

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday February 3rd, 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 2014-20)

2014-20/1

SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2014-20/1a

Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2015

2014-20/2

PRESENTATIONS

2014-20/2a

New Student Orientation 2015 –

Sponsored by Nicholas Diaz, Presented by Sarah Howe, Assistant Manager, Student Orientation and Recognition

The new student Orientation program is undergoing significant changes leading up to the start of a new academic year in September. We are presenting to you to introduce the programming changes we are making in an effort to gain feedback and discuss the student transition.

2014-20/3

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2014-20/3a

Executive Committee – (2015-01-22)

Please see document SC 14-20.01

2014-20/4

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SC 14-20.01

2015-01-22	5/0/0	DIAZ/ORYDZUK MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$1005.00 for the sponsorship of the Hide and Seek Club's World Record Attempt.
2015-01-22	4/0/0	DIAZ/ORYDZUK MOVED TO make a project allocation not to exceed \$700 for the sponsorship of Health Week.
2015-01-22	4/0/0	HODGSON/ORYDZUK MOVED TO call an additional Students' Council meeting on January 27 at 6pm.
2015-01-22	5/0/0	KHINDA/HODGSON MOVED TO request no more than \$1500 for the entire budget of Project Feminist University.

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.



February 3, 2015

To: Council

Re: VPA Report

Hey Council,

Long time, no see.

It's been a very busy couple of weeks in the office. I started out the time since the last (regularly scheduled) Council meeting with some great brainstorming on what Faculty Associations are now and what they could be in the future. Between Discover Governance and myself we have a pretty significant mental repository of what has happened with FAs over the last 5 or 6 years, so we wanted to record it and make sure that the information is written down for the benefit of the SU sometime down the road.

As an executive we took a fun trip down to Campus Saint Jean where we gave a goals update to the AUFSJ executive. There weren't too many people that came to watch the presentation, but I thought that was actually better because it seemed more like an informal chat about our work, and I love talking about my work. Seriously, I love my job. It's the best job in the whole world (pretty sure). You should consider doing it yourself! Nom packs are now available for the President, VPs, and BoG Elections.

Now, I'm not much of a party-girl, but I went to such a great party last Friday night I feel like I need to tell you all about it. The Faculty of ALES Undergraduate Association (or FAUnA) held an awesome formal, complete with a bingo sheet and a draw. I am so impressed with and proud of FAUnA for holding a big successful event, I know that's not an easy task for a new organization and I'm so happy about the progress that I've seen them make in the short period of time.

On Monday, I chaired the most well-attended GFC Student Caucus meeting that I have ever seen. It is actually so exciting to see the students who have become so engaged in GFC, it's a really cool thing to see undergraduates really show up in the governance system. The Deputy Registrar came to present to GFCSC, which was great! The Registrar's 10 Point Enrolment Management Plan is coming to a vote next Monday, so she presented on it and answered some thoughtful questions from students. I find two things really interesting about this action on behalf of the Registrar. The first is the exceptional level of consultation that has been done on the 10 Point Enrolment Management Plan. I swear I have had the ability to comment on this proposal 9909235090398192038120 times, and coming to student caucus to get more student input is an extension of that. The second thing I find really interesting about this is that student caucus is now a body that is a group to be consulted. I think the student reps this year have really made a splash at GFC and now people know that the Student Vote is a thing. Or at least that's my speculation.

Also on Monday I did my interview for the Gateway's annual article that grades the executive. I have honestly been thinking a lot about this article all year. I know I, and I think all the execs feel more or less the same, really want the article to fairly reflect the work we put in in the contexts that we had to work in. Anyways, what I mean to say is that I'm both nervous and excited for next week's Gateway.



On Tuesday I pretty much spent pretty much the whole day working on the Leadership College Presentation, which you all saw earlier this week,, and prepping the documents that went out to you. I don't normally like to cut it so close on things like that, but that's just how the time worked out with all the meetings I had since we called the meeting. In the bit of a break from PLLC I took on Tuesday, VP Diaz and I chatted a bit about some of the changes we might like to see to section 4 of the Student Group procedure, so stay tuned for more updates on that.

Wednesday was another big day for me. The first (awesome) thing that happened on Wednesday was we went live with the Students' Union and Centre for Teaching and Learning Award for Innovation in Academic Materials! Maybe a prof you had made the list! Check it out here:
http://su.ualberta.ca/governance/advocacy/acad_mat/ We also started to adjudicate the Award for the one prof who will take it all.

Rubrics made some welcome but somewhat unexpected progress yesterday when I asked a question about them in question period. One thing led to another and now rubrics will be a discussion item at the next meeting of CLE on March 4th. I am also currently serving on a subcommittee of CLE that is working on making recommendations for how technology should be fostered in pedagogy.

Lastly, I've been having a really fun time starting to plan the executive retreat for transition. I'm not excited to stop being VPA, but I am really excited to try to play the teacher and impart at least some of the knowledge I've gained while I've had this job.

Until next time!

All the best,
Kathryn Orydzuk

January 30th, 2015

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

From: William Lau, President 2014-2015

Re: Report to Students' Council (for February 3rd, Meeting)

Dearest Council,

Last November, VP Khinda, Justin (Director of Research & Political Affairs) and myself attended the 2nd Annual PSE (Post Secondary Education) Skills Summit hosted by the Conference Board of Canada.

The experience gave “participants unique insights on how we can better develop the educated, highly skilled population urgently required by our businesses, economy, and society” (conferenceboard.ca). As you may know, our Provost at the time, Dr. Carl Amrhein played a lead role in the national narrative around student outcomes, graduate attributes, of our PSE system. Following his lead, the U of A was the only institution that brought student delegates along – us. The conversation around what outcomes we want associated with our degrees is contentious. Academics see it to be restricting. However, in the current environment where government is playing an increasingly large role in PSE, the goal in participating in this conversation is to steer the conversation and arrive at amiable results rather than being handed a mandate by our primary funders.

It is worth mentioning that next year, the 3rd Annual PSE Skills Summit will be hosted here in Edmonton, November 2015, and I will be committing our Students' Union to play a leadership role in arranging breakout sessions as well as a potential role in the introduction of the event. Topics of discussion are yet to be decided and will be finalized after our elections in March in collaboration with the new executive team.

Now like the previous couple reports, allow me to update you on my progress with my goals. First, let me list off other commitments that I spent my time on *outside of my 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
- Meeting of the Association Coalition (SU/GSA/AASUA/NASA/PDFA)
- Ski Trip with AUFSJ
- Market Modifiers @ Academic Planning Committee

- Prayer Space Meeting
 - Town hall at CSJ (Goals Update)
 - CAPS Summer Job Fair
 - ALES International Education Appreciation
 - Bell Let's Talk
 - eHUB Spark
 - CASA Strategic Planning
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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 (Feb 10th);
 - Draft Critical Success Factors & Strategic Goals (In Progress); and
 - Ratification of Strategic Plan at Students' Council (April 2015).

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).~~
 - The event was quite a success, with around 80 participants: students, service providers, administrators and even a board member. A feedback form has been sent out, and formatting of data will take place starting February 3rd to compile minutes and plan the follow-up event.

- 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.~~
 - Conversation was productive, and gaps were identified and agreed on. Supporting documentation has been sent; Chair of BSHEC will be proposing this to the Board Chair. Follow-up scheduled, February 10th.
- 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.~~
 - Concepts and principles are all in place, with a one-week extension provided to clean up the language used in the proposal before starting consultations; and
 - 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, and Alberta Prime Time; and
 - Will be following up with Don’s Piano Place to confirm timeline on February 5th.

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; and
 - 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.~~
- Services staff to lead project for first year students in 2016. Creating customizable involvement materials with Marketing & Communications to be attached to electronic Letters of Acceptance.
- Next steps:
 - Continue communications with Services; and
 - Build partnership with RO to allow attachment of information (to be scheduled).

Flight & Hotel Deals

- ~~• Scheduled a meeting on Jan 21st to clarify initial vision and intentions with the project lead.~~
- Reassessed goals and timelines. Project lead identified, with short term goal (April 2015) of securing a partnership with a car rental company.

**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.~~
- Numbers were exchanged between staff. Intent of the conversation was to simply collect each party's understanding of the facts, and discuss principles for a general framework.
 - Draft principles: Predictability, Process, Clarity, Accountability.
- Next steps:
 - Scheduling a wrap up meeting with entire group for beginning of April;
 - Scheduling meetings every two weeks for a working group; and
 - Create and distribute feedback form with summary of discussion.

**Accessibility of Education at the University of Alberta*

- ~~○ Scheduled a meeting to discuss with Interim Provost, Olive Yonge on January 23rd.~~
- Acknowledged the importance of this board action item in setting precedent about how board action items are treated;
- Appetite to continue the conversation beyond the board action item;
- Information is still being collected; and
- Conversation to continue on February 11th with SU Exec and Provostial team.

All the best,



William Lau

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February 3rd, 2015

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2014/2015

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Hi Council,

This report covers from January 1st to January 30th.

Advocacy

- **GSA in Schools:** On January 31st, I'm sitting on a panel of 'listeners'. Over the course of a few hours, I will sit and listen to people's stories about their experience in Catholic schools, after which I will be given 5 minutes to make a statement. It promises to be a powerful and moving event. My understanding is that it will be used as an example of public consultation on the issue.
- **Residence Advocacy:** F&O made a motion at GFC executive to remove the Student Housing Policy from the GFC policy manual. The motion was tabled, and VP Orydzuk and I will soon meet with a broader GFC stakeholder group to work on creating a replacement for the policy in UAPPOL.
- **LHSA:** I went with the LHSA president to meet with residence services about ensuring LHSA floor coordinators get room placements come August. We are meeting with residence services again on Monday.
- **RHA:** The RHA Council met on January 13th. We have a timeline set for the new structure - on February 10th and March 10th (it takes two votes) I anticipate we will vote to amend the RHA constitution to the new RHA Terms of Reference. The advocacy department and I are collecting input from the Residence Associations to write a white paper covering our collective perspective on UofA residence. It'll be a foundational document for tracking issues in the long term, and (hopefully) a useful tool for transitioning our work and articulating concerns to the University.
- **Prayer Space:** President Lau and I met with the University and the GSA to update on the HUB Mall Prayer and Meditation Space (PAMS). The University has generously offered to pay the majority of the cost, which leaves the rest to fundraising! The GSA has followed up with the Office of Advancement. I was tasked on the behalf of the SU to draft an MOU that will commit all three groups to strive towards completing the space, and to establish a steering committee once that is done. With all of the progress on that primary project, I've sent a go-ahead on the prayer space campus map to Safewalk and the MSA.

Council and Governance

- **Goals Update:** We did our goals update for students' council, and for AUFSJ.

- **GFC Student Caucus:** Turnout for student caucus was superb. It's exciting to have such a passionate group of students for GFC. If we can keep up this level of involvement in the long run, we could fundamentally change the way the university treats GFC.
- **Executive Report Card Interview:** The Gateway has done their executive report card interviews. The coverage should be coming out in the Gateway next week.
- **Single-source beverage agreement plebiscite:** I had the opportunity to be at the table in bylaw committee when we drafted the question for council. Congratulations, all, on passing a question on a contentious topic unanimously.
- **Student Group Bill:** This has been brought past Marc (GM), Discover Governance / VP Orydzuk, SGS, Bylaw committee, the Council on Student Affairs, and the GSA. First principles are coming to council in first reading at this meeting (February 3), and will tentatively come for second reading next week (February 10). After a lot of hard work by many people, it's almost done!

Health and Services

- **SGS Review Committee:** We meet next on February 9th to articulate what we're doing for the rest of the semester.
- **Student Group Granting Committee:** Our councillors delegated to this have taken leave, so Cory and I had to adjudicate the last round of grants. Nominating committee is currently looking for students-at-large for the remaining meetings this year.
- **ONEcard Advisory Group:** On the recommendation of students, the ONEcard office has created a map layer with all ONEcard enabled computer labs and printers on campus. There are more than you would think! You can send in off site print jobs and pick them up at any of the printers on the map layer.

Events

- **Open Conversation on Student (Mental) Health:** I had the privilege of contributing to some planning for the event. Unfortunately, I was double booked and couldn't go - I was hosting the Big BAM fundraiser (Brain Awareness Movement), a tradition for the VPSL position. It was a great night at Big BAM, and I'm told the open conversation was great.
 - **Break the Record Interview:** I did an interview with the Gateway on Break the Record. It will most likely be my hardest interview for my term. Feedback has been mixed - while most students understand that we made a hard financial decision, a lot of people were really looking forward to it. However, that doesn't mean we can't still break a record...
 - **Hide and Seek World Record:** February 6th, at noon in the Van Vliet Complex!
 - **Alberta Student Leadership Summit:** January 31st, all day. It promises to be an exciting and productive day.
 - **Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) Leadership Event:** VP Hodgson, VP Khinda, President Lau and I will be giving an hour and a half presentation to high school students in SUB in a few weeks on SU governance and leadership topics. I'll be covering 'Networking' and 'How to chair a committee' in my break-out sessions.
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For ease of goal tracking, I will include the table on the following page in my remaining reports.

VPSL Goal Tracking	
Platform 3.2 Residence Issues	Student housing policy tabled. SU is a stakeholder in re-writing it.
Residence Halls Association (RHA)	Transition timeline is set for March. White paper is a work in progress.
Platform 4.8 Prayer Space - HUB Mall / Campus Map Layer	Essentially done. Map has the go ahead, and we're meeting with advancement soon.
Tech Priority List (Calendar, Newsletter distribution)	Staff are actively working on this. I have no to-dos here.
Communications Strategy	Initial drafts have been sent back and forth. Regular meetings with President Lau and Senior Manager Marketing and Communications start again next week.
Platform 4.2 Student Group Services	Bylaw/Policy work is done. All that remains is wrapping up our committee's work, followed by evaluation of the changes we've made.
Platform 4.3 Events Risk Management Policy	VP Orydzuk and I have been discussing ways to improve this policy, as well as the Student Group Procedure.
Microwaves	Waiting on GM to re-book meeting with Associate Director of Building & Grounds Services.
Platform 2.1 / 2.2 Vibrant Campus Strategy	A University of Calgary staff person is working with provincial stakeholders to move the provincial post-secondary health strategy forward. President Lau's values based policy is coming to GFC on Monday.
Platform 1.1 Event in Lower Level Plaza	Basically have the go-ahead to fill SUB with miscellaneous programming for the Year-End bash. It promises to be a pretty amazing day.



Nicholas Diaz
Vice President Student Life 2014-2015