

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
Civil Engineering Building- Room 325

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2007-24)

### 2007-24/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2007-24/1b Announcements – Council Retreat 08/09 has been booked for May 30<sup>th</sup> -June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. It will be held at Rundle's Mission (<http://rundlesmission.org>).

### 2007-24/2 PRESENTATIONS

2007-24/2b IN-CAMERA Presentation- Presented by Michael Janz. Sponsored by Michael Janz

### 2007-24/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

2007-24/7c 2008 Students' Council and GFC Election - Official Results

Please see document LA 07-24.01

2007-24/7d Bobby Samuel, VP Academic- Report

Please see document LA 07-24.02

2007-24/7e Chris Le, VP Student Life- Report

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2007-24/7f Michael Janz, President- Report

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2007-24/7g Steven Dollansky, VP External- Report

Please see document LA 07-24.05



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<b>From:</b>	➤ Mr. Craig Turner Chief Returning Officer
<b>Subject:</b>	2008 Students' Union Election Results: Students' Council and General Faculties Council
<b>Date:</b>	March 24, 2008

I am pleased to announce the official winners of this year's Students' Council and General Faculties Council Election, who will serve during the 2008/2009 term.

The Students' Council and General Faculties Council Election was held March 19 & 20, 2008, in compliance with Bylaws 1500 and 2000. I am satisfied that the election was fair and that the results reflect the will of the electorate. There have been no appeals of any of my decisions or rulings.

The Students' Council and General Faculties Council Election for Augustana Faculty took place alongside the Students' Union Executive and Board of Governors Election on March 5 & 6, 2008 at Augustana Campus. This election was facilitated by the Chief Returning Officer of the Augustana Students' Association.

More detailed results, including breakdowns of each round of preferential voting, are available upon request. A final version of these detailed results will be published on the SU Elections website, as well as in my final report submitted to Students' Council at the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig A. Turner

# Students' Council

## Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences:

- Winners:
  - Ms. Jacqueline Geller
- Councillors-in-Waiting:
  - Ms. Claire Pitcher (1)

## Arts:

- Winners:
  - Mr. Patrick Wisheu
  - Mr. Dustin Miller
  - Ms. Caitlin Schulz
  - Mr. James Eastham
  - Mr. Nick Dehod
  - Ms. Brittany Kustra
- Councillors-in-Waiting:
  - Mr. Petros Kusmu (1)
  - Mr. Jon Mastel (2)
  - Mr. Kevin Thomas (3)
  - Mr. Simon Yackulic (4)

## Augustana:

- Winners:
  - Ms. Makrina Scott

## Business:

- Winners:
  - Mr. Zach Fentiman
  - Mr. Michael Kwan

## Education:

- Winners:
  - Ms. Hayley Shannon

## Engineering:

- Winners:
  - Mr. Mark Hlady
  - Mr. Abdul Doctor
  - Mr. Scott McKinney
  - Mr. Tom Janiszewski
- Councillors-in-Waiting:
  - Mr. Steve Melenchuk (1)

## Faculté Saint-Jean:

- Winners:
  - Mr. Aden Murphy

## Law:

- Winners:
  - Mr. D.J. Lynde
- Councillors-in-Waiting:
  - Mr. David McGillivray (1)

## Medicine & Dentistry:

- Winners:
  - Mr. Amol Saincher

## Native Studies:

- Winners:
  - Ms. Elsa Peterson

## Nursing:

- Winners:
  - Ms. Natalie Cloutier

## Open Studies:

- Winners:
  - Mr. Mark Prokopiuk

## Physical Education & Recreation:

- Winners:
  - Mr. Sheldon Tibbo

## Science:

- Winners:
  - Mr. Mark Hnatiuk
  - Mr. Ian Clarke
  - Mr. Doug Owoo
  - Ms. Madeline Bachmann
  - Ms. Helen Quevillon
  - Ms. Bridget Casey
- Councillors-in-Waiting:
  - Mr. Andrew Rogan (1)

# **General Faculties Council**

## **Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences:**

- Winners:
  - Ms. Kathleen Becher

## **Arts:**

- Winners:
  - Mr. Patrick Wisheu
  - Mr. Nick Dehod
  - Mr. Petros Kusmu
  - Mr. Peter Rychlik

## **Law:**

- Winners:
  - Mr. Paul Chiswell

## **Medicine & Dentistry:**

- Winners:
  - Ms. Gaby Pelinska
  - Mr. Matthew Hudson

## **Pharmacy:**

- Winners:
  - Mr. Naeem Ladhani

## **Physical Education & Recreation:**

- Winners:
  - Ms. Pam Thiel

## **Science:**

- Winners:
  - Ms. Alena Manera
  - Mr. Patrick Jones

**March 25, 2008**  
**Vice President Academic**  
**Bobby Samuel**

Dear Council, sorry for the lateness of this report, I'm still trying to get myself oriented at the office but here goes.

**GOALS:**

**Enhance Technology** – We're still in the process of conducting the technology audit (this is taking really long), please send them over if you have been assessed.

**Improve Teaching** – The Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE) met to discuss the taskforce on Student Evaluations, so far it's coming along nicely with some concerns on membership that will probably be resolved soon.

**Increase Bursaries** – Not much conducted, still working on getting a meeting to analyze awards statistics.

**Reward Involvement** – Currently following up with FAs to see how progress is being made.

**Reduce Textbook Costs** – We're working on a draft vision document for CRAM that outlines its future direction.

**EMERGING ISSUES:**

**Faculty Associations (FAs)** – Currently conducting one-on-one meetings with FAs to gather input on how to make CoFA better for the remainder of this year and next. I'll be meeting with CBAS and UASUS this week.

**Professor of the Week** – e-mail nominations to Brittney at [avpa@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpa@su.ualberta.ca)!!!!!!

**Bear Scat/Tracks** – The VPA-elect and I will be testing out the new PeopleSoft product to bring student feedback into the development process of the new upgrade. As well, I'm taking care of the other logistics with regards to Bear Scat.

**GFC Meetings** – Committees that met in the past two weeks include Academic Standards Committee & Facilities Development Committee. The major highlight at FDC (which Brittney attended in my absence) discussed preliminary plans for East Campus Village. Next up will be GFC.

**Exam Registry** – Last year, there were 539 exams submitted in total (difficult in ascertaining how many exams were given last year), but we got some new submissions this year. Currently, we're working on a survey to hand out to exam reps to get a better idea of compliance with this GFC policy.

**TLEF Adjudication** – TLEF grants were awarded, it was a fun meeting to be a part of and a lot of good projects got funding to improve teaching.

Chris Lê, Vice President (Student Life)

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- ❑ **Campus' Got Talent Finale:** The main Campus' Got Talent showcased diverse acts on SUBstage. The celebrity judges include Shannon Garrett from the Edmonton Eskimos, GUBA from UofA Athletics, Chris Kostiuik from Sonic, SU President-Elect Janelle Morin, and SU President Michael Janz.

A few contestants brought a group of friends to cheer them on, and many students passing through SUB stopped to watch the event. The crowd was highly entertained and involved, which makes the event a success to me!

The first place winner was Devon Belcourt, who put on an engaging one-song set with his acoustic guitar.

- ❑ **The End-of-the-Year Show With Wintersleep:** The SU is putting on an end-of-the-year show with Wintersleep on Wednesday, 9 April 2008, in Dinwoodie Lounge. Tickets are \$14. Visit any InfoLink booth for details.
- ❑ **Bring Sam Roberts to the UofA:** Mazda has a contest named the Mazda Muzik Tour that is offering students a chance to bring Sam Roberts to their campus! Bands have been competing to represent one of 12 regions, and the local band Aconycal is representing Alberta.

Go to [www.mazdamuziktour.ca](http://www.mazdamuziktour.ca) to vote for Acronycal! The band with the most votes brings Sam Roberts to their campus. Check out the Facebook group for more details: Help Bring Sam Roberts Band to the U of A Beer Gardens April 10-11.

- ❑ **U-Pass:** The U-Pass fee will increase by CPI – which the transit authorities calculated to be 5.0% – so the new cost will be \$78.75. The provision for this change is outlined in the U-Pass contract.

The biggest concern surrounds students who haven't picked up a new U-Pass sticker for the Winter Term. The transit authorities report increased incidences of students who do have their Winter Term sticker. There is concern that students may even believe that the U-Pass will run through the summer. It doesn't. Tell your friends.

Students who will be on campus during the Spring/Summer Term can purchase a post-secondary pass. The U-Pass does not work during from May to August.

- ❑ **Centenary Video Contest:** The UofA held a video contest that looked for students to speak about their UofA experience. I was on the preliminary selection committee for the strongest videos; now it's your turn to pick the best one! Visit <http://www.youtube.com/user/uofavideocontest>.

- ❑ **Health Services Advisory Group:** The proposal that Dr. McInroy presented to Blue Cross has not moved forward as they are weighing its ramifications. Dr. McInroy remains positive that Blue Cross will find a solution.

HSAG discussed areas where the University Health Centre should spend money if it were to receive additional funding. Also, HSAG has been renamed to the University Health Centre Advisory Group.

- ❑ **The Council on Student Affairs:** Jim Bohun and Janelle Morin presented on the situation involving Student Group Services. The SU and the Office of the Dean of Students has been working on reforming registration and risk management issues. The next target is reforming the staffing structure to spread out the workload.

COSA also received a presentation from Dranna Andrews-Brown regarding orientation programming at the UofA. She gave many good suggestions that could improve all the orientation programs and bring cohesion to all of them.

- ❑ **Vitamin A:** My Undergraduate Groups (MUGs) has changed its name to "Vitamin A" – because it's the supplement students can use to ease their transition to the UofA. I think it's a catchy name that encapsulates the program's purpose. Vitamin A will use a multi-pronged approach to offer a spectrum of support for students, ranging from one-on-one mentorship to seminars.
- ❑ **Transition with Kristen:** Kristen and I have had regular meetings to discuss the details and the progress within the main components of the portfolio. I look forward to our next meetings, which will deal with her goals and implementation plans.
- ❑ **Cabane à Sucre:** Campus St. Jean held a "cabane à sucre", which is a traditional event involving rolling a stick over hot maple syrup poured over ice. Janelle Morin, Kristen Flath, and I went to join in the fun at our satellite campus.

Hello Council,

Happy long weekend! I hope you had a weekend filled with either chocolate eggs, campus bunnies, or Hawksley Workman concerts.

I have been back in office for two weeks now and a tremendous portion of that has been spent catching up on missed emails, meetings and sketching out transition for the incoming executive team. The other half of that time has been spent firefighting on the credit card issue that has proved.

#### Credit card

The Gateway issued a correction on their misquoted statement that the SU would not be fighting this issue. We have NOT given up fighting this issue and are working with the GSA to try to get the University to put the Credit Card Payment option back into the budget for this budget year. The decision is up to the Board of Governors. Student frustrations are boiling over with the University this year, as seen by the *Dare to Deceive* group.

#### Board of Governors meeting Friday March 28th 3-15 U-Hall

This is our final chance to raise questions and concerns about this year's budget for the University. My concerns mostly focus on trying to get the university to hire more academic staff and put a greater percentage of dollars into the classroom. Undergraduate initiatives must be a top priority! After we hear about budget approval and the pie starts getting cut up, we will know how much has been allocated for requests such as student group staffing and the Ambassador fund. These initiatives are usually parceled into other areas such as the VP Academics budget so it will be a little more difficult to pinpoint exactly what is going where.

#### CAS

I had a long overdue meeting with the Contract Academic Staff regarding some concerns they had with my comments at the Board of Governors meeting. It was a miscommunication that they heard and the meeting that we had went very well and both furthered our understanding of where each respective group is coming from. The one member I met with was a former professor of mine so it was a pleasure to catch up once again. The SU values the work that all academic staff put into the classroom and the energies they spend on improving teaching and learning on this campus. Our dispute is not with CAS but with the dollars that the University is putting back into the classroom.

#### Health Centre

There are a few unresolved issues with the Health Centre on campus and I hope to be giving a presentation to council on this matter by the end of the year.



HR Fun

I am doing the performance appraisals of various staff members this week.

Transition

I am in the process of working on my transitional documents for the year. If you have any feedback for me that you would like me to include into my transition please let me know.

UPASS EXPIRES

I'm working on the monthly newsletter for the mail-out and the top story we have is that **YOUR UPASS WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF APRIL**. You must buy a post-secondary pass for the summer. Tell all of your friends!

Office hours by appointment.

For the last month I would prefer if you would email me to set up an appointment for office hours. If you are interested in running for an exec position next year, the year after, or you are just curious about what my job entails, I would love to have a chat with you to talk about what the SU is like and what I have learned.

Want to reach me personally? I will loose access to my [presdent@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:presdent@su.ualberta.ca) soon so you can reach me at [michael.janz@gmail.com](mailto:michael.janz@gmail.com).

Cheers!

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## VPX Report to Council

March 25, 2008

Hello Council,

I hope the past two weeks have treated you all well. Here's what I've been up to:

### 1. **Credit Card Payment Removal**

- a. President Janz and I have been trying to get the University to reconsider their proposal to remove the credit card payment option. Here are my concerns:
  - i. **No alternatives if you do not have the cash** - Thousands of students at the U of A pay their tuition with credit cards simply because they don't have the cash flow to pay for the fees all at once. Spreading out the burden allows for many students to generate the kind of cash flow they need to meet the rising costs of their education. With 70% of students working during their schooling, this is a very common occurrence.
  - ii. **More questions than answers for international students** - The U of A has contracted a third party corporation to facilitate payment from international student who would have otherwise just swiped their visa. It remains unclear to many how this system will work in terms of convenience and universality, so at this point it is really a guessing game. In my view, the administration would have been smarter to have these problems solved prior to eliminating the only alternative.
  - iii. **Transfer of the economic benefit from the student to the U** - Currently students who use credit card enjoy the benefits of air miles, cashback, and other affinity points. This benefit will no longer be transferred to students, which makes this decision seem like yet another fee hike for many.

### b. **If this issue concerns you, please take the time to e-mail President Samarasekera at [president@ualberta.ca](mailto:president@ualberta.ca)**

2. **Campaigns Planning and Action Committee (CPAC)** – Pam is in the process of evaluating how CPAC operated this year. If you attended any of the CPAC meetings or events please take a moment to send her your thoughts at [avpex@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpex@su.ualberta.ca)
3. **Meeting with Minister Horner** – CAUS will be meeting with the Minister to discuss our priorities in early April. We will be encouraging the Minister to move forward with the PC party's promise to lower interest rates on student loans to prime as well as discussing further steps to improve the quality and accessibility of the U of A.
4. **Housing Proposal** – I met with the Director of Ancillary Services, Doug Dawson, to discuss progress on the University's housing expansions. The prospective P3 is in the request for proposal stage and consists of two parts. The first phase would include 40 units of aboriginal student housing and 250 beds of graduate housing to be located on East Campus Village. The second phase would include 750 beds on South Campus. I'm hoping to meet with the new Minister of Urban Affairs and Housing, Yvonne Fritz, very soon to discuss government support of the proposal.
5. **CASA** – The AGM was held this weekend in Moncton, however due to a lack of budgeted funds and available flights I did not attend. Several important issues were discussed including the elimination of campaigns from CASA's budget, and a complete review of the governance and voting structure. I've been in contact with several of the people in attendance throughout the weekend and have offered input from afar where necessary.

Have a great meeting! – Steven Dollansky VPX