

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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Tuesday, January 25, 2011  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## ORDER PAPER (SC 2010-20)

### 2010-20/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2010-20/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, February 8, 2011

### 2010-20/2 PRESENTATIONS

2010-20/2a CBAS Annual Update-Presented by Dallas Hunt. Sponsored by Councillor Gordon

Abstract: The Collective Body for Arts Students is the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Association at the University of Alberta. CBAS is founded in principles of collaboration, integrity, transparency, communication and consensus. It is a necessary and relevant body for cultivating meaningful experiences for undergraduate students in the faculty. CBAS has the authority and responsibility to represent its members to the Faculty of Arts and to the broader community on Faculty related issues as well as to provide them with services. January 24- 28 is Arts Week!

There will be special lectures and refreshments every day from professors of Sociology, Political Science, Music, Psychology, and Philosophy! Some initiatives we have undertaken this year have been individual granting, resource granting for DAs, and a conference with the KIAS institute.

2010-20/2b SU Strategic Plan Draft Presentation - Presented by President Dehod, Sponsored by President Dehod.

This presentation will update Students' Council on the work of the Students' Union Strategic Planning Committee thus far. It will include a presentation on the working Strategic Plan draft with an opportunity for Council to provide feedback on the document itself.

Please see document sc 10-20. 01

### 2010-20/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2010-20/3a Executive Committee Report

Please see document sc 10-20. 02

### 2010-20/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

**2010-20/5****QUESTION PERIOD****2010-20/5a**

Kusmu to Vice-President Operations & Finance Zach Fentiman: I recently saw that SUTV is soliciting people/businesses/organizations to advertise on it. What is the projected revenue (if any) from this? If its free, how can student groups advertise on this? If its not, would they get a discounted price if they wanted to advertise on it? Also, how much did SUTV cost the Students' Union (e.g. TV costs, programming costs, etc)?

**2010-20/5b**

Kusmu to Vice-President External Aden Murphy: How is CASA measuring its progress on getting 163 commitments from representatives in Parliament? If possible, could you update us on how successful it is? Considering that federal elections are coming up, what is CASA doing to make sure that its commitments don't get lost during elections?

**2010-20/6****BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS****2010-20/7****GENERAL ORDER****2010-20/7a**

**EASTHAM/DEHOD MOVE TO** approve the Engineering Students' Society proposal to create a Faculty Association Membership Fee.

**2010-20/7b**

**DEHOD MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint two members of Students' Council to the Advisory Review Committee for Vice-President (Finance & Administration).

**2010-20/7c**

**KUSMU MOVES TO** appoint (2) two councillors to the Bylaw Committee

**2010-20/7d**

**FENTIMAN MOVES TO** appoint (1) one councilor to the Budget and Finance Committee

**2010-20/7e**

**COX/ISKANDAR MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve the plebiscite question based on the following:  
Do you support the Students' Union pursuing the establishment of a Fall Reading Week, subject to the following principles:

- i. classes would begin on the Wednesday before Labour Day (the first Monday of September);
- ii. the Fall Reading Week would occur the same week as Remembrance Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>);
- iii. the number of instructional days in the Fall Semester would remain at sixty-three (63); and
- iv. the Fall Reading Week would not apply to certain faculties and programs as per the current Winter Reading Week?

b. I'd like to make motion to nominate 2 new members to the Bylaw Committee since Councillors Martin and Stan have resigned from the committee.

**2010-20/8****INFORMATION ITEMS****2010-20/8a**

CAC summary report to Council

Please see document sc 10-20. 03

**2010-20/8b**

Carlo Martin resignation from BFC and the Bylaw Committee

Please see document sc 10-20. 04

**2010-20/8c**

GAC summary report to Council

Please see document sc 10-20. 05

**2010-20/8d**

Bylaw summary report to council

Please see document sc 10-20. 06

**2010-20/8e**

Malori Stan resignation from the Bylaw Committee

Please see document sc 10-20.07

**2010-20/8f**

Votes and Proceedings

Please see document sc 10-20. 08

University of Alberta Students' Union  
**Strategic Plan 2011**

# Mission

The Students' Union exists to serve and represent University of Alberta undergraduate students in order to support their pursuit of knowledge and enhance their university experience.

## Values

Who we are is expressed, in large part, by the values we live by. As an organization, our shared values guide our actions and shape our culture.

### Stewardship

We value practicing responsible governance by following accountable, transparent, and stable democratic processes within a collaborative culture of honesty and integrity.

### Innovation

We value approaching challenges with openness, ingenuity, and initiative, while embracing change and encouraging creativity.

### Compassion

We value respecting and supporting the rights, dignity, needs, and talents of all within an inclusive, diverse, and safe community.

### Sustainability

We value ensuring the ability to serve generations to come by being socially, environmentally, and economically responsible.

### Citizenship

We value fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, leadership, personal growth, and active participation in the community.

## Vision

*Our Students' Union reflects the passion, ambition, and unbounded potential of our members. In order to exceed student expectations we champion their interests and needs, playing a central role in how they engage and connect with their university.*

## CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

These Critical Success Factors are strategic themes that the Students' Union must pay attention to in order to fulfill its Mission and Vision.

### 1) Good Governance

As a democratic, representative organization, good governance processes are the foundation of our legitimacy and effectiveness. Our governance processes should be characterized as:

- a) **Student-directed**, with the ultimate authority in the Students' Union resting with elected students;
- b) **Responsive to students**, accurately reflecting the needs and wishes of members;
- c) **Transparent and open**, ensuring accountability and enabling an ongoing dialog with students and stakeholders;
- d) **Well-understood**, with clear lines of responsibility and a shared understanding of our mandate;
- e) **Responsible and ethical conduct** in our daily operational and advocacy efforts; and,
- f) **Vibrant**, with competitive, fair, well-contested elections and an engaged student leadership.

### 2) Engagement

Our mandate to enhance the experience of students requires that we encourage and foster the involvement and engagement of students. We encourage engagement by:

- a) **Developing student leaders** and fostering an environment of empowerment;
- b) **Maintaining a strong image and clear identity**, distinguishing the SU within the larger University community;
- c) **Actively promoting strong campus spirit**, encouraging identification with the University community;
- d) **Providing opportunities for students** to make a real, direct, and positive impact on their immediate community; and,
- e) **Increasing the involvement opportunities** available and communicating them and the benefits of involvement to students.

### 3) Planning and Assessment (Continuous Review)

Improving how well we meet our mission and adapting as our environment changes requires that the Students' Union have strong planning and effective assessment practices in place. Key elements of those practices include:

- a) **Understanding the needs of our members**, and our other stakeholders, to ensure that our programs and activities are meeting their needs;
- b) **Effective planning and evaluation mechanisms**, to define what we want to do and how we will measure our progress;

- c) **Encouraging ongoing innovation and improvement**, by providing the resources, systems, and an organizational culture that empowers staff and volunteers to develop effective long-term solutions; and,
- d) **Transparency of success or shortfall**, being honest about what works and what doesn't, and using our experiences to learn and do better the next time.

#### 4) Resources

To be successful, the Students' Union must have access to the appropriate human, financial, and technical resources, coupled with the required physical and space assets. This situation will be characterized by:

- a) **Sufficient financial resources** to support short-term flexibility and long term viability;
- b) **Motivated, qualified, and well-supported personnel**, both employees and volunteers, coupled with effective recruitment, retention, and staff development programs;
- c) **High-quality physical and space assets** sufficient to allow the organization to both deliver its existing program and to pursue new opportunities;
- d) **Efficient information systems and operating processes** that match program needs and allow for growth; and,
- e) **A sustainable approach** to resource use, keeping in mind the social, environmental, and economic impacts of our actions.

#### 5) Continuity and Transition

With change being a defining characteristic of the Students' Union's organizational design, effectively managing for continuity and transition are essential. In our context, this requires:

- a) **Strong records management**, to ensure the accessibility and usability of current and past records;
- b) **Developing student staff effectively**, to allow elected and term staff to quickly learn their roles and how they fit in, and contribute, to the overall operations of the organization; and,
- c) **Strong internal communications**, to allow ideas and information to move easily throughout the organization.
- d) **Fostering a common identity and unifying organizational culture** within the Students' Union.

#### 6) Credibility

As a representative organization, the Students' Union's credibility with stakeholders is essential to success. Our credibility is demonstrated by:

- a) **Establishing a relationship of trust with our stakeholders**, based on our open and honest communications with them;
- b) **Being consistent and fair** in our relationships with individuals and communities; and
- c) **Demonstrating competence and consistency** in both the actions we take and way we communicate.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

The strategic goals outline the key priorities of the Students' Union, stated broadly. They drive the development of specific programs and objectives within individual departments of the Students' Union, as outlined in Executive goal statements, Operating Plans and budgets.

1. Effective representation and advocacy of student needs, and ensuring clear accountability of student representatives.
2. Establish an environment that promotes student spirit and involvement, and maximizes students' sense of ownership of the Students' Union and their university experience.
3. Develop an expansive communication infrastructure to support effective communication both internally and externally.
4. Ensure the seamless continuity and transition of elected representatives, staff, and volunteers on an ongoing basis.
5. Support the educational and university experience of students by providing relevant programs and services.
6. Provide sufficient and sustainable financial, human, capital, and technical resources to achieve the mission of the Student' Union.
7. Create and maintain systems and a culture that support continuous review, evaluation and ongoing improvement.
8. Maintain and enhance the credibility and reputation of the Students' Union.



## **Executive Committee Report to Students' Council January 25, 2011**

Jan 6, 2011

DEHOD/TIGHE MOVED TO allocate \$2200.00 from the Projects Allocation for the purpose of covering promotion costs associated with Strategic Planning feedback.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

Jan 10, 2011

DEHOD/FENTIMAN MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed \$4000.00 for the purpose of purchasing Bev Check.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**

DEHOD/FENTIMAN MOVED THAT the executive committee authorize that the President and General Manager enter into necessary contractual arrangements in order to allow for the SGA to report to the GM.

**5/0/0 CARRIED**



# COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: January 11, 2011*

*Time: 4:34 PM*

2010 – 2011/CAC/18

## **Motions**

1.	<i>LUIMES/KAAI</i> moved the CAC to direct the cashier to procure the black Stormtech jacket as council swag.	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>8/0/0</i>
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I am regretful to inform you that I won't be able to do Bylaw and Budget Committee for this winter semester because of the heavy course load that was not expected. I already informed my chairs, and I just want to make sure that we have the chance to elect someone during the January 25, 2011 council meeting.

Sincerely,

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**Carlo Martin**



# GRANT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

*Date: January 18, 2011*

*Time: 5:03 PM*

2010 – 2011/GAC/11

## Motions

1.	<p><i>TIGHE/ TURNER moved the GAC to adopt the following amendments to the proposed Standing Orders:</i></p> <p><i>Section 58: Insert the clarification of the term “Students’ Union Awards” and amend the three awards in Section 67 to be collectively referred to as Students’ Union Awards.</i></p> <p><i>Section 65: Scratch items (a) (b) and reorder items (c) (d) as (a) (b) with a period at the end of the new (b).</i></p> <p><i>Section 66: Change “Awards Committee” in item (a) to “Awards Adjudication Committee”; Change “Student Involvement Endowment Fund” in item (c) to “Students’ Union Involvement Awards”.</i></p> <p><i>Section 67: Change “Grant Allocation Committee” in item (d) to “Awards Adjudication Committee”.</i></p> <p><i>Section 68: Scratch item (b).</i></p>	<p><i>CARRIED</i> <i>6/0/0</i></p>
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## BYLAW COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: *January. 19,2011*

Time: *5:10 pm*

2010 – 2011 *MEETING #13*

### Motions

1.	<i>COX/MURPHY</i> moved that the <i>January.19, 2010</i> agenda be approved as <i>tabled</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/0</i>
2.	<i>ISKANDAR/COX</i> moved that the <i>December.10, 2010</i> minutes be approved as <i>amended</i> .	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/0</i>
3.	<i>COX/ISKANDAR</i> movement to approve the amendments to the above section: <b>Drafting Referendum &amp; Plebiscite Question Discussion</b>	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/0</i>
4.	<i>ISKANDAR/FERGUSON</i> moved that the meeting be adjourned.	<i>CARRIED</i> <i>4/0/0</i>

My resignation from Bylaw. My job only has shifts Wednesdays and Sundays, and bylaw is always on Wed at the same time, so I feel it's best to let someone else have a say.

Cheers,  
Malori

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday January 11, 2011  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2010-19)

2010-19/1

### SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm

2010-19/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 25, 2010

2010-19/1b

Nomination packages for the Exec and BOG elections will be available January 12th at noon in both the SU office and on the SU website.

Item 2010-19/7b made special orders to move onto the main agenda

2010-19/2

### PRESENTATIONS

2010-19/2a

APIRG Presentation-Presented by Jess Warren , Outreach Coordinator and Dominique Blackwell. Sponsored by Thomas L'abbe, Councillor

2010-19/2b

Students' Union Website Redevelopment - presented by Craig Turner and Marc Dumouchel. Sponsored by Zach Fentiman, VP Operations & Finance

2010-19/2c

2010/2011 Executive Review Presented by the Executive Committee, Sponsored by President Dehod

2010-19/3

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Nick Dehod, President- Oral Report

Rory Tighe, VP Students Life- Oral Report

2010-19/4

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Craig Turner, CAC Chair- Oral Report

2010-19/5

### QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period extended 15 minutes

**KUSMU/FANTIMAN MOVED TO** extend question period another 15 minutes

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2010-19/6 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS****2010-19/6a****KAAI/KUSMU MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #24 in second reading based on the following principles:

- 1) that the rank order of candidates on ballots shall be rotated at random for each ballot.
- 2) that the option to vote None of the Above shall always be listed after the complete list of candidates on the ballot.

Speakers List: Kusmu, Kaai, Turner, Cox

**COX/TURNER MOVED TO** amend the motion to read:

62. Ballots

- (1) For each ballot the rank order of candidates shall be rotated randomly.
- (2) For each position ballots shall list all candidates, followed by "none of the above"

**Motion: CARRIED****Main Motion: CARRIED****2010-19/6b****EASTHAM/KUSMU MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #25 in second reading based on the following principle:

- 1) that voting ballots shall clearly explain to voters that by leaving a section of their ballot blank, that section shall be considered spoiled
- 2) if a voter leaves a section of their ballot black that section shall be considered spoiled.

Speakers List: Eastham, Cox, Turner

**COX/KAAI MOVED TO** amend the motion to read

- (1) On each ballot, there shall be an explanation of the balloting procedures, which shall include, at minimum, the following
  - a. that "None of the Above" shall be considered a candidate;
  - b. that voters shall rank each candidate according to their preferences;
  - c. that a portion of the ballot shall be considered spoiled where any of the conditions set out in Section 61(4) are met; and
  - d. that voters shall be permitted to rank as many as all or as few as zero of the candidates for each position.

**Motion: CARRIED****TURNER MOVED TO** amend the motion to read

- (1) A section of a voter's ballot shall be considered spoiled where
  - a. that voter has indicated the same number for more than one (1) candidate;
  - b. that voter has not included the number one (1) next to any candidate;
  - c. that voter has indicated more than one (1) number next to the same candidate;
  - d. that voter has used non-consecutive numbers; or
  - e. that voter has left all candidates in a race unranked.



**Motion: CARRIED**

**Main Motion: CARRIED**

**2010-19/6c**      **COX/FENTIMAN MOVE THAT** Students' Council approve Bill #26 in second reading based upon the following principles:  
1) that members of the Grant Allocation Committee are eligible for awards recognizing student involvement that the Grant Allocation Committee may establish, amend, eliminate, and bestow; and  
2) that members of the Executive Committee are not eligible for awards recognizing student involvement that the Grant Allocation Committee may establish, amend, eliminate, and bestow.

Speakers List: Eastham

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2010-19/7**      **GENERAL ORDERS**

**EASTHAM/ROSS MOVED TO** Postpone item 2010-19/7a until the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Motion: CARRIED**

**ROSS MOVED TO** withdraw item 2010-19/7c

**Motion: CARRIED**

**2010-19/7b**      **FENTIMAN MOVES THAT** Students' Council appoint five (5) voting members of Students' Council to the Dedicated Fee Unit Task Force.

Nominations: Fentiman, Cox, French, Stitt, Eastham

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Fentiman, Cox, French, Stitt, Eastham

**2010-19/7d**      **DEHOD/ISKANDAR MOVES THAT** Students' Council direct the Bylaw Committee to draft a plebiscite question based on the following:

Do you support establishing an annual Fall Reading Week, subject to the following conditions?

1. Classes would begin on the Wednesday before Labour Day.
2. The Fall Reading Week would occur the same week as Remembrance Day.
3. The Fall Reading Week would apply only to certain faculties and programs in a similar manner to the current Winter Reading Week.

Speakers List: Dehod, Turner, Tighe

**Motion: CARRIED**

**KAAI/QIANG MOVED TO adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm**

<b>Councillor Attendance Records</b>					
<b>2010-2011</b>		<b>Attendance</b>			
		<i>1/11/2010 SC 10-18</i>			
<b>Council Seats (40 total) Name</b>					
<b>Ex-officio Members (6 voting seats)</b>					
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President	Nick Dehod	Y			
VP Academic	James Eastham	Y			
VP External	Aden Murphy	Y			
VP Operations & Finance	Zach Fentiman	Y			
VP Student Life	Rory Tighe	Y			
Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Craig Turner	Y			
<b>Faculty Representation (32 voting seats)</b>					
ALES	Natalie Cox	Y			
Arts	Petros Kusmu	Y			
Arts	Dorothy Roberts	Y			
Arts	Aditya Rao	N			
Arts	Nariman Saidane	Y			
Arts	Joel French	Y			
Arts	Kenzie Gordon	0.5(p)			
Arts	Malori Stan	Y			
Augustana (Faculty)	Carlo Martin	Y			
Business	Colten Yamigishi	0.5			
Business	Harry Chandler	Y			
Education	Ngina wa Kaai	Y			
Education	Vanessa Johnson	0.5			
Education	Britney Luimes	0.5			
Engineering	Michael Ross	Y			
Engineering	Ben Lambert	Y			
Engineering	Noel Broughton	Y			
Engineering	Farid Iskandar	Y			
Law	Leslie Stitt	0.5			
Medicine & Dentistry	Antonia Johnson	N			
Native Studies	Jake Archie	N			
Nursing	vacant				
Nursing	vacant				
Open Studies	vacant				
Pharmacy	Sarah Zhao	Y			
Phys Ed & Rec	Peter Tenove	Y			
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Raphael Lepage Fortin	Y			
Science	Arlo Grundberg	Y			
Science	Kim Ferguson	Y			
Science	Andy Cheema	Y			
Science	Steven Huynh	Y			
Science	Thomas L'Abbe'	0.5			
Science	Wei Qiang	Y			
Science	Sangram Hansra	N			
<b>Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)</b>					
Speaker	Steven Dollansky	Y			
General Manager	Marc Dumouchel	0.5			
<b>Resigned:</b>					
<b>Deep Brar- May 4, 2010</b>					
Doug Cheung- Sept 14, 2010					
Nariman Saidane- Sept 28, 2010					