenda to think about, for the August 5th, meeting, where the CAC-folk would deal with those demons of legislation, including, but not limited to:

- An update of the Committee member’s individual projects
- A discussion of updates to be made to the CAC website
- A discussion of CAC’s Outreach goals for the year
- A discussion of what to do with the yearly battle of Committee Goals submissions
- A start on planning the Council Retreat Planning Retreat (to occur in October or November)
- An update of CAC’s progress on its goals thus far

And as always, you, dear reader, are enthusiastically encouraged to join the battle for eternal salvation (and if not, we’ll assume you hate freedom). So, if you love freedom, come to **SUB 420 at 17:00h Friday, August 5th and 12th**. If not, well, see you around, freedom-haters.

Questions, comments, concerns? Tell someone who cares (apparently that’s me): shawnapandya@hotmail.com. I promise to at least feign interest. Until we meet again,

Shawna
Interim Chair, CAC
Certifiably Insane

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta
Council Administration Committee

5 August 2005 @ 17:00 – SUB 4-20

Votes and Proceedings (CAC 2005-09)

1. Call to Order @ 5:46PM

PRESENT: Rachel WOYNOROWSKI (CRO), Justin KEHOE (Vice-President Student Life), Catrin BERGHOFF, Shawna PANDYA, Sheena APEROCHO, Greg HARLOW, Brian CEELLEN, Kyle KAWANAMI (~7:00PM)

2. Approval of the Orders of the Day

APEROCHO/BERGHOFF moved to approve the orders of the day.

CARRIED

3. Approval of last meeting's minutes:

- a. Minutes from July 29th, 2005

POST-PONED TO NEXT MEETING

I. Old Business

4. Discussion

- a. Moving the submission of committee Goals Lists into Council Standing Orders (PANDYA to introduce)

PANDYA/CEELLEN moved that committees submit their year-long goals at the Council meeting following the committees third meeting.

PRINCIPLE APPROVED; SPECIFIC STANDING ORDERS TO BE UPDATED AT NEXT MEETING.

5. Updates on Projects

- a. Council/Committee Support Staff (PANDYA)
- b. Councilor Offices (HARLOW)
- c. Council Website Forums (PANDYA)
- d. Councilor Remuneration (SCHNEIDER)
- e. Board Space in SUB (APEROCHO)

NO MOTIONS PASSED; PLEASE SEE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR DETAILS

II. New Business

Discussion

6. CAC Website (Please see attached)

NO MOTIONS PASSED; PLEASE SEE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR DETAILS

7. Outreach Goals

NO MOTIONS PASSED; PLEASE SEE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR DETAILS

8. Council Retreat Planning Retreat

NO MOTIONS PASSED; PLEASE SEE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR DETAILS

9. Update on CAC Goals (Please see attached)

NO MOTIONS PASSED; PLEASE SEE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR DETAILS

10. Update to Standing Orders

POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING

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11. Adjournment @ 7:21PM

APEROCOHO/PANDYA moved to adjourn.

CARRIED (KAWANAMI abstains)

CAC Website Suggestions

1. Add CAC Goals List
2. Committee Composition and brief summaries/bios
3. Interim Chair Contact Information
4. Committee Descriptions
5. Format Documents Table
6. Committee Member's Projects

CAC Goals for 2005-06

[~~Strike through~~ = dealt with
Underline = started]

I. Almost Completely Dealt With

~~Interim chairs: Dealt with~~

~~Amend non-disclosure agreement: Dealt with~~

II. Council Efficiency: Yearlong project, SCHNEIDER to spearhead Council efficiency audit, including but not limited to meeting structure, and processes of debate, bill passage and voting

Get council to take itself seriously

Set efficiency expectations

Further reform Council with respect to efficiency and effectiveness

III. Council Resources and Support: Yearlong project, individual CAC members to spearhead sub-projects

Council/committee support staff: Exec's project, CAC Chair to request progress reports at Question Period

Councilor offices: HARLOW to begin research

Council website forums/Webpage organization: PANDYA to begin research

Councilor remuneration: SCHNEIDER to begin research

Board space in SUB : APEROCHO to begin research

→ Content: 1-way or 2-way?

IV. Exec & Council Values: To be dealt with in the July meetings

Revise Executive portfolios and duties: CAC to examine apportionment of VPA/VPSL portfolios and reporting structures at July 10th and 31st meetings; CAC to recommend that Exec Committee update By-Law 1100 (Exec By-Law)

V. Council and Exec Elections: CAC's major summer/fall project, to begin in August, and be completed by December, tentatively in time for 2006 elections; will examine Exec elections, followed by Council elections; Council composition to be examined in tandem with both issues.

Council composition to be examined in tandem with both issues.

Exec elections reform

→ Elect from Council?

Councilor election reform

→ Increase visibility?

→ Amalgamate with General Elections?

→ Change Council composition:

→ Size?

→ Rep by faculty?

BOG Election Reform

→ Directly elect 2 undergraduate reps?

VI. Council Retreat: CAC to delegate to sub-committee open to all Councilors, will deal with in October/November, probably over the course of 2-3 day-long meetings

Food

→ Pizza?

Length

→ _ day?

→ Multi-day camping trip?

→ Follow up sessions?

→ Provide time for networking?

Content

→ Outdoor activities?

→ Who should present?

→ More interesting presentation format?

→ More hands-on?

→ More time on organizational structure?

→ Outline staff-councilor dynamic?

→ Add “How to act” info into binder?

Timeline

→ Send Roberts’ Rules of Order and Standing Orders via e-mail beforehand so
councillors can review beforehand?

→ More notice?

→ Before 1st meeting?

Who should attend

August 7th, 2005

Greetings and Salutations Council (Bonus points if you caught the allusion),

Welcome to another afternoon of funderfulness with the semi-regular CAC report. The meeting this Friday, mercifully, did NOT last 4 hours, although I am sad to say the meeting would have ended about 40 minutes sooner if MacIntosh computers not hate me, and if the VPSL was not so feminine in his grooming habits. And if I knew what 'punctual' meant...

This week's CAC agenda was very discussion heavy (as the Votes and Proceedings show, few actual motions were passed.), and we dealt with the following:

Moving the submission of Committee Goals into Standing Orders

Basically, this motion was introduced because it was the Chair's opinion that Council is currently far too inefficient in dealing with committee goals each year – as witnessed this year, we spent at least two meetings debating the logistics of this. On top of this, many committees still missed the Council deadline due to scheduling and quorum issues. If it were decreed that committees must submit their year-long goals at the Council meeting following their third meeting, these problems could be circumvented. The committee approved this motion on principle; however, since this will result in a change to standing orders, the actual changes will be drafted and passed at the next meeting of CAC.

Project Updates

I. Council/Committee Support Staff (PANDYA)

This was pretty much dealt with last meeting, when CAC chose a preferred reporting structure for the new Council Admin position, and directed the Vice-President External to act on it. This will now be coming to Council as Bill #12.

II. Councilor Offices (HARLOW)

This is the Speaker's project, and he has spoken with Marguerite (in charge of Facilities and Operations in SUB if I am not mistaken) about finding space in SUB for Councilor offices. As things currently stand, all possible spaces in SUB are currently in use, so if we were to pursue this goal, it would be more a question of reallocating space within SUB, rather than finding new space. There are six potential spaces in SUB that may be used for this: 1) the Student Groups Lounge; 2) one of the Student Groups Offices; 3) the SUB space on the 3rd floor, 4) space in the Student Services area; 5) existing meeting rooms; and my personal favorite, 6) Catrin's suggestion that we build a second SUB tower that will be Council's, all Council's *gets carried away*; however the size of what would be needed depends entirely on what Council plans to do with its space (e.g. meet people = normal room; take over world = 2nd SUB tower). Hence, the next step in this project is to survey Council on its vision and plans for a potential office space, so look for that in the coming weeks.

III. Council Website Forums (PANDYA)

Thus far, my efforts on this project have been limited to brain-storming, primarily, but now that August is here, and my schedule is far clearer, I have more time to pursue this. One of the main ideas that has been discussed up to this point is that of forums which only Council Members may access (both to read and post); however it was generally

agreed upon that if such a change is to be implemented, it should occur in tandem with a “Student Government”-style (from the former-Webboard) forum where the public is free to post, to encourage feedback from the student body (yay run-on sentences). The Council-only forum would therefore be placed off the Council webpage, not on the Webboard (should it return). However, the jury is still out on the merits of this, so this idea is preliminary, at best. Other ideas that were discussed include posting Council member bios/pictures on the website and periodic questions on relevant Council issues (where a few Council members at a time can offer their opinions). If you have anything in particular you’d like to see on the website, please send your suggestions along to me at shawnapandya@hotmail.com.

IV. Councilor Remuneration (SCHNEIDER)

As Councilor Schneider is absent for the summer, we will likely be receiving an update in the Fall.

V. Board Space in SUB (APEROCCHO)

Councilor Aperocho’s project looks at the allocation of Board space in SUB for Council events. While the current board space, located near the main-floor elevators is a start, it does not offer any information on Council’s duties and events beyond its composition, minutes URL and Councilor contact info. Furthermore, the location is not particularly visible – the general feeling in the committee is that the large wall space by the food courts (what becomes the “Wall of Debt” in January) would be a lot more desirable, for space and visibility purposes, so the next directive is to follow up with the relevant VPs on obtaining this space. It should be noted, for those concerned that Council intends to usurp the SUB “Wall of Debt” space, that the committee view is that Council would share the space with other goings-on, and would be temporarily taken down for major events such as the “Wall of Debt.”

CAC Website

For those who care (a percentage approximating Planck’s constant, I’m sure), CAC will be updating its website in the coming days, to include the CAC Goals list as a separate document, the Committee Composition and summaries of our members projects, the interim Chair’s e-mail address, and a description of CAC’s on-going work. Hooray!

Outreach Goals

As was tactfully pointed out by Councilor Crossman last Council meeting, it seems that CAC has omitted “Outreach Goals” on its year-long list of initiatives to pursue, which is disquieting, because this emerged as a major theme in our Goals-prioritizing meeting. What CAC had done was designate numerous Outreach initiatives under various headings (e.g. finding Board space in SUB, increasing the profile of Councilor elections, etc), however, in our prioritization-lust, we forgot to include “Outreach” as a category of its own, and for that we’re sorry. As such, we are compiling a list of Outreach ideas for next CAC meeting, when we will vet through the list, and decide what we will pursue this year – so please, if you have any ideas or initiatives, please pass them on (again at shawnapandya@hotmail.com).

Council Retreat Planning Retreat

It is another in CAC long list of goals to pursue – the planning of the Council Retreat. We initially intended to do this as a day-long meeting on a chilly Fall Saturday, but we revised this last meeting when the Speaker pointed out that we had already solicited feedback in the form of Retreat evaluations – as such, CAC is already in a position to start planning the details of the Retreat, and we will be dealing with this in one of our August meetings instead. If you do, however, have ideas, again, feel free to pass them on. The other point to note here is that we also intend to look at the format of the Exec Retreat, and see what is applicable to Council. Eventually, we hope to prep a proposal for Council.

Update on CAC Goals

As can be seen from the document in the Votes and Proceedings, CAC is doing pretty well thus far, and most of our initiatives are either dealt with, or are underway – so hooray for CAC!

Updates to Standing Orders

CAC had several changes to S.O based on Councilor Schneider's efficiency report (the details of which were explained in the July 29th minutes), which were to be approved at this meeting of CAC, however, the Chair had neglected to include the amended Standing Orders, so this motion (along with the motion to place Committee Goals Lists into S.O) was postponed to the August 12th meeting of CAC.

Adjournment

Councilor Kawanami, for some reason, abstained. We think he's hiding something. Let's get him, guys!

Upcoming Business

For those interested, at the next meeting, we will be dealing with:

- Council Outreach
- Updates to Standing Orders
- Minutes! Minutes galore!

If More People Were Like Councilor Ceelen, CAC Would Be a Happier Place (aka Next Meeting)

Thanks to Councilor Ceelen for stopping by – it's always nice to have Council Members participate in our discussions. What incentive can we offer you? Endogenous opiates – like heroin, but more legal. So, for your free fix, please stop by **SUB 420 at 5PM on Friday, August 12th, 2005.**

What You Are Missing Out on When You Don't Come to CAC

"People need to belong to something. I don't know if YOU would understand that." – Catrin to Greg,

pointing out what we already knew:

"I'm just a freak on the outskirts of society." – Greg, in response

"I don't just do my business at one spot, although I suspect if I weren't so active, it wouldn't be a problem." – Greg, theoretically on committees – but it's a lot funnier taken out of context

As always, if you have any questions, queries, or quibbles, or if you would like to be added to the CAC mailing list, please e-mail me at shawnapandya@hotmail.com
Later gators!

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