

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

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Tuesday January 12, 2009  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2009-19)

- 2009-19/1      SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
- 2009-19/2      PRESENTATIONS
- 2009-19/3      EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
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- 2009-19/6b     **MASTEL/FENTIMAN MOVES THAT** Student's Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #17 in the second reading based on the following principles:  
Related Sections: 71.(3)  
principles:  
  
The CRO shall draft a schedule of fines and penalties as an appendix to his/her rules and regulations.  
  
Please see document LA 09-19.01
- 2009-19/6c     **L'ABBE/SINGH MOVES THAT** Student's Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #24 in the second reading based on the following principles:  
Related Sections: 27.(3) - section deleted  
principles:  
  
Disqualification for failure to report keys shall be removed from Bylaw 2000.  
  
Please see document LA 09-19.02
- 2009-19/6d     **MASTEL/SETH MOVES THAT** Student's Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #18 in the second reading based on the following principles:  
Related Sections: 18.(2)e. and 46(3)  
principles:  
The CRO should place a limit on the minimum distance between posters/signs placed outside belonging to the same candidate or side.

That all building code limits on banner size be included in the nomination packages provided by the CRO. In the absence of an upper limit, the CRO will indicate one deemed to be appropriate.

Please see document LA 09-19.03

- 2009-19/6e** **SETH/FENTIMAN MOVES THAT** Student's Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #19 in the second reading based on the following principles:  
Related Sections: 29.(2) and 44 principles:  
The CRO should place a limit on the minimum distance between posters/signs placed outside belonging to the same candidate or side.

That all building code limits on banner size be included in the nomination packages provided by the CRO. In the absence of an upper limit, the CRO will indicate one deemed to be appropriate.

Please see document LA 09-19.04

- 2009-19/6f** **MASTEL/L'ABBE MOVES THAT** Student's Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #20 in the second reading based on the following principles:  
Related Sections: 30.(4) / 51 through 53 / 55 principles:

If candidates in a Students' Union election choose to run as part of a slate, all candidates shall be voted for individually, with any affiliation with a slate being clearly identified on the ballot.

If candidates in a Students' Union election choose to run as part of a slate, each candidate shall have an expense limit equivalent to candidates running individually, with there being a stipulation that a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 25% of each candidate's budget going towards the slate as a whole, and the remainder being spent on the individual candidate. This will be enforced through separate expense reports for each candidate, and for the slate as a whole.

Please see document LA 09-19.05

- 2009-19/6g** **FENTIMAN/SINGH MOVES THAT** Student's Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #21 in the second reading based on the following principles:  
Related Sections: 36. principles:

A candidate or side in a Students' Union election may distance themselves from a third party in the event that the third party effectively campaigns or acts on or against their behalf without knowledge or consent of the candidate or side. The onus would be on the candidate or side to demonstrate to the CRO that steps have been taken to distance themselves from the third party and to attempt to halt any unauthorized campaigning by a third party. If a candidate or side is able to demonstrate the above points to the CRO's satisfaction, the candidate or side would not be subject to punitive fines as a result of the third party's actions, but may still be subject to counterbalancing fines.

Please see document LA 09-19.06

**2009-19/6h**

**MASTEL/FENIMAN MOVES THAT** Student's Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #22 in the second reading based on the following principles:

Related Sections: 39.(3)  
principles:

Any regulations regarding endorsement of Students' Union electoral candidates by Students' Union employees, excluding elected executives, be left up to the decision of Students' Union operating policy.

Please see document LA 09-19.07

**2009-19/6i**

**SETH/L'ABBE MOVES THAT** Student's Council, on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee, approve Bill #25 in the second reading based on the following principles:

Related Sections: 39.(4)  
principles:

Incumbent members of the executive and the incumbent Board of Governors representative be allowed to endorse sides in an SU election.

Please see document LA 09-19.08

**2009-19/6j**

**FENTIMAN/MASTEL MOVES THAT** Students Council on the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee approve the following referendum question.

Do you support the continuation of a Universal Bus Pass (U-Pass) subject to the following conditions?

1) The U-Pass would provide unlimited usage of regular transit service through Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit, and Strathcona County Transit during the Fall and/or Winter Terms to undergraduate students enrolled in at least one course for credit within the participating municipalities service area.

2) The cost of the U-Pass to each student would be mandatory, and would be

a) \$91.67 per term in Fall and Winter terms for the 2010/2011 academic year,

b) \$104.17 per term in Fall and Winter terms for the 2011/2012 academic year, and

c) \$116.67 per term in Fall and Winter terms for the 2012/2013 academic year.

3) The following students may opt-out of the U-Pass:

a.) Students enrolled in work-experience, co-op, or a practicum outside of the

participating municipalities service area for a majority of a term;

b) Students unable to make use of ordinary transit services by reason of disability; and

c) Students employed by Edmonton Transit System, St. Albert Transit, or Strathcona County Transit.

4.) Students enrolled at Augustana are exempt from the U-Pass.

5) The Students' Union shall be authorized to enter into the necessary contractual agreements with participating municipalities and the University of Alberta, contingent upon the inclusion of acceptable transparency and accountability provisions.

6) The U-Pass would expire upon the passing of a referendum to that effect, or the Students' Union deciding that it can no longer adhere to any of (1) through (5).

Please see document LA 09-19.09

2009-19/7

**GENERAL ORDERS**

2009-19/8

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2009-19/8c

Leah Trueblood, VP Academic- Report

Please see document LA 09-19.10

2009-19/8d

Undergraduate Research Agenda

Please see document LA 09-19.11

2009-19/8e

Jennifer Huygen, CRO- Report

Please see document LA 09-19.12

2009-19/8f

Beverly Eastham, VP External- Report

Please see document LA 09-19.13

2009-19/8g

Documents regarding replenishment Process

Please see document LA 09-19.14

2009-19/8h

Zach Fentiman, VP Operations and Finance- Report

Please see document LA 09-19.15

2009-19/8i

Nick Dehod, VP Student Life- Report

Please see document LA 09-19.16

- (2) Where a complaint is received within twelve (12) working hours of the alleged contravention, and where the original complaint form is provided to the C.R.O., the C.R.O. shall rule on that complaint.
- (3) The C.R.O. shall provide a copy of the complaint form, with the complainant's student identification number blacked out, to each respondent.
- (4) Where a complaint is received and is found to be complete as set out in Section [6670\(1\)](#), the C.R.O. shall rule on the complaint within twelve (12) working hours of receiving the complaint.
- (5) The C.R.O. shall post all of his/her rulings, including
  - a. a summary of the complaint;
  - b. a list of parties to the complaint;
  - c. where the C.R.O. fails to possess jurisdiction as set out in Section [6872\(6\)](#), a summary of the reasons for this finding;
  - d. a listing of all bylaws, rules, and regulations that apply;
  - e. a finding regarding the facts;
  - f. a ruling regarding the alleged contravention;
  - g. the penalty assigned, if any;
  - h. the time the ruling was posted; and
  - i. the time limit for appeal.

#### **[6771](#). Penalties Available**

- (1) Where a candidate, campaign manager or volunteer has contravened a bylaw, rule, or regulation, regardless of the cause or the intent of the parties involved, and that contravention has provided an unfair advantage to a candidate, the C.R.O. shall assign a penalty that
  - a. fully counter-balances any advantage gained; and
  - b. where the contravention was intentional, penalizes the candidate or campaign manager who was or whose volunteer was guilty of the contravention.
- (2) Penalties available to the C.R.O. shall include
  - a. a fine, to be counted against the candidate's campaign expenses;
  - b. the confiscation or destruction of campaign materials;
  - c. limits, restrictions, and prohibitions on any type of campaign activities for any period of time up to the commencement of voting; and
  - d. disqualification of the candidate or campaign manager.
- (3) The C.R.O. shall draft a schedule of fines and penalties as an appendix to the rules and regulations concerning this bylaw.

#### **[6872](#). Disqualification**

- (1) A candidate or slate shall be disqualified where he/she/it is guilty of a contravention that

**24. Commencement of Campaign Activities**

The C.R.O. shall determine and announce the time and date of the commencement of campaign activities, to occur no fewer than seven (7) days before the date of any vote prior to the end of November each year.

**25. Myer Horowitz Forum**

- (1) The C.R.O. shall determine and announce the date and location of the Myer Horowitz Forum, to occur after the commencement of Executive Committee and Board of Governors and Plebiscite/Referendum campaign activities, prior to the end of November of each year.
- (2) The C.R.O. shall chair the Myer Horowitz Forum and shall enforce the following rules
  - a. each candidate and side shall be afforded an opportunity to speak that is equal to the opportunity afforded to each candidate or side in his/her race;
  - b. no objects shall be thrown;
  - c. no heckling shall occur;
  - d. no campaign materials shall be distributed during the Myer Horowitz Forum in the room in which the Myer Horowitz Forum is held.
- (3) Where an individual contravenes Section 25(2), the C.R.O. shall remove that individual from the Myer Horowitz Forum.
- (4) Where a candidate or side contravenes Section 25(2), the C.R.O., in addition to the remedies prescribed under Section [6771](#), shall have the authority to enforce further disciplinary action, as prescribed under Section [6771](#).

**26. Requirement for Forums**

No candidate or side shall participate in any forum unless each candidate or side in his/her race has received at least twenty-four (24) hours notification of the forum and will be afforded an equal chance to speak at it.

**27. Requirement to Report Keys**

- (1) All candidates and campaign managers shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline, report to the C.R.O. any keys, cards, and other means of access to any building or room on the University of Alberta campus.
- (2) The C.R.O. shall confiscate, until the commencement of voting, any keys, cards, and other means of access to any building or room on the University of Alberta campus where
  - a. the key, card, or other means of access in question would provide an unfair advantage to the candidate or campaign manager; and
  - b. the candidate or campaign manager is not academically, occupationally, or otherwise required to retain the key, card, or other means of access in question for the duration of the campaign.

~~(3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 27(1), he/she shall be disqualified.~~

## 28. Storage Space

The C.R.O. shall make arrangements for space to be available on the University campus to all candidates and campaign managers for the purpose of the storage of campaign materials.

## 29. Prohibition on Pre-campaigning

(1) No campaign manager, volunteer, or candidate shall engage in campaign activities between the nomination deadline or Students' Council initiation of a plebiscite/referenda and the commencement of the campaign.

(2) Any campaign activity involving social media or internet activity shall not commence or exist before the commencement of the campaign. Social media and internet activity with the sole purpose to prepare campaign activities, campaign material, or to solicit volunteers may be undertaken during the pre-campaign period, so long as it is kept private.

## 30. ~~Formation of~~ Candidate Slates

(1) Candidates wishing to run as a slate shall notify the C.R.O. in writing of their desire within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline.

(2) Candidates providing written notification to the C.R.O under Section 30(1) shall include a slate name, which shall not be the same as or a reasonable derivation of the name of any registered federal or provincial political party or referenda/plebiscite side.

(3) ~~(3)~~ Where candidates requesting to run as a slate are in compliance with Sections 30(1) and 30(2), the C.R.O. shall grant their request.

(4) Candidates running as a slate shall be voted for individually with the slate affiliation being clearly identified on the ballot.

## 31. Joke Candidates

(1) Where a candidate has been designated as a joke candidate, as set out in Section 2(o), and that candidate does not wish to be a joke candidate, that candidate may provide to the C.R.O. a new signed statement indicating the name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, within 36 hours of being designated as a joke candidate.

(2) Where a candidate who has been designated a joke candidate exercises his/her right, as set out in Section 31(1), to submit a new name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, and where the new name is, at the discretion of the C.R.O., a reasonable derivative of that candidate's legal name, that candidate's designation as a joke candidate shall be reversed.

## 32. Candidates with Same or Similar Names

- (5) Section 15(4) notwithstanding, no member shall register for more than one (1) side for any plebiscite or referendum.
- (6) Each side shall select, from among the members registered to it, one (1) campaign manager.

#### **16. Campaign Manager Eligibility**

Any member of the Students' Union Executive Committee is eligible to serve as a campaign manager of a referenda/plebiscite sides without taking a leave of absence from their position as an executive.

#### **17. Candidate Nomination Deadlines**

The C.R.O. shall determine and announce the deadlines for the nominations of candidates prior to the end of November each year, to occur not fewer than

- a. thirteen (13) days before the date of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors Election; or
- b. nine (9) days before the date of the Faculty Councillor Election.

#### **18. Candidate Nomination Packages**

- (1) The C.R.O. shall make available to every member nomination packages not fewer than twenty (20) days before the nomination deadline as set out in Section 17, and shall advertise the availability of these in not fewer than three (3) editions of the student newspaper before the nomination deadline.
- (2) The C.R.O shall produce nomination packages which shall contain, at minimum
  - a. complete and current copies of this bylaw and the Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw;
  - b. nomination papers soliciting the name, contact information, and student identification number of the proposed nominee, the position the nominee wishes to contest, and
    - i. for Executive and Board of Governors elections, nominations papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least fifty (50) and at most one hundred (100) members as nominators;
    - ii. for General Faculties Councillor and Students' Union Councillor nominations papers soliciting the names, faculties, years, signatures, and student identification numbers of at least ten (10) and at most twenty (20) members registered in the same faculty as the nominee as nominators;
  - c. contact information for the C.R.O. and D.R.O.s;
  - d. the time, date, and location for the candidates meeting;
  - e. the building code limits on banner size. In the absence of an upper limit, the C.R.O. will specify a size deemed appropriate



- a. no Executive or Board of Governors Candidate shall have more than ten (10) posters;
  - b. no Plebiscite or Referendum side shall have more than ten (10) posters;
  - c. no General Faculties Council or Students' Council candidate shall have more than sixteen (16) posters.
- (3) The C.R.O. shall set a minimum distance between posters or signs that are placed outside belonging to the same candidate or side.
- (4) Where a candidate, side or slate contravenes Sections 4346(1) and 4346(2), the offending posters shall be destroyed, and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate, side or slate as set out in Section 6771.

#### **4447. Designated Printer**

- (1) All printed campaign materials shall be purchased at official list price costs from one (1) or more of the printing companies designated by the C.R.O.
- (2) The C.R.O. shall designate at least five (5) printers from which candidates and sides may purchase materials to be in compliance with Section 4447(1).
- (3) Where a candidate or side demonstrates that a desired campaign material could not be produced by any of the five (5) or more printers designated by the C.R.O. as set out in Section 4447(2), the C.R.O. shall grant a limited exemption from Section 4447(2) to that candidate or side.
- (4) Where campaign materials can be produced by a Students' Union operated business, candidates and sides shall purchase those campaign materials from that business.
- (5) Where a candidate or side contravenes Section 4447(1) or Section 4447(4), the offending campaign materials shall be destroyed, and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate or side, as set out in Section 6771.

#### **4548. Recycled Materials**

Where a candidate, side, or slate chooses to print campaign materials on recycled paper containing one hundred per cent (100%) post consumer content, and where that candidate, side or slate demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the C.R.O., that this choice resulted in an increased cost being incurred to it, then the amount of this increased cost shall not count against the limits set out in Sections 4851 through 5054.

#### **4649. Destruction of Campaign Materials**

No candidate, campaign manager, or volunteer shall damage or destroy any other candidate's or side's campaign materials unless specifically authorized to do so by the C.R.O.

~~(3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 27(1), he/she shall be disqualified.~~

## 28. Storage Space

The C.R.O. shall make arrangements for space to be available on the University campus to all candidates and campaign managers for the purpose of the storage of campaign materials.

## 29. Prohibition on Pre-campaigning

(1) No campaign manager, volunteer, or candidate shall engage in campaign activities between the nomination deadline or Students' Council initiation of a plebiscite/referenda and the commencement of the campaign.

(2) Any campaign activity involving social media or internet activity shall not commence or exist before the commencement of the campaign. Social media and internet activity with the sole purpose to prepare campaign activities, campaign material, or to solicit volunteers may be undertaken during the pre-campaign period, so long as it is kept private.

## 30. ~~Formation of~~ Candidate Slates

(1) Candidates wishing to run as a slate shall notify the C.R.O. in writing of their desire within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline.

(2) Candidates providing written notification to the C.R.O. under Section 30(1) shall include a slate name, which shall not be the same as or a reasonable derivation of the name of any registered federal or provincial political party or referenda/plebiscite side.

(3) ~~(3)~~ Where candidates requesting to run as a slate are in compliance with Sections 30(1) and 30(2), the C.R.O. shall grant their request.

(4) Candidates running as a slate shall be voted for individually with the slate affiliation being clearly identified on the ballot.

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(1) Where a candidate has been designated as a joke candidate, as set out in Section 2(o), and that candidate does not wish to be a joke candidate, that candidate may provide to the C.R.O. a new signed statement indicating the name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, within 36 hours of being designated as a joke candidate.

(2) Where a candidate who has been designated a joke candidate exercises his/her right, as set out in Section 31(1), to submit a new name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, and where the new name is, at the discretion of the C.R.O., a reasonable derivative of that candidate's legal name, that candidate's designation as a joke candidate shall be reversed.

## 32. Candidates with Same or Similar Names

- (2) Candidates, sides and slates wishing to have campaign materials approved shall provide the C.R.O. with
  - a. a written estimate of the cost of the proposed campaign material, including the source of that cost; and
  - b. the complete contents of the proposed campaign material, including text, images and layout.
- (3) The C.R.O. shall provide in confidence a written approval or refusal of campaign materials within eight (8) working hours of receiving a request as set out in Section 39(2).

#### **4042. Forbidden Campaign Materials**

- (1) The C.R.O. shall not approve campaign materials that
  - a. have more than a nominal value when distributed;
  - b. cannot be removed at the end of the Campaign; or
  - c. are likely to permanently damage or alter property.
- (2) Where a candidate, side or slate contravenes Section 3941(1), the offending campaign materials shall be destroyed and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate, side or slate, as set out in Section 6771.

#### **4143. Media**

All candidates and sides are free to pursue campus-based media as determined by the C.R.O; however, are restricted from contacting external media sources. All external media must be directed through the C.R.O office.

#### **44. Use of Social Media and Public Internet Ventures**

The C.R.O. shall be kept privy to elections-related social media and public internet ventures undertaken by candidates, and reserves the right to penalize candidates for any violation of this bylaw or related regulations.

#### **4245. Banners**

- (1) No candidate, side or slate shall have more than one (1) banner on display in any given building at any given time.
- (2) Where a candidate side or slate contravenes Section 4245(1), the offending banners shall be destroyed and the C.R.O. may assess an additional penalty to that candidate, side or slate as set out in Section 6771.

#### **4346. Posters**

- (1) No poster shall be displayed in such a way as to obscure another candidate, side or slate's campaign materials.
- (2) In any given building, at any given time

~~(3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 27(1), he/she shall be disqualified.~~

## 28. Storage Space

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(1) No campaign manager, volunteer, or candidate shall engage in campaign activities between the nomination deadline or Students' Council initiation of a plebiscite/referenda and the commencement of the campaign.

(2) Any campaign activity involving social media or internet activity shall not commence or exist before the commencement of the campaign. Social media and internet activity with the sole purpose to prepare campaign activities, campaign material, or to solicit volunteers may be undertaken during the pre-campaign period, so long as it is kept private.

## 30. ~~Formation of~~ Candidate Slates

(1) Candidates wishing to run as a slate shall notify the C.R.O. in writing of their desire within twenty-four (24) hours of the nomination deadline.

(2) Candidates providing written notification to the C.R.O. under Section 30(1) shall include a slate name, which shall not be the same as or a reasonable derivation of the name of any registered federal or provincial political party or referenda/plebiscite side.

(3) ~~(3)~~ Where candidates requesting to run as a slate are in compliance with Sections 30(1) and 30(2), the C.R.O. shall grant their request.

(4) Candidates running as a slate shall be voted for individually with the slate affiliation being clearly identified on the ballot.

## 31. Joke Candidates

(1) Where a candidate has been designated as a joke candidate, as set out in Section 2(o), and that candidate does not wish to be a joke candidate, that candidate may provide to the C.R.O. a new signed statement indicating the name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, within 36 hours of being designated as a joke candidate.

(2) Where a candidate who has been designated a joke candidate exercises his/her right, as set out in Section 31(1), to submit a new name under which he/she wishes to appear on the ballot, and where the new name is, at the discretion of the C.R.O., a reasonable derivative of that candidate's legal name, that candidate's designation as a joke candidate shall be reversed.

## 32. Candidates with Same or Similar Names

**4750. Campaign Material Removal**

All campaign materials shall be removed by 21h00 the day before the commencement of voting.

**4851. Campaign Expense Limits – Executive Committee and Board of Governor Candidates**

(1) No candidate for the Executive Committee or Board of Governors shall accrue more than five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00) in campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.

~~(2) Slate and slate candidates shall determine the distribution of campaign funds between the slate and slate candidates and must report the distribution to the C.R.O. prior to the start of campaigning.~~

~~(3) At least 10% of campaign expenses must be spent on both slate and slate candidate campaigns.~~

~~(4) No slate or slate candidate's campaign budget shall accrue more than five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550) in expenses, including both slate and slate campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.~~

(5) No joke candidate shall accrue more than two thirds (2/3) of the expenses set out in Sections ~~4851(1) through 48(3)~~.

**4952. Campaign Expense Limits – GFC and Students' Council Candidates**

(1) No candidate for General Faculties Council or Students' Council shall accrue more than thirty dollars (\$30.00), plus six dollars (\$6.00) for every one thousand (1,000) students' in his or her faculty beyond three thousand (3,000) in campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.

~~Slate and slate candidates shall determine the distribution of campaign funds between the slate and slate candidates and must report the distribution to the C.R.O. prior to the start of campaigning.~~

~~At least 10% of campaign expenses must be spend on both slate and slate candidate campaigns.~~

~~No slate or slate candidate's budget shall accrue more than thirty dollars (\$30.00), plus six dollars (\$6.00) for every one thousand (1,000) students' in his or her faculty beyond three thousand (3,000) in campaign expenses, including both slate and slate campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.~~

(2) Where the number of students in a faculty beyond three thousand (3,000) is not a multiple of one thousand (1,000), the amount of money in excess of the base amount as set out in Section 49(1) through 49(3), shall be prorated and rounded to the nearest cent.

(3) No joke candidate shall accrue more than two thirds (2/3) of the expenses set out in Sections ~~4952(1) through and 4952(42)~~.

**53. Campaign Expense Limits - Slates**

- (1) Each candidate running with a slate shall have an expense limit equal to that of a candidate running individually.
- (2) Each slate shall determine the distribution of campaign funds between the slate and slate candidates and must report the distribution to the C.R.O. prior to the start of campaigning.
- (3) Each member of a slate shall provide a minimum of ten percent (10%) to a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of each candidate's budget towards the slate as a whole, with the remainder reserved for the individual candidate's campaign activities. |

**5054. Campaign Expense Limits – Referenda and Plebiscite Sides**

- (1) No Referenda or Plebiscite Side shall accrue more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) in campaign expenses, all of which shall be paid by the Students' Union.
- (2) No joke candidates will be allowed as specified under Section 15(2) (c).

**5155. Expense Reporting**

- (1) Each candidate, side and slate shall keep an up to date and accurate record of all campaign expenses he/she/it incurs, and shall be responsible to the C.R.O. for all such campaign expenses.
- (2) Each candidate running as part of a slate shall keep separate records for individual expenses and expenses for the slate as a whole.
- (3) Each candidate running as part of the slate is accountable for expenses for the slate as a whole. |
- (24) Each candidate, side and slate shall submit to the C.R.O. the record, as set out in Section ~~5155~~(1), no less than twelve (12) working hours prior to the commencement of voting.
- ~~a.~~(5) No candidate, side or slate shall incur any campaign expenses within twelve (12) working hours of the commencement of voting, except where those campaign expenses have been reported in the record submitted to the C.R.O. as set out in Section ~~5155~~(24).
- ~~a.~~(6) Where the C.R.O. determines that a candidate, side or slate has exceeded or falsified its campaign expense limit
  - ~~b.~~a. the candidate, campaign manager for the side, or the slate shall be disqualified;

Where two (2) or more candidates or slates submit names that are either identical or so similar as to be effectively indistinguishable, the C.R.O. shall determine and announce within forty-eight (48) hours of the nomination deadline what name each of the two (2) or more candidates or slates shall use.

### **33. C.R.O. Shall List Candidates**

Within thirty-six (36) hours of nomination deadline, the C.R.O. shall post

- a. the legal name of each of the candidates;
- b. the name under which each shall appear on the ballot ;
- c. the name of each slate, and the abbreviation of each slate as it will appear on the ballot; and
- d. shall publish the same in the next available issue of the student newspaper.

### **34. Daily Meetings**

- (1) On every weekday during the Executive Committee and Board of Governor campaign and Plebiscite/Referendum campaign, the C.R.O. shall hold a daily meeting, at which he/she shall review complaints, rulings, regulations, procedures, and announcements.
- (2) Each candidate and campaign manager shall either attend each daily meeting himself/herself or designate, in writing, a representative who will attend.
- (3) Where a candidate or campaign manager contravenes Section 34(2), he/she shall be fined ten dollars (\$10.00) for each meeting at which he/she is in contravention, and he/she shall not be assessed any further penalty.

### **35. Requirements of All Candidates and Plebiscite/Referendum Sides**

Each candidate, campaign manager and slate shall act reasonably and in good faith, and specifically shall

- a. ensure that each volunteer engaging in campaign activities on his/her/its behalf is aware of all bylaws, rules, regulations, and orders;
- b. ensure that each volunteer is in compliance with all bylaws, rules, regulations, and orders while engaging in campaign activities on his/her/its behalf; and
- c. report any contravention of a bylaw, rule, regulation, or order to the C.R.O. immediately.

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  - b. the candidate, slate, or side must demonstrate to the C.R.O. that steps have been taken to distance themselves from the third party and to attempt to halt unauthorized campaign activity by that third party.

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### **39. Endorsements**

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- (3) Regulations regarding the endorsement of electoral candidates by Students' Union employees not referenced in Section 39.(2) shall be subject to the Students' Union operating policy.

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9 January 2010

Dear Students' Council,

There is a great deal going on the Academic Portfolio as we move into the homestretch.

**1. Developing the Portfolio:**

a) Externally:

- Upcoming Blog posts include: *Who is a student?*, *Teaching Evaluation*, *Class Size*, *Lessons Learned II*, and *Important Issues that I wish people knew more about*. As always, please let me know if there is anything you'd like to see. I blog on demand!
- If you can believe it, we are trying to get the new visual identity, and perhaps a parallel of the University's talking points document, ready for fall of 2010.

b) Internally:

- With the upcoming internal budget, I think it is a very important time to examine the resources that we have relative to the amount of work to be done in University governance. We watch non-academic advocacy become a huge part of the Student Life portfolio, and the Associate Deans that mirror the VPA being split again and again to address the amount of work to be done. This is a long, complicated and exciting internal conversation.

**2. Increasing the Profile and Power of the Council of Faculty Associations:**

- COFA meets Wednesday 13 January in Council Chambers. We've included the agenda in late additions, and will endeavor to do this as a matter of process.
- We've seen remarkable developments in the COFA this year. Complicated developments. My recommendation will be that my successor and I sit down with every Faculty Association one on one, as we need to do a much better job of being a resource for each faculty association as individuals.
- Finally, next Wednesday, we will be presenting a new vision for the branding of the Council of Faculty Associations.

**3. Build Sustainable Student Government in the Faculty of Science**

- The debts are now all paid for the Science Faculty Association, the call for proposal materials will be created this weekend. Hopefully these will also be included in the late additions.

**4. Lobby for the creation of a strong, student centered academic plan**

- Need to go through another consultative process and awareness project now that we have a much better sense of what sorts of themes we are going to see in the plan International Students, the North, Aboriginal Students. This is a great opportunity for the
- I'm following up on each of the initiatives individually. For instance, with questions about orientation I'm following up with the Vice Provost HR (Chris Cheeseman) and on the Office of Undergraduate Research please see the agenda for the meeting I'm facilitating the morning of 12 January.
- It now appears as though writing will begin in March.

#### **5. Develop Student Government**

- As of yet, I've been unable to get all of the individuals I need to in a room. I will, however, be making a presentation on our Governance 599 process to the Academic Standards Committee.

#### **6. Support and Institutionalize the Role of the Academic Materials Consultant**

- We're still developing the department-by-department processes.
- Again, we're getting for Orientation and while we were not able to facilitate a presentation for this back to school week, that will be the goal in future years to have tables outside the bookstore throughout buy-back in winter, and back to school in January, educating students about edition changes.

#### **7. Create a Strategy for Transfer, International Students and Campus Associations to change SU Organizational Culture**

- While Time for the executive is limited, I'm going to be stealing some executive time to talk about this in the executive from 1-3 on Tuesday, 26 January.

#### **8. Work with the Committee on the Learning Environment Subcommittee on Teaching Evaluation to approve through governance a new teaching evaluation tool**

- The committee continues to meet, and I am in search of students who want to be involved in this issue. I am looking for three constituencies of students. Those who love teaching evaluation, those who are ambivalent, and those who hate it. All of your perspectives will be very important during these four critical months.

Goals as an Executive Member:

1. Work with the **Associate Vice President Academic** to develop the position to set management goals, and determine ways we can make the AVPA job even more of a **professional development opportunity**, and make those a reality.
  - Dan and I have come up with a new list of blog topics.
  - Dan and I are having our quarterly check in this week for mutual performance reviews.
  - I'm requesting that Dan make a report to Students' Council to update you on his projects throughout the year.

2. Work with the general manager to make sure that a) executive understand the expectation of them to set a positive tone for the organization b) work with the general manager and HR services at the U of A, the admin team to help develop a **healthy work environment** around the academic portfolio
3. Work with the executive to assess **workload issues**, and how they can be addressed, to insure quality work by the Executive Committee, and how this relates to the future of the Vice President Academic.
  - This is a time of year when I'm spending as much time as I can on the wiki documenting the year, it's opportunities and shortfalls to try and make it run smoother for the next person. My message to my successor will be to pick a few big projects, because invariability things come up throughout the year that need your attention.
4. Maintain and expand **VPA Fridays** as a tool for the Acadream team to come together to discuss ideas every week.
  - We haven't had a VPA Friday yet this term, but I keep you posted as I think this sort of cohesion is critically important.
  - We had scheduled an Academic Retreat that needed to be moved, but we're endeavoring to reschedule for.

Thank you so much for all of your hard work for students,

Yours sincerely,

Leah Trueblood

*University of Alberta Students' Union*  
**A G E N D A**

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*2009-2010*

## *Undergraduate Research*

*Date: January 12, 2010*

*Time: 8:00-9:00AM*

*Location: Lower Level Meeting Room*

1. Approval of the Agenda and Introductions (5 Minutes)
2. **Rationale:** Thank you for attending this meeting. The Students' Union felt it was important to have it because there seems to be a lot of tremendous work and momentum building in your different portfolios, and we thought it would be valuable on this, Integration of Teaching and Research Week, to get together to tie things together. (2 Minutes)
3. How do we develop our undergraduate research infrastructure at the University of Alberta?
  - a) What sorts of Undergraduate Research Opportunities that your portfolio:  
(15 minutes)
    - Current offers?
    - Could potentially offer?
  - b) How would you like to see a broader Undergraduate Research strategy/  
infrastructure develop at the University of Alberta? (15 Minutes)
  - c) (If Time Permits) The Creation of an Office of Undergraduate Research (See the University of Alberta Students' Union Submission to the Academic Plan [http://www.su.ualberta.ca/student\\_government/students\\_council/executive\\_commitee/vpacademic/external\\_links/academicplansubmission.pdf](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/student_government/students_council/executive_commitee/vpacademic/external_links/academicplansubmission.pdf) (15 Minutes)
4. Action Items Moving Forward (8 Minutes)
5. Thanks and Adjournment



**Prepared by:** Jennifer Huygen, Chief Returning Officer

**To:** Students' Council

Mr. Craig Turner, Speaker

Hi Council! This year's regularly-scheduled election season is fast approaching, and at this roughly half-way point through the year, I wanted to provide Council with a brief update as to what the Elections Office has been working on to prepare for the upcoming months. November and December were relative down-times for our office (besides the rigorous schedule of Bylaw 2000 Review Committee meetings), but we are picking up the pace quickly now that the Winter semester is upon us.

### **Elections Dates**

As a quick reminder, here is a run-down of the important dates to remember for this semester's elections:

#### **Students' Union Executive and Board of Governors Election**

February 12th – Nomination Deadline

February 22nd – Campaign Period Begins

March 2nd – Campaign Period Ends

March 3rd/4th – VOTING DAYS

#### **Students' Union and General Faculties Council General Election**

March 9th – Nomination Deadline

March 10th – Campaign Period Begins

March 17th – Campaign Period Ends

March 18th/19th – VOTING DAYS

### **Deputy Returning Officers (DROs)**

In November, CAC approved the hiring of two Deputy Returning Officers (DROs) to assist the CRO in her duties for the remainder of the term. I'm very pleased to announce the newest additions to our elections team: Kirsten Goruk, as the DRO (Human Resources) and Vanessa Warren as the DRO (Marketing). Both have been a great help around the third floor and have taken on their tasks with enthusiasm and hard work. The DROs have office hours that will be posted shortly on our website, and their office is located just beside mine in 3-02J SUB.

### **Referenda**

It's shaping up to be a busy election, referenda-wise, for the SU. As Council is aware, the Millennium Villages referendum question was approved for the ballot at the Council meeting on December 8 and has now entered the petition-signing stage. As per Bylaw 2000 Sec. 14(2), the petition must bear the names, signatures, and student ID numbers of at least 15 per cent of the total membership of the Students' Union as of February 1 of that academic year, which will work out to approximately 4500 signatures. As per

Bylaw 2000 Sec. 12 the deadline for receipt of the completed petition has been set at February 1.

Millennium Villages has also entered the pre-campaigning stage of their referendum, as per Bylaw 2000 Sec. 29 and DIE Board's 2008 *Reference re: Plebiscite/Referendum Pre-Campaigning*. The petitioners have been informed of the rules surrounding pre-campaigning.

As Council is also aware, the U-Pass referendum question has been drafted in Bylaw Committee and is expected to go before Council at tonight's meeting for second reading, after which time it would also enter the pre-campaign period. The PAW referendum principles are also expected to be read a first time and will soon be before Bylaw Committee for similar question drafting.

The CRO would like thank all those involved in the referendum process so far for keeping the Elections Office informed and up-to-date with their progress and for asking intelligent questions.

### **Nomination Packages**

Nomination packages will be available for the Executive election on January 22, and for the Councillor election on February 15 or earlier. These will be available for pick-up at SUB 2-900, at the Elections Office in SUB 3-02K, and for download online.

I'm currently working on incorporating the new provisions to Bylaw 2000 passed in first reading that remain before Council now in second reading, including the drafting of a schedule of fines and penalties.

### **Elections Advertising**

One of the biggest challenges that we face at this time of year is promoting SU elections to an undergraduate student population of approximately 30 000. We are working closely with the SU Marketing department to develop our campaign theme (no spoilers yet!) and will roll this out in three phases: 1) promoting the nomination deadline, 2) promoting voting days, and 3) promoting the hiring of elections staff (Poll Captains and Poll Clerks).

Besides the regular poster campaign and Gateway advertisements, we have an LRT ad booked to run in February, will be utilizing the Wall of Gold in SUB, and hopefully expanding efforts to promote elections via other constituencies, including residences, varsity teams, and student groups.

We are also now working on getting the word out through social media channels. I encourage you all to join the "Students' Union Elections 2010" group now up on Facebook and to invite your friends as well.



### **Elections Forums**

We now have an-almost complete set of forums lined up for Executive candidates in February and March. The dates and locations are as follows, with exact times TBA.

February 23rd – Residence Forum @ Lister Cafeteria

February 24th – Campus Saint-Jean Forum @ Pavillon McMahon

February 25th – SUBstage Forum #1

February 26th – SUBstage Forum #2

March 1st - Myer Horowitz Forum

I have also been approached about scheduling a forum at Augustana to include all three U of A campuses in the elections process. I'm currently in discussions with the Augustana CRO, Mari McLachlan, to assess the feasibility and interest in holding such an event.

### **Thoughts? Feedback?**

As Councillors, you provide a great wealth of knowledge and experience having gone through the sometimes-grueling elections process yourselves. The DROs and myself invite any feedback or ideas that you have about SU elections and how we can make them ever-more relevant and engaging. If you are also considering running or volunteering in the two upcoming elections, we are available to answer any questions you might have.

Best of luck!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Huygen  
Chief Returning Officer

cc: Kirsten Goruk, DRO (Human Resources)  
Vanessa Warren, DRO (Marketing)

# Report to Students' Council

January 12, 2010

Beverly Eastham, Vice-President (External)

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Hello Council,

I regret to once again have to inform you that the CASA presentations that I had planned to do several council meetings ago are once again delayed, this time due to the incredibly pressing business of filling the Presidential vacancy. I don't think it is appropriate to present these presentation at our emergency meeting on Thursday, so I will be presenting them on the January 26 meeting of council. As always, if you have questions about CASA or anything else in my portfolio please let me know by email, phone call, or booking a meeting.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and are ready to get back to work. This semester is going to be incredibly busy, but also quite exciting. Just to list a few of the exciting upcoming events that are happening we have: The Revolutionary Speakers and Debate Series 'Does God Exist?' Debate, the final throw-down on market modifiers and the possibility of changing the provincial *Tuition Fees Regulation*, the Campus Cup: Dare to Dodge dodgeball tournament, the SU Centenary week, and of course, the election for the 2010/2011 SU Executive and Council members along with referendum questions galore!

As you can see there is a lot happening and we are certainly going to need to draw on the knowledge and human-capital that council provides. If you are interested in volunteering for an upcoming event, or getting more involved in political issues, such as tuition please let me or one of the other executives know and we will be sure to find a place for you.

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To potential 2010/2011 SU Executive Candidates,

If you are considering running for VPX or any other executive position I would be more than happy to meet with you, answer questions, and provide my prospective on how things in the external portfolio/executive committee have gone over the last two years. Email me at [vp.external@su.ulaberta.ca](mailto:vp.external@su.ulaberta.ca), call me at the office 780.492.4236 or send me a DM on twitter @uasuvpexternal.

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## Meetings

### Past Meetings (Highlights)

Jan 4: Don Hickey, Residence Fee Discussion  
Jan 4: Executive Committee  
Jan 7: CAUS Skype Meeting  
Jan 7: Executive Committee  
Jan 7: Centenary Week Planning Meeting  
Jan 8: Lunch with Ellen Schoeck (director of the University Secretariat and secretary to the General Faculties Council from 1982-2005, author of *'I Was There'*)  
Jan 9: Meeting with Dave Shillington and Wilfred Pelletier from the Wildrose Alliance  
Jan 11: Executive Committee  
Jan 11: CASA Governance Officer Meeting (teleconference)  
Jan 11: Executive Tuition Planning Meeting  
Jan 11: Policy Committee

### Upcoming Meetings

Jan 13: Introducing Linda Duncan at Jack Layton Town Hall (SUBstage @12pm)  
Jan 14: Executive Committee  
Jan 14: Gmail Discussion with Dr. Schaffer  
Jan 14: Emergency meeting of Students' Council  
Jan 15: Possible media conference with Public Interest Alberta: Join Together Alberta

## External Updates

### Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)

[www.caus.net](http://www.caus.net) | [twitter: #kaus09](https://twitter.com/kaus09)

After a relaxing holiday break CAUS is regrouping and assessing where the provincial discussion with market modifiers is at and what action we will need to be taking in the following week/months. While this is our main focus right now it is not the only thing that we have been working on.

### National Student Survey

We are still waiting on finalized data from the National Student Survey. As so many students participated in it, it is taking the Canadian Education Project (who was conducting the survey on our behalf) some time to go through the compiled results and analyze them. As soon as I get the results I shall forward them on to Council.

### Meeting with Wildrose Alliance

Duncan and I have been watching the current provincially dynamic closely and figured that now would be a good time to meet with the Wildrose Alliance and get some more information on what they plan to do with their policies on post-secondary education. This weekend we were able to meet with Dave Shillington and Wilfred Pelletier to discuss the policy development process that the Wildrose Alliance uses to adopt new policies as

well as what CAUS thinks needs to be done provincially for post-secondary education. Overall it was an incredibly positive meeting and will hopefully lead CAUS to be further involved in discussions on post-secondary education issues with the Wildrose Party.

### Provincial Cabinet Shuffle

The rumour is that either today (and there is not a whole lot of time left today as I write this) or more likely tomorrow there will be a shuffle of the provincial cabinet. From what we have been hearing there is a pretty significant possibility that we will lose our Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, Doug Horner, to another portfolio. CAUS has been having many conversations about what this could mean, but all of these discussions are speculation at this point, if for no other reason than it is relatively unclear who our new minister might end up being. Once we know this we will be working very quickly to figure out what the new minister intends to do about the Tuition Fees Regulation and whether or not the promises that Minister Horner has made will carry over to his successor. There could also be large implications for post-secondary education depending on who become Finance Minister. Again, this is something that there is no end of speculation on, but that we won't be able to tell until a name is announced.

### Provincial Discussion on *Tuition Fees Regulation* and Market Modifiers

When we returned from the holiday break we were told that due to the cabinet shuffle (rumoured, at that time, to be on January 29), the University of Alberta had moved up the date that it plans to submit business cases for market modifiers. We were also told that the University of Calgary, who had been relatively silent on whether or not they were going to be submitting cases for market modifiers, was indeed going ahead with submitting proposals and would be trying to have them in by January 19.

It now seems that we could had business cases for the UofA market modifiers by as early as tomorrow and that they could be submitted to the provincial government as early as Friday. CAUS will be set out our plan of action for discussing where this decision is going with our new minister immediately following the cabinet shuffle announcement.

### CAUS Lobby Conference

CAUS will be holding its annual lobby conference from March 8-11 (assuming that this week is not scheduled as a constituency week). During lobby week we will be meeting with as many government and opposition MLAs as we are able to schedule meetings with and will be discussing our budget submission document, current student issues, and the state of the tuition fees regulation/market modifier discussion.

### Students and Voting

At the start of the year CAUS had a discussion about what issue areas we might be able to make ground on this year. As the provincial budget situation was not looking the rosier we thought that having an issue that doesn't cost large sums of money to fix was a prudent idea and thus we arrived at the decision to lobby for reforms to provincial voting procedures for students. Ease of voting has been a problem for students at both

the provincial and federal level, but last year a report was put out by the past Chief Electoral Officer which contained many recommendations for the province to consider when looking at voting reform. One of these sections dealt entirely with students and the concerns and special circumstances that they have as voters.

For quite some time now we have been trying to get a meeting with Minister Allison Redford (Justice and Attorney General) to discuss the recommendations that CAUS put forward in a formal document to each of the provincial parties, but have not had any luck in securing such a meeting. However, I am happy to report that CAUS has heard back from the current Chief Electoral Officer, Brian Fjeldheim, and he has told us that he would be happy to meet with us to discuss our recommendations. We will be working on scheduling a meeting and I shall report further on this matter to council at a later date.

### **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)**

**www.casa.ca | twitter: CASAdaily, #casaacae**

CASA will be holding its advocacy conference from March 7-12, during which time CASA members will be meeting with MPs and policy makers to discuss the issues contained in our advocacy priority list for the year. I am currently busy working with the other members of the Policy Committee to make sure that the policy work that needs to be done before this conference is held gets finished.

### **Centenary Week**

After the meeting that I had last week about where things are at with plans for the centenary week I am extremely excited to tell you all about the awesome events that we will be holding, however there are only a few more minutes that I can submit my report in if I want to ensure it gets on late additions. As such I will have to tell you about these wonderful awesome events (including a skating rink in Quad and a life-sized monopoly game) in a later report (or during question period). We are going to need volunteers for many of the events so if you are interested in helping out and getting involved please email me or Justin Benko ([avpex@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:avpex@su.ualberta.ca)).

As Always,

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# **Presidential Resignation**

January 12, 2008

presented by:

The SU Executive Committee

# Actions Taken Immediately



- Resignation letter:
  - received Friday, effective Monday
- Email to Students' Council from Speaker
- Email from Vice President Fentiman
- Inform university administrators
- Inform Gateway (interview with VPOF)
- Post story on SU website
- Inform CoFA
- Inform CAUS and CASA
- Inform university governance

# VPOF and Bylaw 1100



## Bylaw 1100:

### 4(4) The Vice President (Operations and Finance)

- a. shall, in the absence of the president,
  - i. chair the Executive Committee, and
  - ii. have the authority to direct the GM



## Sr. Managers and SU Staff



- Informed shortly after Council via an all-users email from VPOF
- Sr. Managers have talked to GM and were able to ask any questions about the day-to-day operations of the organization that were of concern to them
- Reporting structures unchanged

# Considerations



- Quorum for exec committee is 4
- GM directed by VPOF until Presidential position is filled
- GM continues to direct Sr. Managers
- DRPA and EA report directly to President – in his absence do not report directly to VPOF, but do report to the executive committee
- Please cc all execs on emails regarding outstanding business with the office of the president (if comfortable with this option)

# Presidential Meetings / Projects



- Meetings & Projects reassigned to the VPs
- EA & DRPA helping to reschedule
- Exec contacting those involved
- Working with Sr. Managers
- 'Have-to-Have' vs 'Nice-to-Have'
- Revolutionary Speaker & Debate Series
- Survey Results (~end of January)

# Tuition



- Not a lost opportunity
- Regroup and create comprehensive strategy going forward (campaign and visual identity creation)
- Constant communication with council
- Collaborative work
  - SU Council, CoFA, CAUS, ASEC, AGC
- Communication strategy
- Increase Council involvement
- Dewey's Meeting – roundtable discussions

# Council's Role in Filling Vacancy



Develop/decide on process

Fill vacancy

Get (even more) involved!



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# Replenishment Process

# Things to Remember/Consider



## Remember:

- Council will dictate the process

## Consider

- 2 general options: appoint, by-election
- Precedent that is set by actions taken
- Accountability, transparency, validity
- Stability and direction of the organization
- Academic deadlines (add/drop)

# Replenishment and Bylaw 100



Bylaw 100:

## 5. Replenishment

(1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep. Students' Council shall

- a. appoint a qualified SU member
- b. call a by-election to fill position



# Filling Position of President



- Appoint SU member
  - Current executive
  - Current councillor
  - Current SAL from SU membership
- Call a by-election
  - Bylaw 2000: Section 71
  - 21 days + 2 voting days (23 days)

# Appointing Pros/Cons



## Pros

- Would fill position the fastest
- Stability of the organization maintained
- Allow for council to decide who is best suited to take on the role and choose someone with the skills they believe are necessary

## Cons

- Could be perceived as undemocratic or less transparent
- Could set a precedent

# By-Election Pros/Cons



## Pros

- Most democratic option as it would allow students to choose the new leader
- Could raise awareness of the portfolio and organization
- Larger candidate pool
- Not up to a committee
- More transparent

## Cons

- Would take at least 23 days to fill the position of President
- May confuse the general electorate as it would be quite close to the 2010/2011 SU Executive Election
- Significant resources needed (time, money, human capital)
- Would cut into time the CRO office has to plan the other upcoming elections
- Potential to radically shift direction and lose ground on important issues
- Learning curve and work load
- Add/drop deadline

# Appointing Current Exec



## Pros

- Familiar w/ organization and current issues
- Have gone through exec learning curve stage already
- Experience in exec committee
- Rapport w/ senior staff
- Aware of resources and leverage points
- Elected by a comparatively large number of students
- Could support their replacement

## Cons

- Could be perceived to be less transparent than election
- Could set a precedent
- Would have to fill another position in exec committee
- Could upset portfolio specific goals

# Appointing Current Council



## Pros

- Relatively familiar with organization, current issues, SU staff
- Would bring a new outlook to exec committee and current issues
- No extra vacancy to fill
- Familiar with Council and Council is familiar with them
- Elected by students

## Cons

- Very steep learning curve with very little time left in the year
- Little to no transition (starting from “scratch” on important issues like tuition)
- Academic commitments
- Unfamiliar with particular staff management skills specific to the Students' Union

# Appointing Current SU SAL



## Pros

- Allows a wider pool of candidates to be considered
- Allows for current/past leaders on campus to be considered
- Would bring a new outlook to exec committee
- No extra vacancy to fill

## Cons

- Not elected by students (some justification would likely be needed for appointing SU SAL)
- Potential lack of knowledge of organization, current issues, SU staff
- Very steep learning curve with very little time left in the year
- Little to no transition
- Academic commitments
- Staff management skills?
- Unfamiliar with full scope of issues that have been covered in exec committee this year

## **\*IF\* Exec Member Appointed**



- Would need to fill the Vice–Presidential portfolio position they came from
- Again, option of appointing or by–election
- Appoint
  - Current Councillor
  - Current SU SAL
- By–election
  - would take 23 days

# Possible Option for Nom Com



- If it is decided that a nomination committee is required to fill either the position of a president or vice-president:
- Possible model outlined in:
  - Post-Secondary Learning Act
  - Part 1: Universities
- This process used to choose a Chancellor
- Allows for committee to put forward suggestions that have been vetted, but also for council to put forward nominations from the floor if unhappy with candidates



Unofficial Elections Results  
2009/2010 Executive

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**Processing votes for race: President**

Candidates in this race: Kory Mathewson, Jesse Hahn, Craig Turner, Mustapha Makhdoom, None of the Above - President

**Beginning round 1**

There were 5439 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2720

Kory Mathewson received: 2489 first place votes. 46%

Jesse Hahn received: 1253 first place votes. 23%

Craig Turner received: 715 first place votes. 13%

Mustapha Makhdoom received: 508 first place votes. 9%

None of the Above - President received: 474 first place votes. 9%

No winner found.

None of the Above - President will be eliminated.

**Beginning round 2**

There were 5187 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2594

Kory Mathewson received: 2532 first place votes. 49%

Jesse Hahn received: 1293 first place votes. 25%

Craig Turner received: 750 first place votes. 14%

Mustapha Makhdoom received: 612 first place votes. 12%

No winner found.

Mustapha Makhdoom will be eliminated.

**Beginning round 3**

There were 5061 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2531

Kory Mathewson received: 2678 first place votes. 53%

Jesse Hahn received: 1448 first place votes. 29%

Craig Turner received: 935 first place votes. 18%

The winner is Kory Mathewson

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**Processing votes for race: Vice-President (Academic)**

Candidates in this race: Leah Trueblood, None of the Above - VPA

**Beginning round 1**

There were 5224 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2613

Leah Trueblood received: 4319 first place votes. 83%

None of the Above - VPA received: 905 first place votes. 17%

The winner is Leah Trueblood

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**Processing votes for race: Vice-President (Student Life)**

Candidates in this race: Nick Dehod, Ian Clarke, None of the Above - VPSL

**Beginning round 1**

There were 5299 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2650

Nick Dehod received: 2633 first place votes. 50%

Ian Clarke received: 2019 first place votes. 38%

None of the Above - VPSL received: 647 first place votes. 12%

No winner found.

None of the Above - VPSL will be eliminated.

**Beginning round 2**

There were 4916 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2459

Nick Dehod received: 2728 first place votes. 55%

Ian Clarke received: 2188 first place votes. 45%

The winner is Nick Dehod

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**Processing votes for race: Vice-President (Operations & Finance)**

Candidates in this race: Zach Fentiman, None of the Above - VPOps

**Beginning round 1**

There were 5168 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2585

Zach Fentiman received: 4314 first place votes. 83%

None of the Above - VPOps received: 854 first place votes. 17%

The winner is Zach Fentiman

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**Processing votes for race: Vice-President (External)**

Candidates in this race: Beverly Eastham, Aden Murphy, Justin VannPashak, None of the Above - VPEx

**Beginning round 1**

There were 5244 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2623

Beverly Eastham received: 2556 first place votes. 49%

Aden Murphy received: 964 first place votes. 18%

Justin VannPashak received: 1015 first place votes. 19%

None of the Above - VPEx received: 709 first place votes. 14%

No winner found.

None of the Above - VPEx will be eliminated.

**Beginning round 2**

There were 4800 votes cast this round.

Number of votes required to declare a winner this round: 2401

Beverly Eastham received: 2616 first place votes. 55%

Aden Murphy received: 1030 first place votes. 21%

Justin VannPashak received: 1154 first place votes. 24%

The winner is Beverly Eastham

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## **Gateway Links**

(also contain information about the amount of votes each candidate received)

### **Mathewson takes presidential contest with third-round win**

<http://thegatewayonline.ca/articles/news/2009/03/05/mathewson-takes-presidential-contest-with-third-round-win>

### **Victorious VP candidates celebrate, look forward to realizing campaign promises**

<http://thegatewayonline.ca/articles/news/2009/03/06/victorious-vp-candidates-celebrate-look-forward-realizing-campaign-promises>

## Process for Council Appointment of New Executive Member

### Appendix A: Relevant Legislation

#### STUDENTS' UNION BYLAWS

##### Bylaw 100

##### 5. Replenishment

- (1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, Students' Council shall
  - a. appoint a qualified Students' Union member to fill the position, and/or
  - b. call a by-election for the position

##### Bylaw 1100

##### 4(1) The President

- a. shall develop and maintain awareness of significant issues that impact students;
- b. is the primary spokesperson for the Students' Union
- c. shall supervise the affairs of the Students' Union subject to the authority of the Executive Committee and Students' Council; and
- d. has the authority to direct the General Manager

##### 4(4) The Vice President (Operations and Finance)

- a. shall, in the absence of the President,
  - i. chair the Executive Committee, and
  - ii. have the authority to direct the General Manager

##### Bylaw 2000

##### 71. By-Election – Executive Committee and Board of Governors

- (1) Where another Election is required by virtue of Section 59(14) or Section 59(15) *[these sections on “None of the Above” or a joke candidate being “elected”]*, the new Election shall be governed by this bylaw with the exception of Sections 10 through 12 *[election dates Exec and BoG, GFC, Su Council and Referendum and Plebiscites]*, 17 *[candidate nomination deadline]*, and Sections 24 through 26 *[commencement of campaign activities and forum schedule]*, which shall not apply.
- (2) The Campaign for the new Election shall begin a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the commencement of voting as set out in Section 71(4)
- (3) The nomination deadline for the new Election shall occur a minimum of thirteen (13) days prior to the commencement of voting as set out in Section 71(4)

- (4) The voting for the new Election shall occur on two (2) consecutive weekdays to be determined and announced by the C.R.O. at least twenty-one (21) days in advance.

## POST-SECONDARY LEARNING ACT

### **Part 1: Universities**

#### Election of chancellor

- 6(1) The senate of a university shall elect a chancellor for the university from among
- a. the persons nominated by the joint committee under section 7(3), and
  - b. any other persons who are nominated by members of the senate at the meeting of the senate at which the joint committee presents its nominations to the senate
- (2) A person is not eligible for election as chancellor unless the person is a Canadian citizen or has been lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence

#### Nomination of chancellor

- 7(1) The senate shall establish a joint committee when
- a. a university is established under section 3,
  - b. a vacancy occurs during the term of office of the chancellor, or
  - c. the expiry of the term of office of the chancellor is imminent.
- (2) A joint committee must consist of
- a. 3 members of the general faculties council appointed by the general faculties council,
  - b. 3 members of the alumni association appointed by the alumni association,
  - c. 3 members of the senate appointed by the senate,
  - d. one member of the students association appointed by the students association, and
  - e. one member of the graduate students association appointed by the graduate students association or, if there is no graduate students association, one graduate student appointed by the graduate students.
- (3) A joint committee shall nominate for the office of chancellor the number of persons that the senate directs

January 12, 2010

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

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Welcome to the new year!

### **The PAW**

The PAW referendum is completed in principle and is attached to the main agenda for your approval. Thank you all for your questions and comments following the presentation to council. I am excited for this project to be moving into its next phase.

### **Students' Union Social Responsibility Committee**

The Students' Union Social Responsibility Committee will be meeting on January 15, 2010 to outline goals and potential projects. Also, we would like to welcome our newest member, Mark McCormack. If you're interested in sitting on this committee, please contact me for details.

### **Budget Principles**

It's that time of year again when the organization begins its budget process. Thank you to the Budget and Finance Committee for sticking through the operating plan review this far. As per Students' Council Standing Orders, the Vice President (Operations and Finance) shall table a draft of budget principles at Budget and Finance Committee by January 15, 2010. This has been prepared and is ready to forward for their review. We're on time! ☺

### **Meeting with Deputy Provost Dru Marshall**

Met with Leah and Dru at 7:30AM Monday to discuss the timeline for market modifier business cases being sent to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology. Given the rumours of a cabinet shuffle, the timeline has been compressed, so the Students' Union should expect to see these business cases on Wednesday. We raised issues with the compression of the consultation timeline and these were noted.



**GSJS BoD Meeting (January 5, 2010)**

Attended the board meeting and we discussed financial controls (improved reconciliation), including the hiring of a bookkeeper. We also made changes to the function of the GSJS Audit Committee.

**Joint Beverage Committee Meeting (January 6, 2010)**

Attended a JBC Meeting to review the business performance of Coca-cola products on-campus. The University of Alberta campus is a top-performer, even throughout the economic climate.

**Review of Silent Shopper Program (January 11, 2010)**

Reviewed the silent shopper program details with the Assistant General Manager, Manager of Finance and Administration, and the Manager of Marketing and Communications. We are re-evaluating the questionnaire to provide us with more concrete data. Please send me the names of any of your friends who might be interested in some free food and temporary employment (But shhh... keep it a secret!)

**Dewey's Management Advisory Committee – Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

Will be meeting with Food and Beverage management and GSA representatives and staff to discuss the performance of Dewey's. Yes, this meeting will be hosted at Dewey's.

**BFC – Friday, January 15, 2010**

Budget principles phase one... need I say more?

**Overview of Investments Meeting with RBC Dominion Securities**

**Monday, January 18, 2010**

Dominion securities manages our investments and once a year we review the performance with us, as well as our investment policies and any changes we may wish to make.

**Prepared by:** Nick Dehod, Vice President (Student Life)  
**To:** Students' Council 2009/2010

Welcome back from the break. I hope you are all rested and ready for the Winter Semester. It's going to be a busy one.

### **Anti-Freeze 2010**

Although I have only received some feedback thus far, from what I can tell Anti-Freeze 2010 went well. We had a large number of new teams that I think reflects the extra effort we put into advertising and promoting the event this year. Congratulations to The Narwhals for winning Avalanche, The Long Underwear for winning Iceberg, and Cake Walk for winning the Spirit Award. A special thank you to the AVPSL, Alena Manera, and the Student Life Events Committee for working hard over the last few months to make the event possible.

### **Campus Cup**

Promotion has begun for Campus Cup and registration packages are now available for the various tournaments (Dodgefest, Dare to Dodge, & Campus Recreation). More information is available at [www.su.ualberta.ca/campuscup](http://www.su.ualberta.ca/campuscup). The countdown to the World Record Attempt has also begun. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 1pm, we hope to have a 1200 person (that's 600 vs. 600) game of dodgeball that would break the current record of 450 people in a single game. I will be bringing a registration package to Council in case councillors would like to make a team.

### **Health & Dental Plan/Student Fees**

The Health & Dental Plan Committee will be having its first meeting in the third week of January. Vice President Fentiman and I have also had an initial meeting with the Registrar's Office to discuss how information surrounding what fees go towards and which one can be opted-out of can be made more visible and clear on Bear Tracks. Also, we are currently advertising the January 18<sup>th</sup>, opt-in deadline for students starting in the winter semester.

### **The PAW**

The principles will be coming to Council tonight. If the principles are approved tonight, the referendum question should be ready for the following Council meeting.

### **Residences**

The RHA and I have requested that Residence Services present to the Council of Student Affairs on their current reporting and governance structure. The meeting will happen in the third week of January and we think this will be an important step in addressing many of the ongoing concerns about residences that have been raised by the Residence Associations over the last few years. There have also been some discussions about creating a committee that would allow

students to have input into the Residence Budget Process. I will provide more information on this as it comes.

## **Student Counseling Services**

In late November, Vice President Fentiman and I indicated to the University Health Centre that for several reasons we would not be supporting the proposal to charge students for counseling services at this time. One of the main reasons was that we felt it was important the third party Unit Review of the UHC and Student Counseling Services occurred before any decisions on new initiatives were made. VP Fentiman and I had an opportunity to give our input and share our concerns at a Unit Review meeting yesterday. I look forward to seeing the results.

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca). “tea, earl grey, hot”