

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

Tuesday, December 4, 2007
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2007-17)

2007-17/2

PRESENTATIONS

2007-17/2b

CASA – Presented by Steven Dollansky. Sponsored by Steven Dollansky

Please see document LA 07-17.01

2007-17/4

QUESTION PERIOD

2007-17/4b

BANDALI- For Michael Janz, President:

Mr. President, I was wondering if you are prepared to give a formal update on the Revolutionary Speakers' Series (RSS)

Please see document LA 07-17.02

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007-17/5e

Grant Allocation Committee-Report

Please see document LA 07-17.03

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Council Administration Committee- Report

Please see document LA 07-17.04

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External Policy Committee- Report

Please see document LA 07-17.05

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GENERAL ORDERS

2007-17/6c

ERUVBETINE MOVES THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the DRO Selection Committee, appoint Lyndsy Schultz to the position of Deputy Returning Officer for the 2007/2008 academic year.

2007-17/7

INFORMATION ITEMS

2007-17/7f

Ryan Payne resigns from Grant Allocation Committee

Please see document LA 07-17.06

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CASA Report

Please see document LA 07-17.07

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Eamonn Gamble, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 07-17.08

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Michael Janz, President- Report

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Votes and Proceedings- November 20,2007

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UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
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Federal Advocacy Assessment

Dec. 4, 2007

Steven Dollansky VPX

Intro



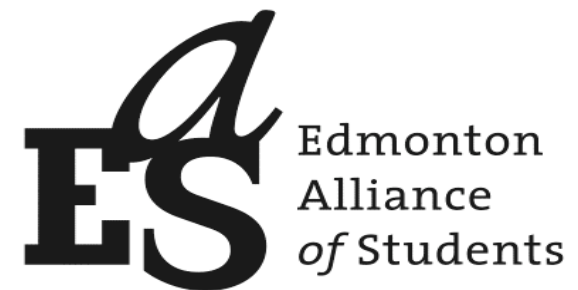
- The presentation will outline the evaluation of University of Alberta Students' Union federal advocacy efforts.
- The information collected is part of over six months of investigations completed by President Janz, the research staff, and myself.
- Decisions regarding CASA membership will be made in the new year when Eamonn will be able to make more accurate financial projections
- Please read the attached written report.
- Don't hesitate to ask questions!!



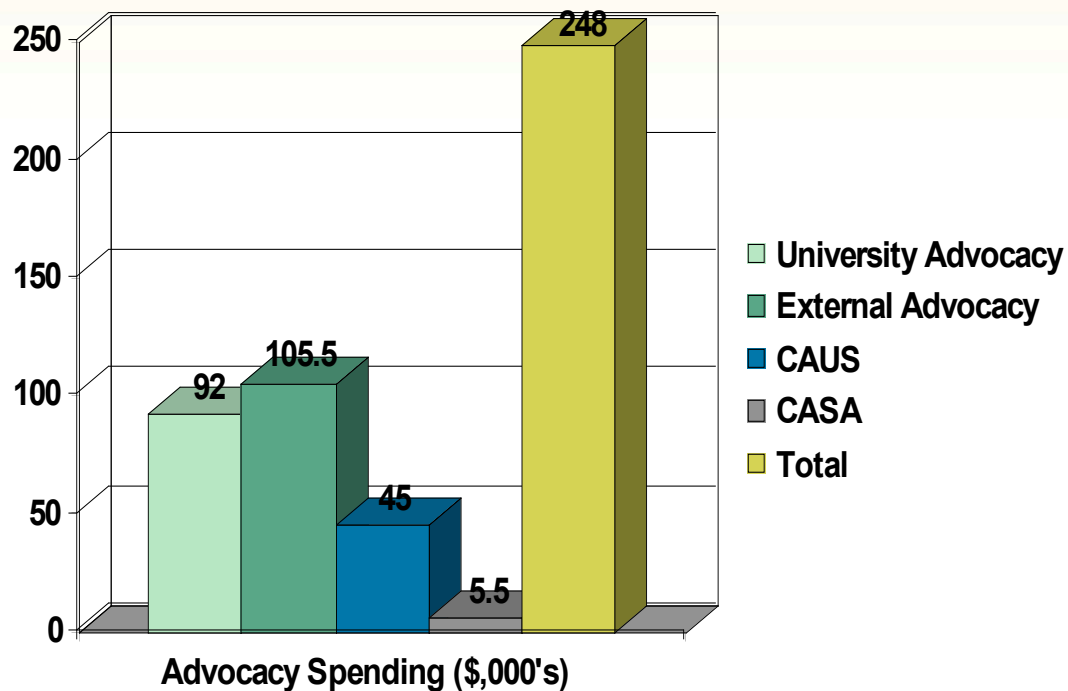
Current Situation



- The UASU is currently **not** affiliated with any student organization that advocates to the Government of Canada.
- At the provincial level we are members of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS).
- At the municipal level we are members of the Edmonton Alliance of Students (EAS).



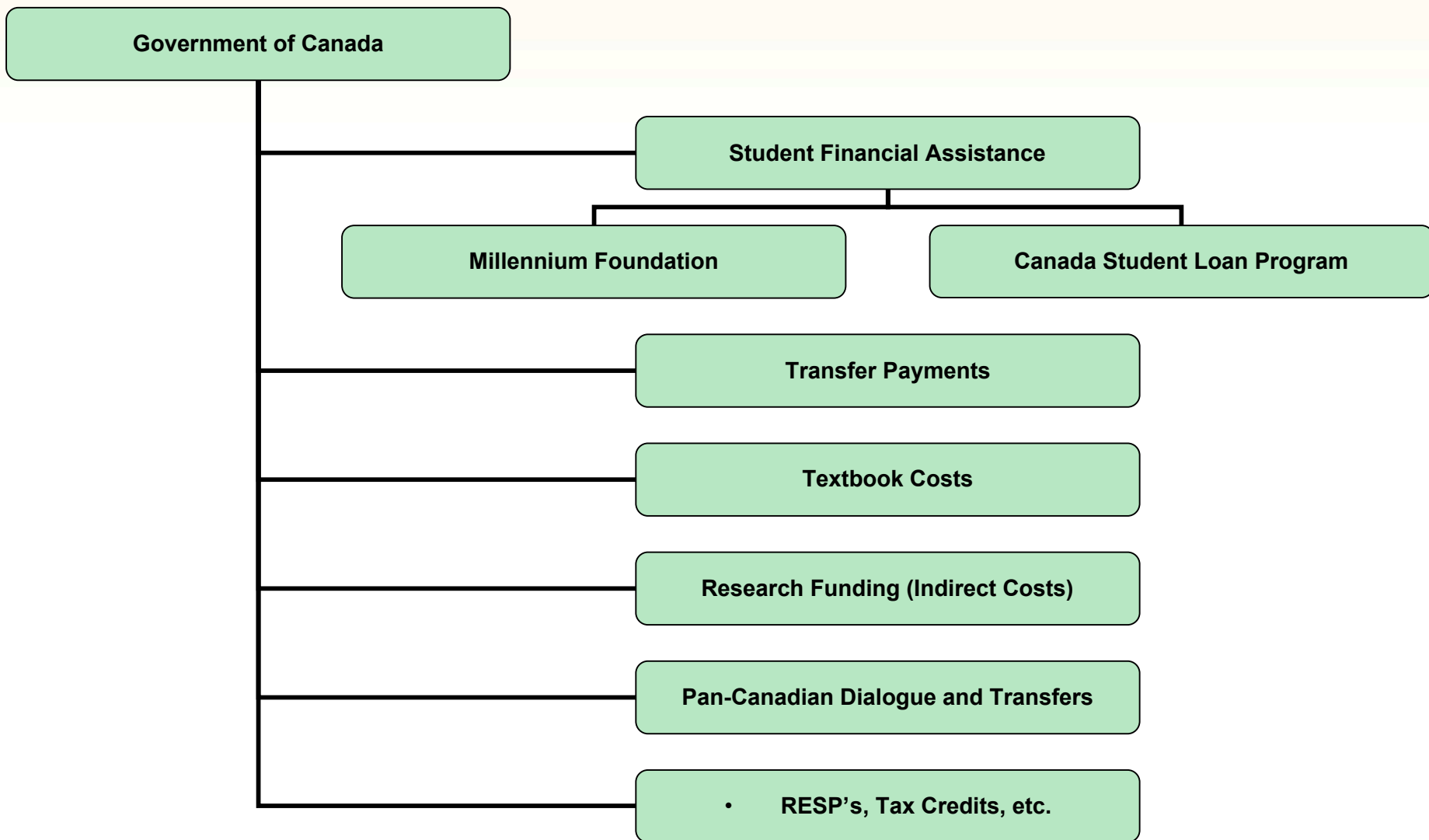
Estimated Spending on Advocacy Efforts 2007/2008



- Estimated spending does **not** include the CAUS provincial election campaign, VP salaries, AVP salaries, or other special projects.
- CAUS fees include travel.
- CASA spending includes the Policy and Strategy Conference and the Lobby Conference.

- “External Spending” is taken from total Advocacy Department spending as follows:
 - 50% of all salaries, administrative and office costs.
 - 80% production costs, marketing, advertising, and promotion.
- The remainder is considered “University Spending”.

Government of Canada Roles



Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation (CMSF)



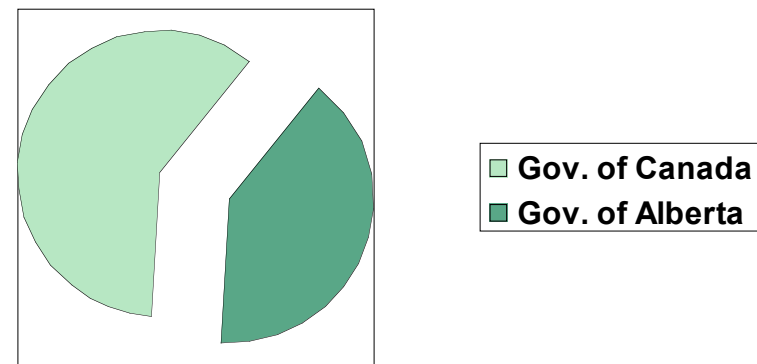
- The decision to renew the CMSF will be made by the Government of Canada.
- The CMSF grants nearly **\$9 million** to over **3,500** University of Alberta students each year
- To date, CMSF has granted **\$63.8 million** to **24,700** University of Alberta students.
- When the Government of Canada makes a decision regarding the **\$350 million** in student aid that is currently distributed by CMSF, stakeholders and government will negotiate details surrounding the new program.

Canada Student Loan Program

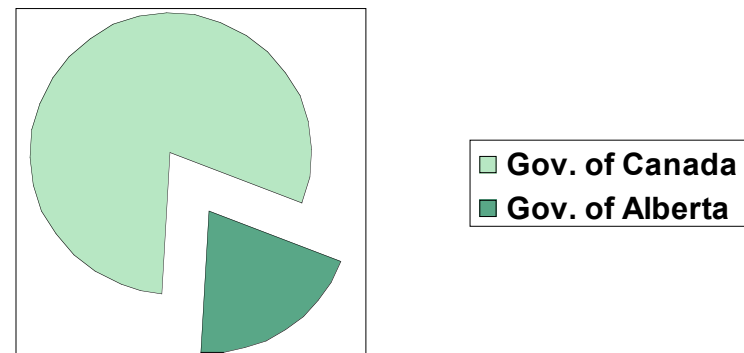


- The Government of Canada allocates **60%** of all Student Loans
- Despite only lending 60% of the funds to learners, the Government of Canada accounts for **over 80%** of student debt in Alberta.
- This is primarily due to remission programs acting only on the provincial portion of each loan.

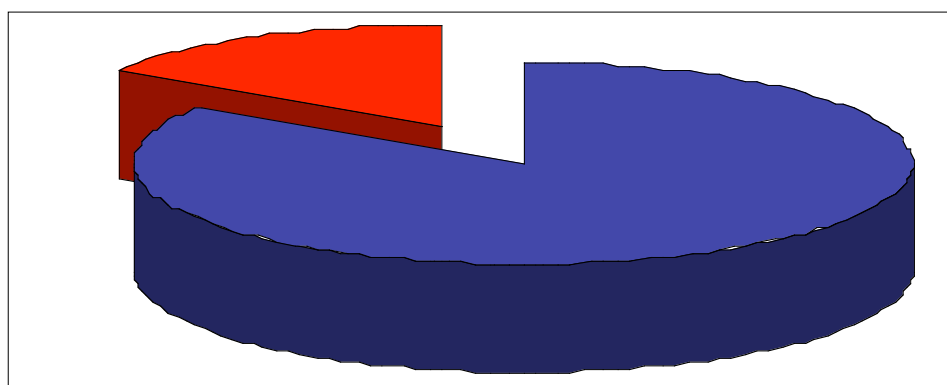
Allocation of Funds



Student Debt



Alberta Advanced Education and Technology Spending



- Other Sources
- Gov. of Canada

- The Government of Canada will transfer **\$323.5 million** to Alberta via the Canada Social Transfer for post-secondary education.
- This cash transfer flows directly to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology, which will spend a total of **\$2.198 billion** this year.
- This translates to **15%** of all “provincial” spending.

Textbook Costs

- The Government of Canada has control over the **Book Importation Regulation** and the **Copyright Act**.
- The Government of Canada has implemented a “textbook tax credit”.
- The Government of Alberta has little power over the actual costs of textbooks.



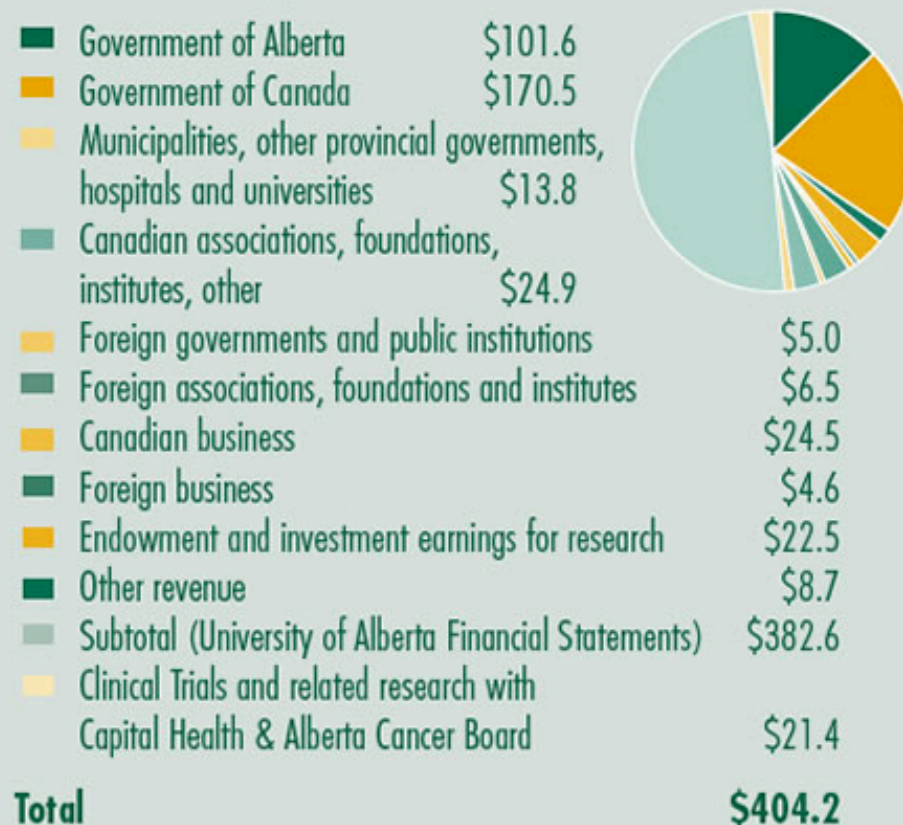
Research Funding



- The Government of Canada was the **largest contributor** to research at the University of Alberta in 2005-2006. Along with research funding comes indirect costs of research.
- The Government of Canada is **substantially behind** the Government of Alberta in funding the indirect costs of research, but both orders of government are far behind their counterparts in other nations.

Research Funding 2005-06 (\$ millions, rounded)

Total Research Funding from all sources: \$404 million



(stated total higher due to rounding)

Summary of the Federal Role in PSE



We asked ourselves → To what extent does the Government of Canada affect students at the University of Alberta?

We found:

- The Government of Canada has a MAJOR role in the lives of students at the University of Alberta.
- Despite the fact that Ottawa is 3500 km. away, and the Leg is just across the river, we need to strike a balance with our advocacy efforts.



What can we do??



- If Students' Council feels that we must do more to effectively represent our membership to the federal government, there are a number of options available to us:
 - Remain unaffiliated and expand our operations to target Ottawa.
 - Join the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).
 - Join the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).



Who is wearing which jersey?



- In the late summer our research staff looked into what our peer Students' Unions were doing at the federal level.

| CASA | UNAFFILIATED | CFS |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| University of British Columbia | University of Alberta | University of Toronto |
| University of Western Ontario | Queen's University | University of Manitoba |
| University of Calgary | University of Saskatchewan | Ryerson University |
| University of Lethbridge | McMaster University | Simon Fraser University |
| Dalhousie University | | University of Ottawa |
| Brock University | | Carleton University |
| Wilfred Laurier University | | University of Victoria |
| St. Mary's University | | University of Regina |
| University of Waterloo | | Laval University |
| Acadia University | | Memorial University |
| St. Francis Xavier University | | York University |
| University of New Brunswick | | University of Windsor |
| Universite de Moncton | | University of Winnipeg |
| University of Prince Edward Island | | Lakehead University |

Looking deeper at our options



- Unknown - Like the majority of our peers, a coalition will be needed to get the access to key decision-makers that is necessary to be effective. In addition, we are not able to effectively influence the priorities of the student movement.
- CFS – Membership in CFS should be highly discouraged. Not only would this be devastating to relationships within CAUS, CFS has a reputation of being radical, intrusive, and unaccountable.
- CASA – Membership in CASA would be a credible option for the University of Alberta Students' Union. Let's explore further.

CASA: at a glance



- Based on Six Principles
 - Equality
 - Bilingualism
 - Focus
 - Flexibility
 - Pragmatism
 - Integrity
- Budget of \$550 000
- 2 schools and ~380,000 students.
- Members in Alberta include SAIT, Mount Royal, UCSU, and ULSU.



Assessment - Weaknesses

- Inability to run large-scale **campaigns** is a problem faced by CASA on almost an annual basis.
- One school = one vote creates a dynamic within the organization between the large western schools and the small eastern schools.
- Constant struggle with the **CFS** is not beneficial (although CASA is not the major problem here).
- Difficulty getting the **NDP/Bloc** on board with some priorities.



Assessment - Strengths



- **Reputation** on Parliament Hill is strong.
- **Access** to key decision-makers is unmatched.
- Great relationship with the federal Liberals and a quickly developing relationship with the Conservatives.
- **Pragmatic** and **professional** approach in line with the UASU's advocacy efforts.
- Strong relationships and communication within CASA between its members.
- Building **momentum**. Wilfred Laurier and UPEI have joined, and **zero** schools have left, in the past two years. In addition, McMaster University, University of Windsor, University of the Fraser Valley, and NAIT are all interested in future membership.

Membership Options



Two Membership Options

- Full Membership
 - Cost = \$46,000 + conference fees
 - One vote at the plenary table
 - Can leave at any time, but it is required to exit via associate member for one year.
 - This provides budget stability for the membership and is a result of the University of Alberta's original departure.
- Associate membership
 - Cost = \$23,000 + conference fees
 - NO vote.
 - Can leave at any time



Conference Fees



Three Conferences:

1. Policy and Strategy
2. Lobby
3. Annual General Meeting



The lobby conference is always in Ottawa, but the P & S and the AGM are located in opposite regions (1 West and 1 Atlantic).

Calculation:

Lobby conference in Ottawa (Pres, VPX, and AD) = \$5100

P & S in Atlantic (Pres, VPX, and AD) = \$3900

AGM in West (Pres and VPX) = \$2000

Total = \$11000

Note: This year the VPX and Pres went to P&S (in west) and Lobby = \$5400. Therefore the additional travel costs to next year's budget would only be \$5600.

Total Costs



Total costs:

1. Full Membership
 1. $\$46,000 + \$11,000 = \$57,000$
 1. $\$1.90 / \text{student}$
 2. New Costs = $\$51,600$
2. Partial Membership
 1. $\$23,000 + \$11,000 = \$34,000$
 1. $\$1.13 / \text{student}$
 2. New Costs = $\$28,600$





Recommendation:

Upon completion of a comprehensive assessment of our federal advocacy strategy, I recommend that the University of Alberta Students' Union obtain **full membership** in the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations beginning in the 2008/2009 academic year.

Implications of membership



- If we were to obtain membership in CASA, what might this mean for our existing advocacy efforts?
 - How will this effect CAUS?
 - How will this effect our Advocacy Department?



Implications of membership - CAUS



- CASA membership would strengthen lobbying efforts at the provincial level.
- CASA membership ensures that our advocacy efforts are coordinated with the UCSU and the ULSU at both the provincial and federal levels.
- CASA membership is recommended by the CAUS executive director, please read his endorsement.
- Allow for us to ensure provincial officials that we are pressuring the Government of Canada for change as well.

Implications of membership – Advocacy Department



advocacy...
change is good

- CASA membership provides an avenue for our executive to utilize research and government relations strategies developed by our department at the federal level.
- CASA would NOT reduce the capacity of the department, but rather it would build on it. We would have access to CASA's research, policy development, and government connections.
- The advocacy department already monitors the Government of Canada, there would not be a noticeable increase in workload by joining a federal association.

CASA: The Decision



- The decision that will be made by Students' Council is an important one and must be made with the best interests of **our** entire membership in mind. Without doubt CASA, and its membership, would benefit from our presence at the table, but we must make the decision with what is **best for the UASU** being our primary concern.





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Questions:

I have tried to communicate what we have seen during our six months of evaluation, but if you have additional questions... PLEASE ASK!

We spent a significant amount of our time exploring this issue and you deserve to have the most current and comprehensive facts available to you.

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Answer to the written questions submitted 2007- 17/4b: a formal presentation regarding the RSS

The Winter 2008 is going to be a great time to go and see a speaker.

As many of you know there is this big birthday party coming up in January. As the University Centennial kicks off there will be many activities commemorating the celebration of the anniversary including a "Prime Ministers Lectureship" Series which will include 6 of the previous Prime Ministers coming to speak here on campus. There will also be a plethora of international speakers and other famous panelists coming to speak through International week this year as well as other special centennial activities.

Because the RSS strives to bring in a different demographic of speaker and has a much lower budget for speakers compared to outside organizations and the University we decided to go for a smaller ticket this year because of the competition surrounding all of these speakers coming in. We did not want to cancel, but we are very concerned about speaker saturation. That being said, expect in Mid January to see posters coming out advertising the series and the confirmed dates and times for speakers.

The first speaker we are looking at getting is a co-promotion of Romeo Dallaire (made famous for his film and book *Shaking Hands With the Devil* about his time in Rawanda during the ethnic cleansing). This show will aim to have as cheap a ticket as possible and we are working out the details with another group at the moment, the Alberta Council on Global Cooperation.

The second speaker we are looking to get in is Rick Hansen, a very inspirational man who has brought disability issues to the forefront of the canadian (and world) consciousness with his 'Man in Motion' world tour.

Both shows should be taking place in February and further details will be available in early January. In future I would like to see some sort of procedure where the RSS money is used as grants to support student groups interested in booking and bringing in a speaker.

For more information regarding the speakers and activities the University is doing, don't look far-- they are going to be everywhere along with the centennial fragrance at the bookstore...mmmmm... the future. I had no idea we could put a price on dignity.

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Dear Council 07-08,

Thank you first of all for the fun semesters of Student's Union these past three years. I am very honoured to have met and participated in something like Students' Union with each and every one of you. Although I graduate this semester I hope to work with each of you in the future, your thoughts and efforts in making a student's experience here at the University of Alberta memorable are commendable.

This past semester there have been many different issues addressed and most of them handled outside of council and skirted through council for approval. I think the largest of these is the outstanding Student Ambassador grants which no doubt will come up in the second semester once I have left. I think this idea is great in theory however is flawed in its design. Students do need more funding to attend conferences and raise the profile of the University, however this money should not come from fellow students, such as with a DFU but from the University and their fund raising efforts.

The other major concern I have is over councillor pay and food being provided. Being paid is to compensated the wages a person would be making, thus making being a councillor accessible to the starving student who needs to work all available hours in order to survive, removing councillor pay will force student's to chose between work and volunteering. (Volunteering does not pay for food, "too bad you can't eat your textbooks.")

The Grant Allocation Committee is done another amazing semester of work, three meetings all highly productive. In the Fall semester this committee looked at how they would administer the EGLB fund, such as to make it self sustaining or not, as well as the Legacy funding for Athletic teams at the University based on recommendations by each team. This committee tackled student group funding and reviewed the administering by the Student Group's director as well. In the winter semester this committee will disburse the EGLB fund to all successful applications as well as look at how to get an online application form completed by White Matter.

Thank you again for the wonderful years on Council. I wish you all the best that you will be able to make decisions and ideally agree with them too.

Yours Truly,

Ryan Payne

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2007-12-03

Council Administration Committee

Hello Council:

It has been a while. CAC met last Tuesday. We discussed:

- Council Announcements: The Speaker sought feedback with regard to the frequency and length of announcements, and how they are possibly being abused. Concluded that 1 min will be strictly enforced, and that announcements longer than that need to be submitted as an information item prior to meeting, and attention may be drawn to it.
- CRO report: The CRO discussed a little about the bi-elections past, hiring DROs, pay raise for DROs, using facebook flyers to advertise elections, logistic problems (e.g. radios) and a book called "How to Run, How to Win" ← contact him if you are interested in revising the book, he needs help.
- Council mentorship programme: Spread the word. We have two mentees around; can you spot them?
- Anit freeze: SIGN UP NOW. Please let me know if you are able to join our Council team. Still need more people. Please talk with me; We decided that events like these, a Council week, etc. will help Councillors integrate closely with students, and outreach. Any other ideas/events, please let me know.

We agreed to have CAC meetings at the same time for the winter semester, unless any concerns come up.

I'll be happy to answer any questions.

Yours,

Prem Eruvbetine

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

2007/EPC/11

External Policy Committee

November 29, 2007 meeting

Hello Council,

Here is what you missed by not attending the past few EPC meetings

Summary of Proceedings:

- Implementation plans for EPC policies were presented. See me if you have any questions or would like to see them
- A motion to rescind the PSLA policy was passed unanimously
- Winter meeting schedule was set for on council week Thursdays at 5pm, the first one being Jan.17
- Brief CASA discussion and question period

If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to ask!

Lindsey Campbell

Dear Grant Allocation Committee and Audit Committee,
As effective your first meeting in the Winter Semester please accept my resignation from your committee. I wish you all the best in the future, thank you for allowing me to participate and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas Break.

Sincerely,

Ryan Payne

Comprehensive Political Representation: An Executive Summary

Completed by: Steven Dollansky
Vice-President (External) 2007/2008

Introduction

The government relations landscape at the University of Alberta Students' Union has seen considerable change over the past five years. Since our departure from the Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA) in 2002, we have achieved a great deal. Our advocacy department has greatly increased our capacity for research and the ability to execute effective campaigns. In addition, the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) has grown into one of Alberta's most effective lobby groups and enjoys strong relationships with post-secondary education stakeholders. These improvements have come at the cost of our involvement on the federal scene. Now that the Students' Union has built a foundation around our advocacy department, the deficiency at the federal level must be addressed.

Why the Federal Government must be a priority

The influence of the Government of Canada on students at the University of Alberta is often vastly underestimated. It can be difficult to comprehend that the decisions made in Ottawa, 3500 kilometers away, have severe implications to each of our members here in Alberta. Student loans, unfunded indirect costs of research, textbook costs, access for underrepresented groups, and institutional funding are all important federal issues. While some may argue that the fight is across the river, this is not an accurate assessment.

Canada Student Loan Program

Student loans, and debt burdens, continue to be an area of concern for students at the University of Alberta. Each student loan is funded by both the federal and provincial governments. The Canada Student Loan Program (CSLP) funds 60% of all student loans granted to learners in Alberta while the Alberta Student Loan Program (ASLP) funds the remaining 40%. This cooperative

approach comes with significant challenges for both programs. The Government of Alberta is often hesitant to implement change until the Government of Canada has taken a leadership role. Alternately, the Government of Canada must ensure that changes made to the CSLP are supported by the majority of the provincial programs.

The Government of Canada is responsible for over 80% of the debt burden despite only contributing 60% of the funds. One of the major factors contributing to this peculiarity is that the ASLP contains significant loan remission options which reduce the provincial portion of the total debt. While there remains room for improvement, we have reached a point in Alberta where there are only a limited number of options available without action taken by the federal government. The Government of Canada has significant ground to make up in order to ensure that the CSLP is as learner-friendly as its provincial counterpart.

Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation

The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) has contributed over \$63,000,000 to 24,500 students at the University of Alberta since its inception eight and a half years ago. The foundation operates with only 4% overhead and distributes 95% of all grants on a needs basis. In addition, the foundation conducts valuable research which has shaped post-secondary policy generation across the country.

The CMSF is the largest non-repayable grant program in Canadian history and its future is in the hands of the Government of Canada. As learners at the University of Alberta await the decision being made by the Federal Government, other student associations are actively participating in shaping what that this program will look like.

Academic Materials

The University of Alberta Students' Union has taken a leadership roll in our recent efforts to reduce the costs of academic materials across the country. Our advocacy department has spent substantial resources examining what role the federal government may play in reducing the costs of academic materials faced by students. This research is valuable, and the findings have shown that

the Copyright Act and Book Importation Regulation must be addressed. Our dialogue with student associations, bookstore managers, and publishers are an important first step, but we lack the necessary vehicle to influence the federal government. It is absolutely essential that we build upon the growing momentum surrounding the costs of academic materials, encouraging dialogue between peer institutions while developing a comprehensive internal and external strategy.

Transfer Payments

Transfer payments, via the Canada Social Transfer (CST), currently fund over 15% of the Government of Alberta's total spending on post-secondary education. This accounts for student loans, institutional funding, scholarships and bursaries, tuition backfill, and research funding. Every decision that is made to increase, or decrease, funding has a significant effect on students at the University of Alberta. This was never more apparent than in the mid 1990's, when the cutbacks of the Chretien government led to a substantial funding reduction across the country. These reductions were the foundation of the drastic tuition increases that have had damaging effects on learners. While the funding levels have been increased in recent years, the amounts have not yet been fully restored. A dedicated Post-secondary Education Transfer is needed to restore quality at institutions across the country while providing more accountability to the Government of Canada that will ensure the funding intended for post-secondary education is spent in that area.

Pan-Canadian Accord

The Government of Canada must take a leadership role in the initiating a national dialogue around post-secondary education. Dialogue between provincial jurisdictions will provide for strategic national direction in the area of post-secondary education to allow for more efficient investment and inter-provincial comparisons. A Pan-Canadian Accord would directly benefit Alberta learners, ensuring that credits received at our institutions would be recognized by peers across the nation.

Indirect Costs of Research

In 2005-2006 federal research funding at the University of Alberta was \$170 million. Comparatively, the Government of Alberta contributed only \$101 million. As a result, the Government of Canada is responsible for the majority of the unfunded indirect costs of research at the University of Alberta. The Government of Canada must adequately fund the indirect costs of research to ensure that research activity does not draw additional funds from the operating budget.

Why CASA??

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations represents a fantastic opportunity for the University of Alberta Students' Union to ensure comprehensive representation of our membership to government. CASA's admirable reputation and consistent access to top decision-makers, makes them an excellent addition to our advocacy efforts. Our advocacy department has the capacity to approach a wide variety of issues, but we do not currently have a vehicle to initiate change at the federal level. As our portfolio of federal-based issues continues to grow, it is becoming increasingly important that we are not jeopardizing the work of the department by not providing an avenue to achieve our goals.

The University of Alberta Students Union would not be able to effectively represent its members on the federal level without becoming members of a coalition. While it may be preferable to expand our individual efforts in order to maintain complete control of our message, we are unable to get the access that is needed to be effective. The return on investment is much higher when you can amplify your message alongside your peers. This approach is already being utilized by the UASU within CAUS and the Edmonton Alliance of Students.

The student movement is represented at the federal level by two large coalitions: CASA and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). The CFS has been plagued by scandal, denied access to key decision-makers, and its membership fees would be in excess of seven to ten times as large as CASA's full membership fees. Their unrealistic approach to advocacy does not align with that of the University of Alberta Students' Union and membership would be

damaging to our reputation. Moreover, the Canadian Federation of Students would be destructive to the relationships that have been crafted within the Council of Alberta University Students. If Students' Council believes that representation at the federal level is justified, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations must be the organization that is examined.

An Organization with Building Momentum

The past few years have been very exciting for the CASA and its members. The University of Alberta Students' Union's departure from the organization was the beginning of a decline in CASA membership, but that decline has been reversed. In the past two years the University of Prince Edward Island and Wilfred Laurier University have become full members with zero departures. University College of the Frazer Valley is in the process of joining while NAIT, McMaster, University of Montreal, and University of Windsor have shown interest. In addition, CASA boasts an admirable reputation on Parliament Hill and their ability to get access to decision-makers has never been higher as seen by their record-breaking 2007 Lobby Conference in Ottawa.

Strengthening CAUS

The Council of Alberta University Students would benefit greatly from the UASU's membership in CASA. Currently, both the University of Calgary Students' Union and the University of Lethbridge Students' Union are members of CASA. The Government of Alberta constantly challenges CAUS to ensure that its members are pressuring the federal government to maintain its commitment to post-secondary education. It is difficult to explain that only two of three CAUS members are meeting that challenge. If the University of Alberta Students' Union were a member of CASA, it would allow for CAUS to increase their influence on the provincial level by ensuring to Government that similar messages are being sent to Ottawa. If all undergraduates in Alberta were being represented by the same groups at the provincial and federal level, it would strengthen our relationships, improve communication, and increase efficiency in our lobbying efforts.

The Decision

Students' Council must make a difficult decision regarding the future of government relations for the University of Alberta Students' Union. We must evaluate the current representation of our membership to all orders of government. While CASA will benefit from our membership fees, the credibility that our organization brings with it, and the research and contributions of our advocacy department and executive, these issues should not be at the root of our decision. It is essential that the decision be made on the basis of what is right, or wrong, for our organization and its membership.

Recommendation

A comprehensive evaluation of the federal advocacy strategy at the University of Alberta Students' Union has not been conducted since our departure from CASA. While previous executives have weighed their options, there has never been thorough investigation of the implications to our membership. As a result, President Janz and I have actively sought out information surrounding the impact of the federal government, examined the merits of both federal coalitions, and traveled to Vancouver and Ottawa to see first-hand how CASA functions.

Throughout the process one fact has become incredibly clear; the University of Alberta Students' Union is not effectively representing its membership at the federal level despite their significant influence on post-secondary education in Canada. Our organization must take some form of action to resolve this problem immediately. In my opinion, the only way to effectively address this issue is by pursuing membership in a federal coalition of students. This will be the only way that the University of Alberta Students' Union can obtain the access that we need to influence the decisions that have the greatest impact on our members.

As a result of our comprehensive federal advocacy review, I would like to recommend that the Students' Council of the University of Alberta Students' Union pursue full membership in the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations. I strongly believe that CASA will provide our membership with effective representation and real results. As members, the University of Alberta Students' Union will play an active role in policy development that ensures post-secondary

education maintains a national priority. The Government of Canada has the capacity to ensure academic materials become more affordable, the student financial aid system is meeting the needs of learners, and that each provincial jurisdiction has the funds they need to ensure Canadians receive a high-quality post-secondary education. Similarly, Students' Council has the capacity to ensure that our organization has the tools necessary to influence each order of government that has an impact on undergraduates at the University of Alberta.

VP Operations & Finance Report

December 4, 2007

Off-Campus Fees

The president's of RDC Student Association, Grande Prairie College Student Association, Medicine Hat College Student Association, and Keyano College Student Association met with me on Friday to discuss our fee splitting arrangement for students that are technically U of A students, but attend their institutions. After a few hours of deliberation, it was agreed to maintain the current 80/20 split (of our SU fee), and sign the agreement for a three year term. That will have to come to council for ratification, at which point I will be open for more questions. It may not come around until about March thought.

Security Cameras

I bet no one has even noticed that they were installed, did you? Pretty slick I know.

Year-End Report

We are going to be compiling a first-ever organizational year-end report this year. I am still in discussions with the senior management that will be responsible for creating the management discussion & analysis section about how we will go about doing this. My hope is that it is short enough, and non-technical enough that the average student will be able to pick it up to see exactly what our accomplishments were this year.

Building Bridges

We have been pushing very hard in the last couple months to build relationships with university departments on non-political grounds. For example, we have a new sponsorship deal with the athletics department, trading advertising space, and cross-promoting each others events. The entire executive attended their fundraiser last Tuesday morning at 7 AM. Hopefully we'll see more of that with other departments around campus.

Website Meeting

I met with members of our marketing department, as well as Whitematter to discuss the progress of our website priorities for this semester. Everything is moving along well, and we should have a beta version of the events calendar by the end of the calendar year, as well as the internal wiki. Both will help our goal of communicating more effectively, with our students and within our own organization. We also discussed the feasibility of completing an online opt-out system, where Marc from Whitematter told us that he would have to do more research into other comparable systems.

See you in January,

Eamonn Gamble

President Report

Students' Council: December 5/07

Michael Janz

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Last Council of the Semester:

Hello Council. I wish almost all of you good luck on your finals and your end of term work. I have wrapped up my one class and my one final so if you are studying and need a coffee break, call me. I'll make you coffee so long as you voted the correct way on Bill 6.

Powerplant:

The University Architect has left to go to the private sector and it appears this issue is stalling. We are working on finding a window to this closed door. The good news is the wireless in Deweys is a big hit. As you can see by what the University has done with 'their' half of the building, they are really eager to get moving on this.

BAC:

So the fee recommendations are in and the sentiments are best echoed by this student I talked to.

President Janz: So what do you think of the 8.75% rent increase?

Student: No, it's 10% and they got it last year.

Janzy: Actually no, it is happening again and it is ON TOP of the 10%

Student: What? That's ridiculous! They raised it a ton already last year! That's it I'm moving to Russia!

There is considerable student frustration surrounding this recommendation and we look forward to being as vocal as possible and fighting to make sure that the University stops behaving like a gouging landlord and starts standing up for its students. Do you think this "urgent increase" would be happening if the market wasn't already out of control?

Waiting for Xmas:

There are a few urgent issues that I am looking at reviewing over the next month.

1. The issues surrounding the health centre (see UPC)
2. The Student Group Support Structure and Student group granting
3. Examining the expenditures the University made last year to the Special Initiatives fund.

Listserve Proposal: Second issue went out. What would you like to see included in the content?

It's a Long December and there is reason to believe, maybe this year will be better than the last...

The rest of my month and January is going to be almost exclusively dedicated to fighting the rent increase and tuition increase. This is singlehandedly the most important thing that I do in my term as President and this is probably the most important tuition presentation of the last decade.

Cracks are starting to show in the government and now with a new leader, there is huge opportunity for influence not only within the Tory Party but throughout the province. After this Board Presentation, there is no doubt going to be an Alberta election in the next 6 Months. Whatever media and message that comes out of this presentation can be heard around Alberta and will be fresh in the mind of the voters and the candidates for all of the parties who seek to formulate ideas on Post-Secondary Education.

The questions we have been asking all year (Why are we one of the richest provinces with one of the most expensive education systems? Why are we paying more and getting less? Why are students coming second to research at our schools?) get to be asked in front of 50 influential board members and many media outlets that are going to be in the room! Let's send the right message to voters this election and show campus that your measly SU fees (2 jugs of beer/year) go to something extremely worthwhile.

COUNCIL: WHO IS YOUR SPORTSCENTRE SU 'EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK'?

Janelle, Kristen, Catherine, Norma, and anyone else who helped present or make sure that the Student Group Summit was such a roaring success. It definitely should be a staple for future years to come. Cheers to all of you!

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, November 20, 2007
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2007-16)

2007-16/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Point of Order: Friedt "Missed in attendance"

Speaker: Point well taken

2007-16/2

PRESENTATIONS

2007-16/2a

Fee Consultation- Presented by Carl Amrhein and Phyllis Clark. Sponsored by Michael Janz

JANZ MOVED THAT the presentation be presented

No objections

Presentation extended for 15 minutes

Point of Order: Janz "Is there some way that we can take a quick recess?"

Speaker: Point not well taken. Present it as a motion

JANZ/WISHEU MOVED TO take a 10 minutes recess

Motion: CARRIED

2007-16/2b

2007 Audited Financial Statements- Presented by Scott Nicol. Sponsored by Scott Nicol

Point of Order: Janz "Motion to move-in camera"

Speaker: Point not well taken

COUNCILLOR MOVED IN-CAMERA

Speaker: Wait for the motion

NICOL MOVED THAT the presentation be presented

No objections

NICOL/ DOLLANSKY MOVED TO suspend standing orders that prevent us from having a presentation and a motion on the same topic in the same meeting

Point of Order: Dollansky "Is the motion in order?"

Point of order withdrawn

Speaker's list: Nicol

Motion (sus): CARRIED

NICOL/ EASTHAM MOVED IN-CAMERA

Motion: CARRIED

NICOL/DOLLANSKY MOVED EX-CAMERA

Motion: CARRIED

2007-16/6c **ERUVBETINE/NICOL MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the DRO Selection Committee, appoint Blanche Chymycz to the position of Deputy Returning Officer for the 2007/2008 academic year.

Speaker's list: Nicol deferred to Craig Turner

Motion: CARRIED

2007-16/6d **ERUVBETINE/NICOL MOVED THAT** Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the DRO Selection Committee, appoint Myles Hewitt to the position of Deputy Returning Officer for the 2007/2008 academic year.

Motion: CARRIED

2007-16/3 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2007-16/3a Oral report from VP Student Life

2007-16/4 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2007-16/6 **GENERAL ORDERS**

2007-16/6a **NICOL/PROKOPIUK MOVED THAT** Students' Council approve the year end 2007 audited financial statements

Speaker's list: Nicol

Motion: CARRIED

2007-16/6b**NICOL/BANSAL MOVED THAT** Students' Council read BILL # 6 a first time

BILL #6

Principles

For all Dedicated Fee Units for which an opt out is available, the opt out must be made available to students via a centralized, SU run, online service.

Speaker's list: Nicol, Janz

Point of Order: Le "Councillor Fung is not asking a question"

Speaker: Point well taken

Speaker's list: Janz, Dollansky, McKinney, Fung

Point of Order: Dollansky "It wasn't a question"

Speaker: Point well taken

Speaker's list: Fung, Payne, Bandali, Nicol, Murphy

Point of Order: Payne " Their asking question after question."

Speaker: Point well taken

Speaker's list: Murphy

Point of Order: Le "Inferred of Councillor Nicol's innermost thoughts"

Murphy withdraws comment

Speaker: Point well taken

Speaker's list: Murphy

Speaker: Point of Privilege "Rise of debate, I can't hear" My own point well taken

HLADY/WISHEU MOVED TO amend the motion by adding "with the exception of Class C Fess" after available

Dollansky objects

Speaker's list: Hlady, Janz, Dollansky, Nicol, Parker

Point of Order: Nicol "I believe that the question being asked by the President falls outside of the realm of the amendment being debated"

Speaker: Point not well taken

BANDALI/ NICOL MOVED THE previous question

Councillor objects

Motion: CARRIED**Amendment: FAILED**

NICOL/EASTHAM MOVED THE previous question

COUNCILLOR MOVED THE call of division

Speaker: Motion for division is out of order

Motion: FAILED

SUMAR/ SCHULZ MOVED TO postpone item #2007-16/6b to December 4th, 2007 meeting

Speaker's list: Sumar, Gauthier, Dollansky, Hlady, Nicol, Schulz

JANZ/ PROKOPIUK MOVED THE previous question

Motion (question): CARRIED

PAYNE MOVED THE call of division

Speaker: Out of Order

NICOL MOVED TO appeal the decision of the chair

Motion (appeal): CARRIED

Motion (division): FAILED

Motion (table): FAILED

Speaker's list (mm): Hlady

Speaker: Council will reconvene in Room 306 Students' Union Building @ 10:13 pm

Meeting reconvened @ 10:10 pm

JANZ MOVED THE previous question

Point of Privilege: Nicol "Can any proceedings that occurred before 10:13 pm be neglected such that all members of this council can be present"

Speaker: Point well taken

EASTHAM MOVED THE call of division

Speaker: Is there any objection to using the roll call vote as second attendance

No objection

Motion (division): CARRIED

Point of Privilege: Stitt "The iPod just died, is the other one working?"

Speaker: Point well taken "I will take written notes"

Point of Privilege: Payne "we have another iPod down here"

Speaker: Point not well taken

Main Motion (Bill #6): CARRIED 23/2/13

MURPHY/GELLER MOVED TO adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 pm

| Councillor Remuneration | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2007-2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| Council Seats | Name | Proxies | Attendance | | | | | | |
| | | | 11-Sep-2007 | 18-Sep-2007 | 2-Oct-2007 | 16-Oct-2007 | 30-Oct-2007 | 6-Nov-2007 | 20-Nov-2007 |
| Ex-officio Members | | | | | | | | | |
| President | Michael Janz | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| VP Academic | Bobby Samuel | | Y | Y | Y | 0.5 | Y | Y | N |
| VP External | Steven Dollansky | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y |
| VP Operations & Finance | Eamonn Gamble | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| VP Student Life | Chris Le | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep | Paul Chiswell | | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Faculty Representation | | | | | | | | | |
| Argic/Forest/HomeEc | Fawn Jackson | | | | | | 0.5 | Y | Y |
| Argic/Forest/HomeEc | Jacqueline Geller | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Al-Amyn Sumar | | Y | Y | Y(p) | Y | Y | Y(p) | Y |
| Arts | Basil Bansal | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Beverly Eastham | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Caitlin Schulz | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Dave Cournoyer | | | | | | | | |
| Arts | Jesse Hahn | | | | | | | | |
| Arts | Jo Chan | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y(p) | Y |
| Arts | Leslie Stitt | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Naveed Bandali | | Y | Y | Y(p) | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Arts | Patrick Wisheu | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Augustana (Faculty) | Makrina Scott | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Business | Andrew Esposito | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Business | Ryan Payne | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 0.5 | Y | 0.5 |
| Business | Scott Nicol | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Education | Fatima Ahmed | | | | | | | | |
| Education | Hayley Shannon | | 0.5 | Y | Y | 0.5 | Y | 0.5 | Y |
| Education | Keith Vandersluis | | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N |
| Education | Rachel Dunn | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y(p) |
| Education | <i>vacant</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Engineering | Abdul Doctor | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Engineering | Mark Hlady | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Engineering | Nigel Parker | | Y | Y | Y | Y(p) | Y | Y | Y |
| Engineering | Prem Eruvbetine | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 0.5 |
| Engineering | Scott McKinney | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Law | Ian Stedman | | N | Y | Y | 0.5 | N | N | Y |
| Medicine & Dentistry | Bayan Hussein | | | | | Y | N | Y | 0.5 |
| Native Studies | Stacey Lambert | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Nursing | Natalie Cloutier | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Nursing | <i>vacant</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Open Studies | Mark Prokopiuk | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Open Studies | <i>vacant</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacy | Jay Gauthier | | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Physical Education | <i>vacant</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Saint-Jean (Faculty) | Aden Murphy | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Science | Adil Afzal | | | | | | | | |
| Science | Aidan Wawchuk | | | | | | | | |
| Science | Douglas Owoo | | Y | Y | Y | 0.5 | Y | Y | 0.5 |
| Science | John Braga | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Science | Jordan Zhang | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Science | Kyle Friedt | | Y | Y | Y(p) | Y | Y | Y(p) | Y |
| Science | Lindsey Campbell | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 0.5 | Y | Y |
| Science | Mark Hnatiuk | | | | | Y | Y | Y(p) | Y |
| Science | Sihame Farhat | | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Science | Tanner Doerges | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Science | Terence Fung | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 0.5 | Y | Y |
| Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats) | | | | | | | | | |
| Speaker | Amanda Henry | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| General Manager | Bill Smith | | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Resigned: | | | | | | | | | |
| Fatima Ahmed- Education- May 3,'07 | | Lindsey Campbell-Audit Comm. Oct 16,'07 | | | | | | | |
| David Cournoyer-CAC member-May 29'07 | | Michael Janz- BFC, Oct. 16,'07 | | | | | | | |
| Jesse Hahn- Arts-May 29'07 | | Leslie Stitt- Bylaw Comm., Oct 30, '07 | | | | | | | |
| Aidan Wawchuk-Science, BFC member-June '07 | | | | | | | | | |
| David Cournoyer- Arts-Aug 9'07 | | | | | | | | | |
| Adil Afzal- Science- Aug 14'07 | | | | | | | | | |