

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday January 20th, 2015
ETLC E1-008

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge continuing colonial violence and respect Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

ORDER PAPER (SC 2014-18)

2014-18/1	SPEAKER'S BUSINESS
2014-18/1a	Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 20, 2015
2014-18/2	PRESENTATIONS
2014-18/2a	Student Services Reorganization – Sponsored by Nicholas Diaz, Presented by Marc Dumouchel, General Manager, and Jane Lee, Senior Manager of Student Services. The SU is considering a reorganization of student services to improve efficiency, quality of service, and both paid and volunteer opportunities for students. This presentation will provide a high-level overview of the direction being taken in this process.
2014-18/2b	History and Value of CASA – Presented by Jon Champagne. Sponsored by Vice-President Khinda. Jon Champagne from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) will be presenting to Students Council about the history and value of this organization. Established in 1995, CASA is a non-partisan, not-for-profit national student organization composed of 22 student associations representing 280,000 post-secondary students from coast to coast. CASA advocates for a Canadian post-secondary education system that is accessible, affordable, innovative and of the highest quality.

2014-18/3	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2014-18/3a	Executive Committee Report Please see document SC 14-18.01
2014-18/4	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
2014-18/5	QUESTION PERIOD
2014-18/6	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2014-18/7	GENERAL ORDERS
2014-18/7a	<p>HODGSON MOVES TO create the following plebiscite question:</p> <p>Do you support a University-wide single-source cold beverage agreement with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term of the agreement is 10 years; and • Over the term, a minimum of \$3 million is provided for bursaries and scholarships; and • Over the term, the Students' Union will receive a minimum of \$500,000 to fund student priorities; and • Pricing is kept competitive with off-campus markets; and • The supplier commits to provide an ongoing on-campus program of waste reduction, energy efficiency, and water conservation, and/or to support existing University programs in these areas; and, • The supplier is selected by a joint committee of the University and the Students' Union.
2014-18/7b	<p>HODGSON MOVES TO strike the SUB Renovation Fundraising Policy Task Force</p> <p>Please see document SC 14-18.02</p>
2014-18/7c	<p>HODGSON MOVES TO appoint two members of Students' Council to be SUB Renovation Fundraising Policy Task Force</p>
2014-18/8	INFORMATION ITEMS
2014-18/8a	Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life – Mid-term Report Please see document SC 14-18.03
2014-18/8b	Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic - Report Please see document SC 14-18.04
2014-18/8c	William Lau, President - Report Please see document SC 14-18.05

2014-18/8d	Navneet Khinda, VP External – Report Please see document SC 14-18.06

SC 14-18.01

2015-01-08	4/0/0	ORYDZUK/HODGSON MOVED TO approve \$500 towards the Centre for Teaching and Learning and Students' Union Award for Innovation in Academic Materials
2015-01-08	4/0/0	HODGSON/LAU moved to approve a budgeted conference request of no more than \$3427 for the General Manager to attend the ACUI Conference
2015-01-15	5/0/0	HODGSON/LAU MOVED TO approve a contingency allocation of \$17,000 to immediately purchase the necessary hardware to build a new file server which, once configured, would take over as the SU's primary file server.
2015-01-15	5/0/0	HODGSON/DIAZ MOVED TO approve a casino fund allocation for a maximum of \$30,000 for the acquisition for computers for the Services.
2015-01-15	5/0/0	HODGSON/LAU MOVED TO recommend to Students' Council the Fundraising Task Force Terms of Reference.

SUB Renovation Fundraising Policy Task Force

Terms of Reference

Mandate:

The committee will be responsible for recommending operating policy governing the naming of rooms within Students' Union Building and capital project fundraising.

Membership:

Membership of the committee shall include:

- 2 Students' Union Executives
- 2 Representatives from Students' Council
- General Manager
- Senior Manager Facilities and Operations
- Senior Manager Marketing Communications
- Other staff as resources, as required.

Membership Selection:

The Students' Council and Executive representatives shall be selected by a vote at a Students' Council meeting and an Executive Committee meeting respectively.

Meetings:

Will be held weekly or at the discretion of the committee.

Chair:

The chair will be selected by a majority vote of the committee once all members are appointed.

Quorum

Quorum will be a majority of members in attendance.

January 6th, 2014

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Mid-Term Update

Hi Council,

This is an update on my platform, our executive committee goals document, and emergent issues.

Page(s)	Items	Status
2	VPSL To-Do List This is the TO-DOs from each category in one place.	
3-4	1 Advocacy AUFSJ Security Concern Platform 3.2 Residence Issues Residence Halls Association (RHA) Platform 4.5 Leadership College Platform 4.7 Athletics and Recreation Fee Allocation Platform 4.8 Prayer Space - HUB Mall / Campus Map Layer	Ongoing Issue On Track On Track N/A Ongoing Issue Ongoing Issue
5-6	2 SU Infrastructure and Communications Information Sharing Agreement / Newsletter Distribution Students' Union Calendar Communications Strategy	On Track On Track On Track
7	3 Council Work	On Track
7	4 Students' Union Services <i>Platform 4.6 The Landing</i> Student Life Central U-Pass Orientation Network Dean of Students Funding Cut	Done Done Done Done Ongoing Issue
8-9	5 Supporting Student Groups Platform 3.1 International Student Issues Platform 4.1 Bearsden Platform 4.2 Student Group Services Platform 4.3 Events Risk Management Policy Platform 4.4 Augustana Transportation Issues	Ongoing Issue No Success / Ongoing Issue On Track No Success / Ongoing Issue No Success / Ongoing Issue
10	6 Student Health Microwaves Platform 2.1 / 2.2 Vibrant Campus Strategy	On Track Change of Plan / On Track

11	<p>7 Events</p> <p>Sponsorships</p> <p>Break the Record</p> <p>Platform 1.1 Event in Lower Level Plaza</p> <p>Platform 1.2 Campus St. Jean and Augustana Events</p> <p>Platform 1.3 Structural Issues - Arts and the Fine Arts</p> <p>Platform 1.4 Diversify Event Locations</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Not Happening</p> <p>Change of Plan</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>
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The VPSL TO-DO List

- Follow-up with the GSA and stakeholder groups on the future of the HUB mall prayer space, and prayer space mapping.
- Work with the RHA members to follow through and implement our new advocacy model, and to articulate our action items for the remainder of our terms. Set up a transition schedule for the new RHA.
- Follow-up with Facilities and Operations about microwaves.
- Take part in the Vibrant Campus Strategy process, and ensure timelines are on track.
- Write!
 - Political Policy
 - Health and Wellness Policy
 - Residence Policy
 - Food Policy
 - Smoke Free Environment Policy
 - Sustainability Policy
 - Bylaw 5600 / Operating Policy Work
 - Bylaw 8100 Review for Residence Associations
- End of Term
 - Keep up the work between William, staff, and I on outputting a communications document by March/April.
 - Articulate a development priority list for Students' Union software assets, with specific regard for a newsletter distribution system to support our student representative associations, and an events calendar.
 - Financial documents for student groups: I have created a new budget template and cash log template for student groups. SGS staff and I will meet as time allows.
 - Review of SGS section of SU website / presentation of SG information.

1 Advocacy

- AUFJSJ Security Concern
 - AUFJSJ came to the SU executive with issues of security and parking resources over at their campus. We started conversations and connected them with University Relations, Facilities and Operations, Protective Services, and Safewalk.
- *Platform 3.2 Residence Issues*
 - An initial flag in this file was that the Residential Tenancies Act does not apply to “a tenancy agreement between an educational institution as landlord and a student of that institution as tenant if the tenant does not have exclusive possession of a self-contained dwelling unit”. Our staff have been putting in work trying to discern what problems arise *in writing* because of this exclusion from the act, while I have spent my time soliciting student problems with the UofA residence system.

In the last 8 months, we have had issues of cleaning fee assessment disputes, inspection inconsistencies, issues with inspection and move-in/move-out timelines, lost and missing property, and so forth. The residence association representatives, President Lau, and I continue to raise these issues at our meetings with the University, and are seeing some progress with regards to making better solutions for students.

The primary issues we have been focusing on are how landlord-tenant policies on campus are reviewed (*transparency and due process*), trying to convince the University to amend policies when they negatively impact students broadly (*fairness*), trying to establish some dispute resolution mechanism, and recompense for students who have lost significant assets.

- Residence Halls Association (RHA)
 - The Residence Halls Association had a rough start this year with a several month hiatus, and an almost double executive turnover. We have since elected an entire new executive board to aid in the following projects:
 1. Sort out the RHAs physical assets and finances to have a clear picture of what our assets and our history are.
 2. Transition for the RHA from a separate organization with its own executive to an advisory council of residence associations for the SU/GSA and a forum for collaboration between the SU and all of the residence associations.
- *Platform 4.5 Leadership College*
 - My involvement with the leadership college advocacy front has been through executive committee discussions. I defer any report on this front to VP Orydzuk.
- *Platform 4.7 Athletics and Recreation Fee Allocation*

- After a tour of the developing PAW centre space earlier this term, I used that new found connection to pursue broader distribution for the newer equipment coming into campus. The retired equipment from the pre-PAW gym was being sold, and I got the CSJ and Augustana contacts I had in touch to talk about that equipment. It turned out that each group had already been in contact, but along different channels in their departments, so the issue was already working itself out.

For any other issues or ways forward on the ARF, I'm waiting on feedback from the campus associations for the University ARF Advisory Committee.

- **Platform 4.8 Prayer Space (HUB Mall AND Campus Map Layer)**
 - There are two prayer space conversations going on right now - a new space in the lower floor of HUB mall, and a mapping initiative to find space for people in transit across campus. The issue of the HUB mall space right now is finding the capital to see the project take off. The mapping initiative is well along, and is waiting on a meeting with the GSA to make sure everyone is on the same page moving forward.
- **TO-DO THROUGH January/February:**
 - Follow-up with the GSA and different stakeholder groups on the future of the HUB mall prayer space, and prayer space mapping.
 - Work with the RHA members to follow through and implement our new advocacy model, and to articulate our action items for the remainder of our terms.
- **TO-DO THROUGH March/April:**
 - Set up a transition schedule for the new RHA.

2 SU Infrastructure / Communications

- Information Sharing Agreement / Newsletter Distribution
 - VP Orydzuk put in good work this semester expanding our Information Sharing Agreement with the Office of the Registrar. The prior agreement set us up to run programs like Orientation and the co-curricular record. The proposed arrangement would allow the Students' Union to send its State of the Union address directly, rather than through the Office of the Registrar, and that Student Representative Associations could communicate with their constituents through the Students' Union.

- Students' Union Calendar
 - Up until a month ago, I ran a "UASU and Friends Calendar" through my UAlberta gmail. I got everyone from UASU P&V, to Faculty Associations, to Alumni Relations, to Athletics to post all of their events and games on it. It was actually proving really useful for advising people when would be best to host their events without conflicting with others, and actually knowing about the many, many things going on on campus. Unfortunately, I hit some hitch with UAlberta and lost all of the events.

It was a good pilot, though, and it gave me some good information to bring back for our staff. They have been working on an "extended" google calendar set up that we could provide for the SU and different campus stakeholders. Feedback on just how busy a calendar like that could look can help us put together a better product. I hope to include this in a software development priority list for the organization, when we get around to making it near March or April.

- Communications Strategy
 - Early on in my term, I met with several senior managers to talk about how our very broad organization communicated with its many, varied demographics. Lucky enough, VP Hodgson and I went on our annual Studentcare stakeholder conference 20 days into our term and got a presentation from Studentcare's marketing team about their approach and philosophy for client care. With the inspiration from that presentation, I came back ready to implement those ideas in the Students' Union.

President Lau, the senior manager of Marketing and Communications, and I have been meeting every few weeks since summer to iron out the fine line between SU operations and advocacy communications, and how our communications exist operationally. We have begun drafting documents to see how our ideas fit, and will continue working towards a document with tangible outcomes for the end of our term.

- **TO-DO BY March/April:**
 - Keep up the work between William, staff, and I on outputting a communications document by March/April.

- Articulate a development priority list for Students' Union software assets, with specific regard for a newsletter distribution system to support our student representative associations, and an events calendar.

3 Council Work

- **TO-DO**
 - Political Policy
 - Health and Wellness Policy
 - Residence Policy
 - Food Policy
 - Smoke Free Environment Policy
 - Sustainability Policy
 - Bylaw 5600 / Operating Policy Work
 - Bylaw 8100 Review for Residence Associations
- **DONE**
 - Student Space Policy
 - CRO Hiring Bill

4 Students' Union Services

- *Platform 4.6 The Landing*
 - After many years of VPSLs researching an LGBT* support service, we have one. They are running well with hard work from its board, and our SU staff. I expect the service to become a standalone society by 2016.
- Student Life Central (SLC)
 - SU Services have transitioned into using the new space in the lower level.
 - Discussions about how to use the TV displays there are ongoing.
 - Board game rental service is now up and running.
 - For granting, SLC refers students to the Green and Gold Grant's web list of campus grants.
- U-Pass Referendum
 - Held a successful referendum for Medicine students so they are assessed for a spring-summer U-Pass in winter term. Effective January 2015.
- Orientation Network
 - Our staff in Orientation have put together a working group of Orientation providers across campus to better connect the many valuable programs available to students. I was involved in a more executive role to be a part of preliminary conversations.
- Dean of Students Funding Cut
 - We received notice from the Office of the Dean of Students that due to budget cuts, they would be reducing the amount that they grant our services department to provide essential services. This triggered a back and forth with a series of letters, and is being handled primarily by President Lau, and our General Manager.

5 Supporting Student Groups

- *Platform 3.1 International Students Issues*

- Earlier on in my term I supported the International Students' Association (ISA) by condensing and clarifying their constitution, and navigating them through the requirements of the Office of the Dean of Students and Student Group Services. I have since made myself available to all of their executives and directors to meet and talk about how their events planning is going, their thoughts on their direction as an organization, and so on. As of right now, my plan is to keep on supporting them until they need me in some other way.

IDF Regulation and IDF Grandfathering has not come in executive committee discussions this year, which is where my involvement on the topic would be.

- *Platform 4.1 Bearsden*

- Bearsden still has the same issues with navigation, UI, and clarity as it did when I ran for VPSL. Our team saw product presentations from two different companies and we were excited by the prospects. Over the summer, we were talking about what implementation and timelines for those other products could look like. However, that line of thought was quickly shut down when we found out that the University had signed on for another 3 years with Bearsden. The focus on this front now has to be to work with improving the Bearsden experience as much as possible, if possible, and planning for how things can change down the road. I hope a future executive committee can pick this issue up 1-2 years before the re-sign date to push for more substantial improvements and a formal request for proposal process.

- *Platform 4.2 Student Group Services*

- In my platform, I talked about a few issues I saw with SGS: a communications burden, and a lack of being in touch with student group concerns. This year SGS brought on two more staff and a part time staff, so that they have a manager, an assistant manager, two student group coordinators, a communications assistant, and a clubs fair coordinator. This has served to reduce some of their long service times, but we're far from a perfect support system for groups.

This staffing arrangement is tentatively only in effect this year, anyway. Our general manager and services managers have been working on a considerable services revamp that would adjust how our services are managed.

We founded an SGS Review Committee for this year, too, which is going well.

Outcomes by February/March:

- Constitution reviews will happen every three years, rather than annually.
- Registration status information for groups will be presented in a public and accessible format, potentially through our new google suite.
- Overhaul of Bylaw 5600 and creating a new Operating policy. This operating policy will capture all of the procedures, requirements, and privileges student

groups are afforded, and will articulate the many policy documents that govern groups (UAPPOL, SU Bylaw, Faculty of Phys. Ed.).

- *Platform 4.3 Events Risk Management Policy*
 - This has been a difficult goal to work on, as the whole frameworking surrounding the policy is messy. During this term, we saw both the student group person with the Office of the Dean of Students and the student group person with Risk Management move on to new jobs, and the person who wrote the policy is away on leave right now. There are still discrepancies between the word of the policy and implementation (e.g. what is the definition of an 'event').

- *Platform 4.4 Augustana Transportation Issues*
 - The premise of this point was to look for some way to alleviate the transportation burden for students from Edmonton to Camrose, and within Camrose. It remains a difficult issue to address, and with reduced provincial grants and reduced enrolment numbers hitting the University's bottom line, it's a hard sell to get capital for it. I am at a loss for how to proceed on this issue, and would look for more guidance from the Augustana Students' Association, since they're closer to the issue.

- **TO-DO BY March/April**
 - Financial documents for student groups: I have created a new budget template and cash log template for student groups. SGS staff and I will meet as time allows.
 - Review of SGS section of SU website / presentation of SG information.

- **TO TRANSITION**
 - Any work on the Events Risk Management Policy will take buy in from quite a few groups on campus, and needs its writers back on campus before any substantial work can be done to actually change it. I have decided to work on this issue from the Student Group Services / service side of things, so that all student groups at least fully understand where to go get their events questions answered.

6 Student Health (and Section 2 of my platform)

- Microwaves
 - I did not know what I was getting into when I inherited the campus microwave issue. It's a bit of a bureaucratic mess because of how complicated it is to get different and isolated authorities to agree to cleaning, or replacement, or maintenance. My hope is to get each office on board with a central document and list hosted on google so that keeping everyone up to date on what the deal with microwaves is doesn't take 20-30 emails.
- *Platform 2.1 Vibrant Campus Strategy*
Platform 2.2 Connect with Alberta Health Services
 - In these platform points, I talked about creating a standing committee of the VPSL for student health leaders, creating a community calendar of all mental health initiatives, promoting collaboration, connecting student groups with University sponsored resources, providing mental health support for students running programs, and creating provincial connections for addictions support. An update on this one requires some back story.

The Wellness Summit in Calgary on June 2nd kickstarted work on a Vibrant Campus Strategy, from my perspective. On the way back from that summit, President Lau and I brainstormed with a few student leaders and the director of Wellness Services on how developing a campus health strategy could proceed, and what it could look like. From that conversation, a lot of the work got handed off to Wellness Services.

So, a lot of the initiatives have been put together into a longer term goal - what's our *plan* when it comes to health on campus as a whole? With all of the other things that have come up, the priority has become to ensure that the strategic planning process is underway, and that we get as much change rolling before our term ends. Future iterations of the SU will be charged with supporting these strategies to fruition, and supporting a provincial strategic planning process. The wellness staff on campus is strong and competent and I trust in them to see this through as well. President Lau will most likely have a more comprehensive update on this, as he is the lead on it.

- **TO-DO**
 - January: Follow-up with Facilities and Operations about microwaves.
 - Take part in the Vibrant Campus Strategy process, and ensure timelines are on track.

7 Events

- Sponsorships
 - We sponsored the Long Night Against Procrastination, International Week, and the Landing's launch party.
- Break the Record
 - President Lau and I had meetings with the Dean of Phys. Ed. where we got his support for running Break the Record again, we presented on it to General Faculties Council, and we generally amped it up to a few different groups. Unfortunately, our Programming and Venues department let us know prior to the December break that it does not have the capacity to run the event this year.
- *Platform 1.1 Event in Lower Level Plaza*
 - When I ran, I had planned to throw an outdoor event on the new Lower Level Plaza in the winter term. However, with construction in Edmonton being what it is, they can't lay the concrete slab out there until spring, after my term. Instead of using the outdoor space, we will likely use the indoor portion of the lower level where the glass window will be during the **Last Class Bash!**
- *Platform 1.2 Campus St. Jean and Augustana Event Collaboration*
Platform 1.3 Structural Issues - Faculty of Arts and the Fine Arts
 - In these platform points, I talked about using the Council of Faculty Associations (COFA) Member Services Working Group as a place to find collaborative links between the different Faculty Associations and Campus Associations. However, it didn't operate as expected. COFA Member Services Working Group only meets once a month, and we haven't ever had more than half of the Faculty Association representatives show up. Plus, these events that people are hosting are being planned way in advance, and it's hard to build that collaborative relationship if you're only seeing each other months and months apart, if ever. This isn't to say that the committee isn't useful - it works well as a place to support FA execs. I still have some hopes that a *good, google integrated [calendaring solution](#)* for campus could help alleviate this interfaculty isolation people describe. It would take the impetus off of already busy event organizers, and get event information directly to people based on what they're interested in. It's not going to happen in my term; I hope to capture it in the software priority list I mentioned earlier.

Aside from that, our executive team was able to get out and take part in events held by the ASA and AUFSJ. We also held a BBQ at CSJ and served ~600 students.

- *Platform 1.4 Diversify Event Locations*
 - The different parts of the SU are run by autonomous departments. So, when we're talking about Deweys events, or Programming and Venues, we're talking about different groups. We have a new manager for Deweys this year, and she has been doing an amazing job, so I haven't gotten too involved in terms of this platform point this year.



January 15, 2015

To: Council

Re: Report

Hi Council,

The biggest thing that happened for us this week was an item on the GFC Executive agenda. There was a motion to remove the University of Alberta Housing Policy from the GFC Policy Manual and not replace it with any other policy of the same level of regulatory power. We had a number of issues with it:

[You could skip down to the story part at this point if you would like]

1. Based on previous observation, when policies are deleted / removed from GFC policy manual, they are usually moved to UAPPOL where one can easily view them. But in case of this item, there were multiple documents and locations that were being referred to which seems pretty onerous for an individual (especially for a student) to look up. My preference would be to see everything presented in a comprehensive manner in one place under UAPPOL.
2. Many of the new documents referred to (as justification for deletion of the GFC policy) in the motion were not exactly policy documents (such as the residence services website, F&O website, RBAC terms of reference etc.) so there was limited enforceability.
3. For some of the policies, the implication of the language in the existing policy was quite different than that in the document that is replacing policy 65.3. For example, pg 5, no. 7, the GFC policy manual says "Board programs **will be included** in the Lister and Pembina residences which offer varied and nutritional food products **at good value**" but the corresponding language in replacement documents (see below) does not capture the same meaning.

"Residence Services – meal plan:

The University of Alberta has kept its meal plan commitment levels low in order to offer our students greater choice and flexibility. Benefits of the Meal Plan ...provides variety and ensures your nutritional needs are met ...

Residence Services – food and nutrition:

A nutritious diet is part of the foundation for student success. For those residents of Lister Centre and Augustana, a meal plan ensures access to healthy, varied food choices without the need for grocery shopping and meal preparation."

[Beginning of story part]

So this came up in GFC Exec, which is a committee that I (+SAL) sit on. However, VP Diaz is much more knowledgeable on topics related to residence than I am. There is an obscure rule of GFC that says



that members can bring visitors to GFC, who cannot vote, and who can only speak once (thanks Garry Bodnar for helping me out with that one).

Anyways, VP Diaz was then slotted to come to the meeting as a visitor. After the presenter from Facilities and Operations talked about the motion, VP Diaz gave the most ballin' speech based on research and citations from various governing documents. Following that, the GSA and I presented the arguments to see above. After that, everyone around the room chipped away at the proposal until finally a faculty member motioned to table the proposal until consultation with stakeholders, including students is done, and there is a replacement policy for UAPPOL, and it goes to GFC proper.

Needless to say, this is a big victory for us as far as committees go. We are super excited to contribute to the new policy.

Other interesting things that I did are basically more committee stuff. I'm on another committee now (current count is 55) which is a subcommittee of CLE that will deal with how technology is used in pedagogy on campus. Not much has happened yet, but it has good potential.

SU 101 is well underway. Check out the website: su.ualberta.ca/su101 hope to see you there!

My job shadow day is January 30. We will spend a whole business day together, but it's okay if you have to duck in and out for classes and stuff. Just let me know!

Hope the winter semester is treating you well so far.

All the best,
Kathryn Orydzuk

January 16th, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Union Students' Council 2014-2015

From: William Lau, President 2014-2015

Re: Report to Students' Council (for January 20th, Meeting)

Dearest Council,

The past week or so has been extremely fulfilling – thank you for your engagement at our last goals presentation – I'm glad to say that our team has already been able to reevaluate our workload and set realistic goals and know exactly where we want to be with each project/initiative by the end of our term. For the remainder of my council reports, I hope to simply build on my mid-term report to update you on the status of my goals.

First, let me list off other commitments that I spent my time on *outside of these goals*. Feel free to ask about them at greater length if any of them catch your attention:

- PSE Skills Summit Debrief & 3rd Annual PSE Skills Summit Planning
- Debrief & Wrap-up of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee
- President's Installation Committee
- CASA Strat Plan Conference Call
- Taking pictures with Listerites for Skulk, King Louis and Valhalla
- Standing Advisory Committee on International Engagement
- Full-day CAUS Meeting in Calgary
- Attributes & Competencies Follow-up
- Review of Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee Annual Report

Students' Union Strategic Plan

- Finalized the Mission/Vision/Values of our Strategic Plan this week
- Next steps:
 - Present options to the Strategic Planning Committee for Strategic Goals in collaboration with Senior Managers
 - Draft Critical Success Factors & Strategic Goals
 - Ratification of Strategic Plan at Students' Council

Vibrant Campus Strategy (Student Mental Health)

- The creation of a campus wide strategy is facilitated by University Wellness Services and will begin with a World-Café styled session during Health Week (March 2015).
- Current SU efforts:
 - Hosting an “*Open Conversation*” on student (mental) health for campus stakeholders to brainstorm and share ideas (January 23).
 - Quite a bit of work on this since last Council – recruited a core planning team, recruited volunteer facilitators, planned breakout sessions, booked rooms, etc:
 - Exploring changes in the Terms of Reference for the *Board, Safety, Health and Environment Committee (BSHEC)* to include reporting and accountability of student health statistics and efforts to the Board of Governors.
 - Sent initial principles over to attendees, meeting scheduled for Jan 22nd.
 - Exploring integration of *Values in Policy*. Writing values-based policy will ensure that institutional values flow through decision making at all levels and strengthen our institutional culture.
 - Aiming to have a draft proposal by the end of January and approval in April 2015.
 - Continuing consultations (Vice Provost HR, Jay Spark, and Vice President Finance & Admin, Phyllis Clark) – including conversation with President Elect Turpin on February 5th.

- Peer Support Centre
 - Exploring *satellite offices* to increase accessibility of peer support. Currently in conversations with Lister and Campus Saint Jean.
 - No new updates.
- Peer Support Centre (cont'd)
 - Exploring new *outreach initiatives* to deliver the service in a more direct manner.
 - No new updates.
- Public Pianos on Campus
 - Pianos will be moved in February 2015 and “installed” on campus.
 - Participated in interviews with the Gateway & Metro.

Student Participation Protocol (Student Consultation)

- Met with GSA & Dean of Students’ Office to finalize edits.
- Next steps:
 - Await the publication of the final copy from Dean of Students’ Office.
 - Educate & advocate for the use of the handbook, including but not limited to a presentation to Students’ Council.

Student Life Central (Student Involvement)

- Scheduled a meeting on Jan 27th with Senior Manager Student Services, Jane Lee, to talk about how we could simply connect students to student groups earlier.

Flight & Hotel Deals

- Scheduled a meeting on Jan 21st to clarify initial vision and intentions with the project lead.

**Students' Union Alumni Relations*

- Met with Office of Advancement to explore logistics behind setting up an endowment. Partnership may be limited due to their policies.
- Next steps:
 - Draft up two documents: 1) a project proposal, and 2) the terms for the endowment we aim to create.

**UA-SU Financial Relationship*

- Scheduled a meeting to start the conversation between Senior Administration of the University and the SU on Jan 26th.

**Accessibility of Education at the University of Alberta*

- Scheduled a meeting to discuss with Interim Provost, Olive Yonge on January 23rd.

All the best,



William Lau

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January 15th, 2015

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council for January 20th meeting

Dear Council,

I don't have too much to report on. Since our last Council meeting, where we provided our goals update, most of my time has been spent in the office.

Project Feminist University

There's an open call for proposals! I'm working on getting students and community leaders/groups to host some events for this initiative. I hope to have more finalized by the end of next week!

CAUS

On Monday, January 12th, we had a CAUS meeting in Calgary. That evening, I also gave a presentation about CAUS to the Mount Royal University's Students' Council.

The majority of our meeting was based on discussions regarding our relationship with government as well as what our major advocacy focus will be for the remainder of the year. The Executive Director will be planning the Lobby Week for March. At the same time, all CAUS members agreed to work on a Get Out the Vote campaign for the upcoming provincial election. There are rumors that we will be having an early election, meaning we need to get students prepared to go to the polls! It's looking like a *very* busy semester.

I can speak to this more during Council. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! I will certainly need your input moving forward on how to best engage students.

Sincerely,



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STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, January 6th, 2015
ETLC E1 008

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2014-17)

2014-17/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm.

2014-17/1a

Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

2014-17/2

PRESENTATIONS

2014-17/2b

Reusable Dish Program – Presented by Kerstyn Lane. Sponsored by President Lau.

This presentation is a short blurb on the Reusable Dish Program, and a request for council members to take on some tasks associated with the provision of reusable dishes. We would like to get a sense of whether council members are interested in continuing to have reusable dishes at council.

Who/what: We would like to propose for council to appoint a rotating member who would be responsible for reusable dish pick up, ensuring all dishes are rinsed and returned.

Why: waste reduction, promotion of sustainability services on campus

How: google form, connect with Lisa Martin or sustain@su.ualberta.ca

2014-17/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

I am not here for me.

I am here for the people that lent me their power in exchange for a promise.

I will keep that promise to make decisions with their interest in mind.

I will vote after knowing the facts, not before.

I will use Robert's rules for their purpose, not my own.

I will oppose ideas, not people. I will think before I speak, not speak just to think.

I will take the job seriously or not take the job at all.

I will represent my students interests, not my own.

I am not here for me.

2014-17/2a

Executive Goals Update – Sponsored by President Lau, VP Khinda, VP Hodgson, VP Orydzuk, and VP Diaz.

As we enter the last four months of our term, the Executive Committee would like to update Council on our progress on goals that were announced in the

Spring.

CHAMPAGNE/ ALLARD MOVE TO extend the presentation by 10 minutes.

Motion: CARRIED

BANISTER/ ALLARD MOVE TO extend the presentation by 15 minutes.

Motion: CARRIED

2014-17/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

William Lau, President- Report

Nicholas Diaz, VP Student Life- Report

Navneet Khinda, VP External- Report

Kathryn Orydzuk, VP Academic- Report

Cory Hodgson, VP Operations & Finance- Report

2014-17/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tymothy Jaddock, CAC Chair – Report

Sangram Hansra, Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep- Report

2014-17/5

QUESTION PERIOD

2014-17/6

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2014-17/7

GENERAL ORDERS

2014-17/7a

ORYDZUK/LAU MOVES TO appoint one member of Council to sit on the adjudication committee for the CTL and SU Award for Innovation in Academic Materials.

Nominations: Hudson

Nominations Closed

Appointed: Hudson

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

