

STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

August 18, 2009
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-09)

- 2009-09/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2009-09/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2009-09/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2009-09/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 2009-09/5 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2009-09/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2009-09/6a **COX/SINGH MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy committee, Students' Council renew the Political Policy, General Elections Forum- Class Consideration, with the following changes outlined in the track changes.

Please see document LA 09-09.01
- 2009-09/6b **EASTHAM/TRUEBLOOD MOVES THAT** upon the recommendation of the Policy committee, Students' Council renew the Political Policy, Income Contingent Student Loans.

Please see document LA 09-09.02
- 2009-09/7 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2009-09/7e **FENTIMAN/MATHEWSON MOVES** that Students' Council ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association regarding Dewey's Pub and Coffee House.

Please see document LA 09-09.03
- 2009-09/7f **TRUEBLOOD/SETH MOVES** That Students' Council to approve Bill #4 in second reading:

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That the definition of a short term proxy be: has attended 1 meeting or has been

appointed for 1 meeting.

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Should take affect immediately

Please see document LA 09-09.04

Please see document LA 09-09.05

2009-09/7g

DUNN/CLARKE MOVES That Students' Council to approve Bill #5 in second reading:

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Should take effect immediately

Please see document LA 09-09.06

2009-09/8

INFORMATION ITEMS

2009-09/8f

Michael Molzan- Resignation

Please see document LA 09-09.07

2009-09/8g

Nick Dehod, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 09-09.08

2009-09/8h

Colten Yamagishi- Resignation

Please see document LA 09-09.09

2009-09/8i

Kory Mathewson, President- Report

Please see document LA 09-09.10

2009-09/8j

Budget and finance Committee- Report

Please see document LA 09-09.11

2009-09/8k

Grant Allocation Committee- Report

Please see document LA 09-09.12

2009-09/8l

Policy Committee- Report

Please see document LA 09-09.13

2009-09/8m Leah Trueblood, VP Academic- Report

Please see document LA 09-09.14

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

*Policy Number:***3**

Effective Date: **September 12,2006** Page **1** of **2**

Expiration Date: **April 30, 2009**

Responsibility for Policy:

University Policy Committee

Subject Matter

- *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

General Election Forum

- *Topic:*

Class Consideration

WHEREAS the Students' Union is founded on the basis of democratic representation, which fundamentally depends on voters making an informed choice when electing their representatives;

WHEREAS General Faculties Council policy states that one outcome that should be expected from a program of undergraduate study at the University of Alberta is "an informed understanding of and a desire to participate in the intellectual, cultural, social and political life of local, national and global communities";¹

WHEREAS attending a live forum of candidates is one of the best ways to actively garner information about candidates;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta is largely a commuter campus where the only reasonable time to attend a forum for many students is during regular class time hours;

WHEREAS no student should have to choose between the fundamental right to be involved in their democratic process and their academics;

WHEREAS the general election forum is ~~an integral the best attended and most recognizable~~ part of the SU campaign process, in large part due to cancellation of classes from 12:00-~~13~~:00 for the purpose of attending the forum;

WHEREAS the general election forum generally runs from 12:00-~~153~~:00;

WHEREAS the Students' Union Chief Returning Officer has the discretion to change the format of the forum;

¹ University of Alberta General Faculties Council Policy Manual. GFC Policy 111.1 - *Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluations* (University of Alberta GFC 2000).
http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/gfcpolicymanual/content.cfm?ID_page=39298

Policy History:

Reference/Vote

Created 2006-07/5a(i)

Board/Committee

UPC

Date of Council Approval

September 12,2006/SC06-10/5a(i)

WHEREAS there are multiple forums and methods by which students may garner information on candidates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support the cancellation of classes from 12:00 to 13:00 for the purposes of facilitating students attendance of the general election forum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the implementation of a process that ensures no student is penalized for attending the forum in lieu of class between 13:00 and 15:00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union lobby the University to ensure that ~~professors~~ instructors comply with the existing stipulation that classes be cancelled for the purposes of the election forum, as outlined in the University of Alberta Calendar Academic Schedule (Section 11.1);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union negotiate with the University to develop a plan to have the forum shown in smart classrooms for the 50 minute block in which classes are cancelled.

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

*Policy Number:***8**

Effective Date: **November 28, 2006** Page **1** of **1**

Expiration Date: **April 30, 2010**

Responsibility for Policy:

External Policy Committee

Subject Matter - *Category:*

POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- *Specific:*

Income-Contingent Student Loans

- *Topic:*

Whereas the Alberta Student Loan Program is intended to ensure no financial barriers exist to Albertans receiving a post-secondary education;

Whereas income contingent loan repayment schemes are a method of shifting the cost of post-secondary education away from the government and on to students;

Whereas income contingent loan repayment schemes result in those with lower incomes paying substantially more for the cost of their education;

Whereas jurisdictions such as New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom that have income contingent loan repayment schemes have seen a corresponding and dramatic increase in tuition fees and other education costs;

Be it resolved that the University of Alberta Students' Union oppose the introduction of an income contingent loan repayment scheme for the Alberta Student Loan Program, and oppose any income contingent loan repayment scheme that:

- a.) will directly result in further increases of tuition at Alberta universities;
- b.) through the use of annual interest rates ensures that lower-income Albertans will pay more for their education than higher-income Albertans;
- c.) erodes the commitment of government to funding public post-secondary education or transfer the responsibility for funding from government to students and their families.

Memorandum of Agreement

Between the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association

Regarding Dewey's Pub and Coffee House

WHEREAS the Students' Union of the University of Alberta (the SU) and the Graduate Students' Association of the University of Alberta (the GSA) wish to enter into an agreement governing the operation of Dewey's Pub and Coffee House (Dewey's), the Graduate Students' Association and the Students' Union agree with each other that:

1. Dewey's represents a unique and special social space on campus, one that brings together all the elements of the campus community - undergraduates, graduates, alumni, faculty and staff. Both parties further agree that the program and operation of the bar must reflect a commitment to these stakeholder groups.
2. This agreement reflects considerations provided to the GSA made in recognition of its key role in supporting the continuation of the existing Dewey's lease arrangements, helping to ensure Dewey's viability as an active and vibrant social space. Specifically, the GSA will allow the University temporary use of its former offices in the Power Plant for decant space to be used for the Tory Building renovation project. As a condition of providing this permission, the GSA will require that the University maintain Dewey's lease in substantially the same form as existed previously; specifically, the shaded areas in the attached floor plan shall remain part of the Dewey's lease. The decant process is anticipated to take approximately three years.
3. The term of this agreement shall be from 1 September 2009 until 31 August 2012. It may be extended or shortened, by mutual agreement of the Executive Committees of both parties, if the decant project is delayed or expedited, as the case may be.
4. The Students' Union shall be responsible for the management and overall operation of Dewey's.
5. A Dewey's Management Advisory Committee shall be formed, with equal representation from each party, that shall:
 - 5.1. Monitor Dewey's financial performance;
 - 5.2. Provide suggestions to management as to ways to improve programming, service, and financial performance; and,
 - 5.3. Communicate back to the respective parties any suggestions from the management of Dewey's as to how each party can contribute to Dewey's success.
6. The Dewey's Management Advisory Committee shall be composed of two (2) representatives from each party, plus the Operation Manager for Dewey's and the Manager, Food and Beverage. Further, the Committee shall meet once per month. The Committee composition and meeting schedule may be amended by mutual agreement of the GSA and the SU.
7. The SU shall pay the GSA 15% of any net profit from the operation of Dewey's. Net profit shall be defined as any surplus remaining after all costs of products sold and costs of operation, including allocation of accounting and other central support services, are deducted from total revenue of Dewey's operations.

8. The SU will enter into a minimum three-year lease arrangement with the University for the central main floor space in the Power Plant, composed of Dewey's proper, the billiard space, and the kitchen area. Further, the GSA and the SU will pursue approval from the University for use of the west bar and the mezzanine areas to be included in the lease.
9. The Students' Union shall be responsible for the cost of any capital improvements to the space and, excepting the case mentioned below, any such improvements will be owned by the Students' Union. Structural leasehold improvements shall be amortized as an operating expense over the life of the Dewey's lease, and other capital assets shall be amortized over the standard life expectancy of the asset. The GSA may make contributions to capital improvements; where this occurs, any leasehold improvements shall be excluded from amortization as an operating expense, and any furniture purchased by the GSA shall remain GSA property.
10. The operation of Dewey's will include provisions to enhance its value to graduate students, included but not limited to ensuring the hours of operation are appropriate, that the GSA may hold special events in all or part of the Dewey's space, and that, in general, Dewey's management will provide reasonable support to GSA programming as is financially and operationally feasible. Refinement and application of the principles outlined in this paragraph shall be the purview of the Dewey's Management Advisory Committee.
11. Where reasonable and appropriate, the GSA commits to support, promote, and facilitate the use of Dewey's as a graduate-friendly student space.
12. Both parties commit to work cooperatively with each other and the University to pursue a long-term development plan for the Power Plant that is acceptable to each and maintains the Power Plant as the location of significant student social space.

Signed this ____ day of August, 2009.

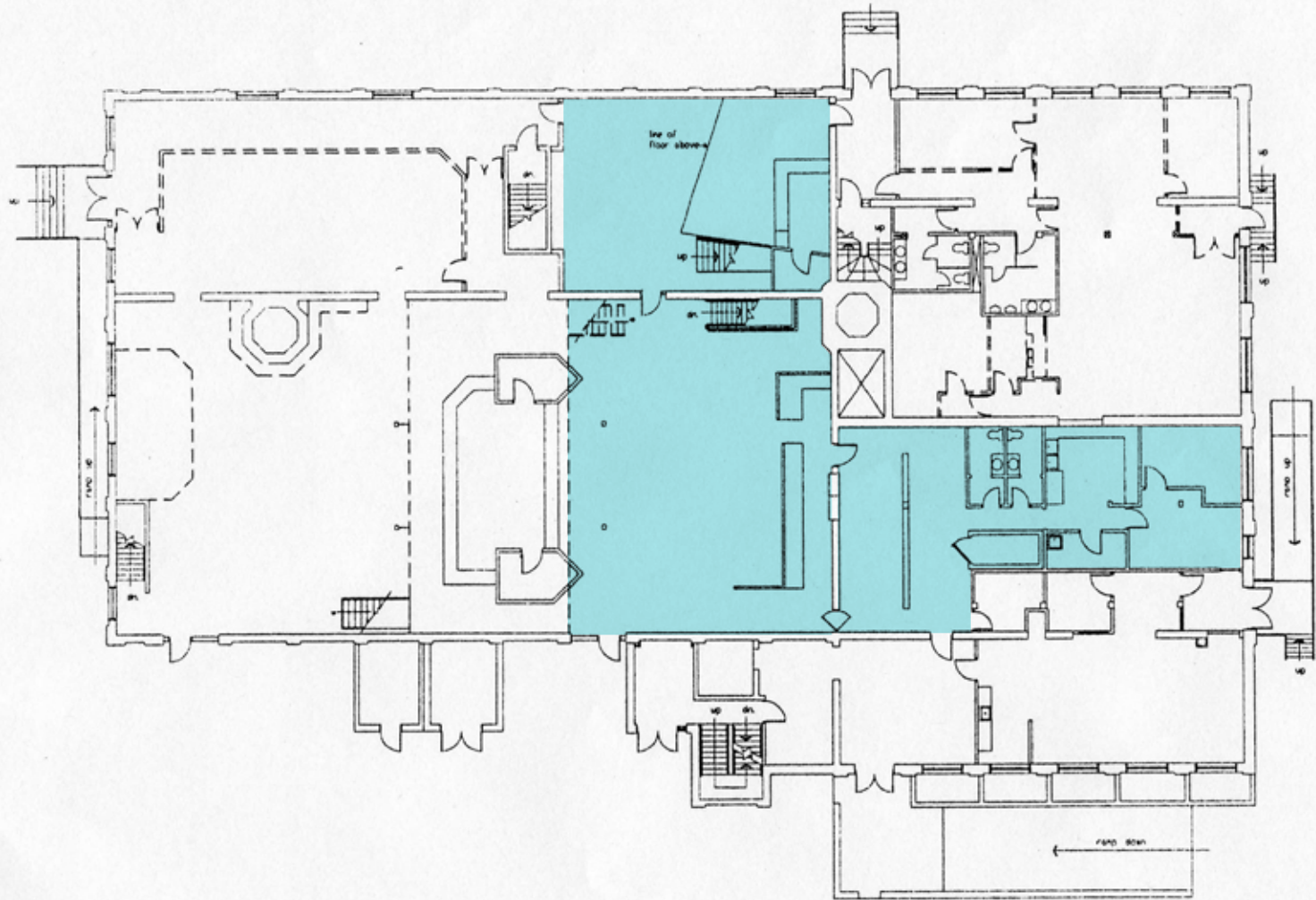
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Trueblood/Seth requests Students' Council to approve Bill #4 in second reading:

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Based on the aforementioned definitions, a long term proxy may serve as a proxy at the committee level during their term as a long-term proxy.

Should take effect immediately

Trueblood/Seth move to replace the appropriate sections with the following

Any councillor may appoint a Students' Union member in his/her faculty as his/her proxy for any portion of his/her term of office. The councillor may appoint a short or long term proxy where:

- (a) A short term proxy is defined as having attended or being appointed for one Council meeting
- (b) A long term proxy is defined as having attended at least one Council meeting and has been appointed for at least two consecutive Council meetings

Section 8.2/8.3

A short term proxy will, for the duration of his/her appointment, have all the rights and responsibilities of the Councillor who appointed him/her, excepting the right to serve on standing committees

A long term proxy will, for the duration of his/her appointment, have all the rights and responsibilities of the Councillor who appointed him/her

Section 8.3/8.4 will become 8.4/8.5

Section 14.5

Any permanent member of a standing committee may designate any member of students' council or his/her long term proxy as his/her proxy for any portion of his/her term, provided that his/her proxy so-designated fulfills the eligibility requirements to serve on the standing committee in question.

Dunn/Clark requests Students' Council to approve Bill #5 in second reading:

Principles:

That voting members be permitted to teleconference/videoconference into committee meetings at the Chair's discretion, except under conditions in which the committee is in camera.

Should take effect immediately

Bill #5

Dunn/Clarke move to replace section 14.7 with the following

Section 14.7

Voting members may be permitted to telconference/videoconference in to standing committee meetings, at the discretion of the chair, except under conditions in which the committee is in camera. For in camera portions of a standing committee meeting, the meeting must take place in person.

- (6) Upon the execution of (5), power is transferred from one year's Students' Council to the next.

7. Speaker of Students' Council

- (1) The Speaker is responsible for
 - (a) chairing all meetings of Students' Council;
 - (b) the budget and logistical needs of Students' Council;
 - (c) requesting a report from the University of Alberta Office of the Registrar and Student Awards each term to confirm that all individuals occupying positions requiring them to be undergraduate students meet all requirements set out in bylaw; and
 - (d) representing Students' Council before the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board; and
 - (e) other duties as may be required by Students' Council from time to time.
- (2) The Speaker shall have access to sufficient administrative support to carry out the logistical needs of Students' Council.
- (3) The President of the Students' Union reports to the Speaker for of purpose of all Students' Council business.
- (4) The Speaker reports to Students' Council.
- (5) The Speaker may be dismissed by a simple majority vote of Students' Council.
- (6) The Chair of the Council Administration Committee shall be the Deputy Speaker of Students' Council and shall carry out the duties of the Speaker in the absence of the Speaker of Students' Council.

8. Proxies

- (1) Any Councillor may appoint a Students' Union member in his/her faculty as his/her proxy for any portion of his/her term of office.

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(2) A proxy will, for the duration of his/her appointment, have all of the rights and responsibilities of the Councillor who appointed him/her excepting the right to serve on standing committees.

(3) A long term proxy will, for the duration of his/her appointment, have all the rights and responsibilities of the Councillor who appointed him/her

(4) A proxy's appointment is not effective in the attendance of the Councillor who appointed him/her.

(5) A Councillor who has designated a proxy retains access to all resources that he/she would otherwise be entitled

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Comment: Change from point 3 to point 4

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Comment: Change from point 4 to point 5

9. Conduct of Meetings

- (1) Quorum of Students' Council is a majority of its current voting membership.
- (2) Where legislation does not contradict it, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be observed at all meetings of Students' Council.

10. Legislation

- (1) Students' Union bylaws
 - (a) are directives perpetually requiring and/or prohibiting action on the part of the Students' Union;
 - (b) are adopted, amended, or rescinded by two simple majority votes of Students' Council occurring not less than seven days apart; and
 - (c) do not expire.
- (2) A Students' Union political policy
 - (a) is a directive to the Executive Committee dictating on what issues Students' Union advocacy efforts should be directed;
 - (b) shall be explicitly tied to a standing committee;
 - (c) requires the Executive Committee to submit an implementation plan to the standing committee to which it is tied;

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- (b) September to December, and
- (c) January to April.
- (2) No meeting of a standing committee shall occur unless
 - (a) every quorum-counting member of the standing committee has received at least seventy-two hours notice of the meeting, or
 - (b) every quorum-counting member of the standing committee consents to the meeting taking place.
- (3) Standing committees may adopt such standing orders as do not conflict with legislation.
- (4) The Speaker, and through him/her chairs of standing committees, shall have access to sufficient administrative support to ensure the proper functioning of standing committees, including but not limited to
 - (a) the creation and publication of agendas for committee meetings,
 - (b) the creation and publication of minutes for committee meetings,
 - (c) the booking of meeting rooms,
 - (d) the duplication of required documents, and
 - (e) access to Students' Union archives.
- (5) Any permanent member of a standing committee may designate any member of Students' Council as his/her proxy for any portion of his/her term, provided that the member of Council so-designated fulfills the eligibility requirements to serve on the standing committee in question.
- (6) Every standing committee named at the introductory meeting shall hold a meeting before the first meeting of its Students' Council in order to
 - (a) elect a chair,
 - (b) set initial standing orders, and
 - (c) set a meeting schedule for its first trimester.
- (7) Meetings of standing committees shall occur in person.
- (8) The Awards Committee is exempt from (1), (5), and (6).

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15. Reporting Structure

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Please accept this email as my official resignation letter effective immediately.

Michael Molzan

Prepared by: Nick Dehod, Vice President (Student Life)

To: Students' Council 2009/2010

Mental Health Awareness Training

For Council's information, on August 17th & 18th I will be participating in Mental Health Awareness Training.

Athletics & Recreation Advisory Committee

Given that a new Physical Activity & Health Centre would require a new fee dedicated to athletics we are looking to create a committee that would oversee and assess any fees that currently go towards athletics. We are currently working on the Terms of Reference for a committee and hope to have it established as soon as possible.

Centenary Kick-Off Party

Week of Welcome will be starting with a Centenary Kick-Off Party in Dewey's at 8pm on Tuesday, September 1st. Tell your friends!

Health & Dental Plan

The Health & Dental Plan office will be open starting August 26th. Students will be able to change their coverage (add dependants, spouses, or opt-out) starting August 28th until September 16th. This can be done online at ihaveaplan.ca or in person at the office once it's open. Students' will be receiving information on the Plan in the mail during the last week of August.

Infolink Revisioning

Infolink booth refurbishment will be delayed until sometime during the fall semester. Given our current intentions to plan for a larger number of supplementary unpersoned stations in the future, we want to take more time to consider how our current stations would relate in terms of services provided.

Programming

We have tentatively booked space on February 5th, 6th, & 7th for Campus Cup: Dare to Dodge. We're currently working with the RHA, LHSA, Campus Rec, & Dean of Students' Office to make sure that we create an event that celebrates community as well as health & wellness. There will be more information in the weeks to come. Street Team jackets have been ordered and are on the way. The Street Team/Student Life Events Committee will be out helping to run Week of Welcome. We are anticipating having a preliminary online events calendar ready for September. We have also worked out an arrangement with the libraries that will allow us to have part of the events calendar on every library computer desktop for the first week of school.

Sustainability in SUB

The final signage proposal for Composting and Recycling in SUB looks great and we're looking forward to seeing the final product in SUB. We're hoping to have some ECOS volunteers

present for the first three days of classes in front of the station to inform students that we have composting as well as make them aware of what material you can compost. I had a meeting with Vice President Fentiman and 08/09 VPSL Kristin Flath to discuss styrofoam alternatives in SUB. Although we had problems finding an alternative that worked last year we are going to take another look and reassess our options. We are also looking at having our vendors have their eco-discounts displayed on stickers that would go at each store. On Saturday, August 22nd between 10am & 4pm, ECOS is having its final Campus Community Open Garden House. If you're free that afternoon be sure to check it out.

Student Group Services

There's a lot happening with Student Groups right now, one of which is the changes to bylaw in your agenda package for Council. We are very close to completing revisions to Student Group Granting. This should be done for the next Grant Allocation Meeting although we are still waiting for final approval from the Dean of Students' Office. The SGS Office should be ready for September albeit short some new furniture. We're also looking at a new Student Groups database that would be ready in January. Kristin Flath's last day as Student Group Services Manager will be August 21st, 2009. Special thanks to Kristin for her hard work this summer and we wish her the best as she goes on to Ottawa in the fall.

U-Pass

On August 5th we had a day-long meeting about the U-Pass. I do have updates but given that we are still in the middle of negotiations I would strongly encourage councilors to approach me outside of council so that I can inform you of the process as well as get your input and feedback. We will be presenting to the Edmonton Transit & Public Works Committee on September 8th & will be attending Edmonton City Council on September 16th. On another note, U-Pass distribution for this year will begin on August 24th. You will be able to pick up your sticker at Infolinks in HUB, ETLIC, & SUB (Lower Level) and starting August 31st at CAB as well.

Week of Welcome Beer Gardens

We are still looking for people to help run security for Sep. 2nd & 3rd. Shifts are varying but basically security is needed from 10:30am to 6:00pm on both days. If you help out you will get paid \$10/hour individually or \$10/hour towards your organization or student group. I volunteered last year it's a really great way to help out with WOW. For every single person working security, 50 additional people can enter the gardens. If you're interested or know any students looking to make some extra money after the summer, please contact Katie Garnham, our Operations Manager at the SU at (780) 492-4764, or at Katie.garnham@su.ualberta.ca.

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca. **Godspeed.**

Hello fellow councillors,

I am sad to inform you that due to my acceptance into the Faculty of Business, I am forced to resign my seat on council. Sitting on council, even for such a short period, was an amazing experience. It greatly broadened my perspective of the SU and I heartily enjoyed your company and discussion. I will keep in close contact with council and the Students' Union. Please feel free to let me know if you are in any need of any assistance.

Sincerely,

-Colten Yamagishi

August 14, 2009

Report to Students' Council

August 18, 2009

Kory Mathewson, President



Web Committee Meeting – Jul 30 2009

This is part of the 2009-2010 Online Presence Review. We have a roadmap planned for the development of the www.su.ualberta.ca website. Focuses on the redevelopment will be navigation, search and the Events Calendar. The facebook group is attracting more users everyday, currently sitting around 1200, up from 400 in May. *Please invite your friends to the group, as the larger the number of students, the more effective a communications tool it will become.* Also in the works are an Executive Blog and an Advocacy Blog. These tools in conjunction with facebook, twitter, and the website will provide a comprehensive overhaul to the Online Presence of the Students' Union. Some policy may need to be developed over the next few weeks regarding content, and best practice.

Campus Cup Meeting – Jul 30 2009

Currently it seems as though Campus Cup will be a go. There were some holdups in the zoning of gym space, but it seems that is cleared up now, thanks to a certain Vice President Students Life's knack for asking the right questions to the right people. This certainly has potential to be an amazing event in February, and, could even contend for a World Record. *If you want to get involved with the planning of this event, or the recruitment and training, throw an email my way.*

Phyllis Clark, University Vice-President Finance and Administration – Aug 4 2009

This was a great meeting to discuss two major items. On our side we brought up the Survey, and the question development, possible collaborations, and partnerships as well as the value of the data that will be collected. Eventually Phyllis responded that at this time the Administration did not want to contribute to the survey, and so we as the Students' Union are charged to carry on. This has both positive and negative outcomes, we can use this data, and it is a little more substantial if we collect it isolated from the University, but also it was an opportunity to work together that is passed up.

I also requested some information from the recent Experts Forum that Phyllis held over the summer. The forum is the first discussion where future budgetary projections are estimated. The outlook is not promising with low oil prices and even lower gas prices, the University will have a difficult time reallocating and trimming the budget. That being said the Students' Union is firmly opposed to any increases in the cost of education at this institution and Provincially, and when the time comes, and more information is passed down the line, we are ready to mobilize on a campaign around Tuition. Please note that this year the timeline for the tuition vote has been shifted, ***the vote will now occur on December 11th 2009.***

Centenary Meeting – Aug 4 2009

This meeting was to discuss the Centenary umbrella that will cover most of the events that we do this year. This umbrella will require a big, executive push, and encompasses more than just two events (the leadership summit and the alumni dinner). Possible events include a kick-off event during Week of Welcome and a close-up event during the Awards Night celebration. Accomplishments can be highlighted on a wall of history on the Wall of Gold. Stand alone panels to highlight historical information, movable, catchy that illustrates what we have done for students/by students. Creating a visual mural of people and things from the last 100 years. Maybe SU T-shirts, if we can create a brand that is desirable. AP is framed in 100 years. Fund

raising possibility: SUB Re-visioning. Video is a big thing this year, and will fit into this project.

Christel Hyshka (Revolutionary Speaker and Debate Series) – Aug 5 2009

This was a meeting on the Revolutionary Speaker and Debate Series, Christel provided me with many names of individuals who may be good to bring in for the Energy in Alberta discussion on October 19 including Mark Jaccard (SFU), Bruce Power, Albert Nuclear panel, Enmax CEO Garry Holden, Chris Turner, Pembina Research, Marla Reynolds, Mike Hudema, UofA Energy Club. Also possible topics to frame the debate including: Nuclear topics, Green Washing, Oil Sands. I have contacted many of these individuals, and, working with the Manager of Programming and Venues, we are locking down speakers for the event, which will take place during Sustainability Awareness week.

Expo 2017 Theme Consultation – Aug 5 2009

Councilors Seth, Hansra and Kusmu and I worked in a focus group on thematic feedback for the Expo 2017 Bid. It was great fun! Lunch was served.

Justin Kehoe, Communication Meeting – Aug 5 2009

Discussions on the media protocol in the office. Some of the potential media calls that we will inevitably be receiving in the near future, and Pecha Kucha 5 put on by Edmonton Next Gen. We are currently collaborating on a presentation to submit to the committee. And the media calls are pouring in, I did a piece on the National on Aug 7 2009 on unemployment and underemployment and a piece on Global TV Edmonton on 12 August 2009 on the student housing crisis... check it out:

<http://www.globaltv Edmonton.com/video/index.html?releasePID=hKpMiKgotZ9cuPdLqUQNLOoVImSce5s> also Councilor Rachel Dunn was interviewed for the Edmonton Journal and expressed some major concerns with this summers job squeeze... check that out:

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/Students+caught+squeeze/1884283/story.html>

UPASS Updates – Aug 5 2009

This was a discussion on the proposed pricing structures and the impact on the students. My main priority is to keep the cost of this program as low as possible for as long as possible.

Centenary Umbrella Follow-up – Aug 6 2009

Discussions on potential follow up events for the centenary, lots of discussion on large cakes, to symbolize the birthday and celebration. Other events include centenary themed promotions, and further student outreach. If you have an idea of how to connect the centenary to an event this year, let me know!

Edmonton Alliance of Students First Meeting – Aug 6 2009

Discussions with the student leaders at Grant MacEwan (President Nils Holmgren) and NAIT (President Geoff Tate and VP External Tessa Cocchio) on Municipal priorities. The discussion centered on the UPASS negotiations, but also on collaboration on future campaigns, and priorities. They are both doing some exciting things this upcoming year.

Academic Plan Campaign – Aug 7 2009

Discussion with my wonderful VP Academic Leah on the extent of the campaign, and some of the outreach that can be done. My main push is on a set of videos that document what students see as the ideal University. This video series would then be produced and hopefully add some vibrant content to the online presence of the Students' Union.

Farooq Iqbal, President Muslim Students' Association – Aug 7 2009

We discussed the Revolutionary Speaker and Debate Series. I am hoping to have an Israel/Palestine event in late February/early March where both the MSA and the JSA could collaborate with the Students' Union on bringing in a speaker, discussing the pressing issues, and then working together to form a resolution of peaceful action moving forward. Similar events have occurred at York and McMaster, and I feel like our campus could benefit from lively discussion and working together toward a peaceful future.

Leor Handman, President Hillel/Jewish Students' Association – Aug 7 2009

Discussions on the Revolutionary Speaker and Debate Series, some concerns over the number of students that each "side" will attract. As well as concerns about keeping the debate focused on looking forward, and looking for peace. I charged both Leor and Farooq with going back to their respective groups, brainstorming the discussion a bit and then once classes are back in session the three of us will sit down and iron out the details.

Infolink/Student Financial Aid Info Center Orientation Lunch – Aug 7 2009

Wonderful Leah and I provided a welcome to the volunteers and a brief introduction to the Students' Union, as well as engaged in some lively discussion over lunch on the year ahead.

Partners Conference Discussion Moderation – Aug 10 2009

With David Simmons Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation and Alex Usher Educational Policy Institute discussing federal policy development. I was the moderator of the discussion and it provided me an opportunity to meet the partners at the Prioritizing Post Secondary Education conference. This discussion focused on how policy is formed on a National level, and what each student can do moving forward.

Lunch with John Braga – Aug 10 2009

Short lunch with Past Vice President Academic to discuss how the Students' Union changes once September hits and students are back on campus. Things look promising and I am excited to feel the energy, and momentum once the halls are filled with bright minds.

Staff Appreciation Event at Room at the Top – Aug 10 2009

Checked out the renovations, and celebrated with Students' Union staff. Most of the comments coming back are overwhelmingly positive and I am very proud of my Vice President Operations and Finance for all the hard work on the facelift.

Meeting with the Gateway – Aug 11 2009

Met with Mike Kendrick Editor-in-Chief and Asia Szkudlarek Business Manager on a possible collaboration on a National conference speaker. I informed them that it did not directly tie into the Revolutionary Speaker and Debate Series, and that we would be happy to support them for facilities and catering.

Ian Bushfield, Past President UofA Atheists and Agnostics – Aug 12 2009

Discussed the "Does God Exist?" debate. How it was planned, how it was executed, budgetary concerns, and space issues, as well as how to frame the debate.

Council of Alberta University Students – Aug 13 2009

Had a conference call with Alex Usher from the Educational Policy Institute to discuss the National Student Survey. This survey will be taking place following our survey and the requested response rate is substantially lower than my goals for our institutional survey. Most of my

concerns of doing two surveys were handled, and my amazing Vice President External supported the idea, so I am happy to be a part of the National Student Survey. The data will provide us a wealth of information, which will help Provincial and Federal lobbying efforts.

Academic Materials Consultant – Aug 13 2009

Discussed the plans for the year. This directly ties into to one of my major campaign goals of providing Used Text Book incentives to student who are looking to save money on Academic Materials costs. Again, VP Academic All-star Leah has clearly developed and exposed the need for these efforts and this position will further help our efforts to lead the Canadian Roundtable on Academic Materials.

Rhys Chouinard, President UofA Atheists and Agnostics – Aug 13 2009

This was another discussion on the Revolutionary Speaker and Debate Series. Rhys clearly illustrated that this type of collaboration with the student groups is appreciated and exciting. He will take the discussion back to his group and we will sit down hopefully with the Campus for Christ group once classes resume. It is my hopes that in January this campus will play host to a fantastically intellectual discussion on Creation vs. Evolution, or some extension of that.

Julian Faid, Profile Magazine – Aug 14 2009

Interview for a potential new magazine start up.

Also, come check me out at the Edmonton Fringe where I am performing in Rapid Fire Theatre's Big Stupid Improv Show at Venue 2: The Laugh Shop and in Die Nasty at the Varscona Theatre.

*For the Good and Welfare of the University of Alberta Students' Union,
I remain, Kory Wallace Mathewson, President, University of Alberta Students' Union 2009-2010*

Report to Council

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2009-2010/BFC/05

August 18, 2009

Prepared by: Zach Fentiman
To: Students' Council 2009/2010

Dear Council,

At the August 12th meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, the committee approved the beer pricing structure to be used in our bar operations.

The committee also reviewed the operating plan for Department 411 (Facilities). No significant concerns to be noted.

Sincerely,

Zach Fentiman

Report to Council

GRANT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

2009-2010/GAC/04

August 18, 2009

Prepared by: Zach Fentiman
To: Students' Council 2009/2010

Dear Council,

At the August 11th meeting of the Grant Allocation Committee, the committee approved changes to Access Fund granting policies.

The committee also reviewed the proposed combined Student Group Granting concept and no significant concerns were noted.

Sincerely,

Zach Fentiman

University of Alberta Students' Union
Report to Students' Council

09-08-18

Policy Committee

Hello Council:

The policy committee held its fifth meeting last Thursday and continues to plow through the expired policies. The general elections forum policy will again be brought to council, and Income-Contigent Student Loans is being recommended to be renewed unchanged. However, the latter policy will be discussed again in the fall semester by the committee as we find out more information on the new federal student loan system and how our related advocacy groups view this system; ask the VP-External for more info.

The Affordable Housing policy will be brought up for renewal next meeting, and the Capital Fee policy is near editing as well. The committee is waiting for new info from the Office of Sustainability before reviewing the Environmental Planning policy. We are also awaiting presentations on the International Student Differential Policy. The involvement policy is being re-worded as some of the phrases are ambiguous, but expect it to be finished by the next policy meeting.

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1. Great Teaching

I am now collaborating with John Braga, former Vice President Academic, who is working for UTS on the series entitled “Pedagogical provocations.” This is a series of panels on a variety of topics pertaining to the undergraduate experience featuring members of university administration, faculty and students. Are you interested in sitting on one of these panels or attending one of these sessions?

They are:

September 16th: Failing Forward: Learning from Our Experiences Developing as Teaching

October 16th: Citizenship, social responsibility and University Education, what is the connection?

November 20th: Traversing the graduate student separation exploring the student to colleague transition.

December 18th: The challenge of challenging students to learn: How do we engage them?

January 15th: Unknotting the Teaching Research Nexus: Exploring the role of research in undergraduate education.

February 19th: The Passion of the Pedagogue: What motivates us to teach, what motivates us to learn.

March 19th: Pedagogical Dogs with technological tails: what’s wagging what?

April 16th: What’s space got to do with it: Considering the physical environment in teaching and learning.

2. COFA: Council of Faculty Associations

Our first COFA meeting of the year will be hosted out at the beautiful Campus St. Jean. Since they are so kind to host us we have a plus for their event: Perhaps you will consider supporting them by coming to their welcome back or homecoming party Thursday September 3rd?

I am also interested in expanding the COFA wiki such that it could be accessible by councilors, or instead redefining it as a joint COFA/Council Wiki. I will be taking this to COFA and CAC, if you have comments, let’s chat about it.

3. Undergraduate Research

Hooray! The Academic plan submission is now complete. One of the primary tenants of the academic plan was undergraduate research, and I am keen to see how this issue develops throughout the year. If you have thoughts about undergraduate research in your Faculty I would love to hear them! Please, let's have a coffee anytime.

4. Textbook Price Freezes

Vice President Fentiman and I have some bold ideas for SUB titles that I am excited to pursue this year as the academic materials market shifts pretty dramatically. Further, Kristen and I have been working together, and I am very eager to continue to do so. If you have ideas, classes in which an instructor does something really cool, or really bad, please, please, please contact her at Kristen.badley@su.ualberta.ca

5. Make the Academic Experience an Access Issue

I am working with President Matthewson on how the Academic Plan conversation in governance will lead into the tuition debate, and how these two can compliment each other. More to come!

6. Open the Portfolio

The Marketing Department has been very kind and is creating a flier for my portfolio with my contact information, suggested dates for VPA Fridays throughout the month of September and the appetite for change breakfast. I am working with the advocacy team to make sure that I am spending 15 minutes every day in the month of September classroom talking.

7. Academic Advising

Something I haven't yet mentioned about academic advising is that I am keen to work with Vice President Fentiman and Vice President Dehod to work on information solutions that involve working with info link.

8. Non-Traditional Student Communities

I am keen to hear your thoughts, after council today, about our representation of non-traditional student communities, particularly transfer students.

New!

- a) Because I think Vice President Fentiman's thermometers were so terrific, I will be completing a similar report for the next council meeting. So stay tuned!

b) Five ways to hold Leah accountable.

- Set up weekly/bi-weekly/monthly/term meetings with me to check in on issues you care about.
- Follow me on twitter or blog, and ask me to write about things I'm doing that trouble/interest you.
- Call me, I do have a phone 492-4236, and ask me what sorts of trouble I'm causing.
- Ask me for a reading list of my reports to other committees or a reading list if you are interested in the quality side of the academic experience in Canada, or anywhere else in the world for that matter.
- Ask me a question in council: issues can be kind of weird: what was the most productive meeting you had this week? Or what was the least productive meeting. A Question doesn't have to be perfect. The moral of the story is that if you are ever curious about anything, anything at all. Please, give me a call!