
**Tuesday, November 22, 2016
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2016-15)

2016-15/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-15/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-15/2b International Students' Association & Tuition, Presented by the International Students' Association. Sponsored by President Rahman.

The International Students' Association has been active on campus for a few years now, starting in 2013 – 14 when the university proposed the 5% increase to the international differential fee on their tuition. They aim to build community, provide services and advocate for international students at the University of Alberta. They will present some of their thoughts on the proposed tuition plan by the University and give an overview of the work they are taking on this year.

Please see SC 16-15.13.

2016-15/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2016-15/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2016-15/5 OPEN FORUM

2016-15/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2016-15/6a ***COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TO VICE PRESIDENT PACHES:***
Can an explanation as to why council discount cards, if or if not provided on Nov. 22nd, where delayed?

VICE PRESIDENT PACHES' RESPONSE:

The discount cards will be provided at the November 22nd meeting. This council perk was delayed due to design and printing processes. As cards are printed at a source outside of SUBPrint, this was out of our control.

2016-15/6b

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TO STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS (COUNCILLORS DEJONG, LARSEN, HAMMOND, CHRISTENSEN, AND VPS BANISTER, PACHES AND PRES. RAHMAN):

Can you commit/continue to commit, in your capacity as chair, to submitting reports to Students Council after meetings of the committee, as outlined in Bylaw 100 section 16, until such a time that the bylaw may be reviewed?

VICE PRESIDENT PACHES' RESPONSE:

I will continue to commit to providing written reports as outlined in Bylaw 100 section 16. As Finance Committee's business is often detailed in manner, my reports will be fairly brief due to the minutes being a more thorough resource for reference on committee business.

COUNCILLOR HAMMOND'S RESPONSE:

Yes, I will commit to submitting reports to Students Council after Audit Committee meetings.

2016-15/6c

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VICE PRESIDENT PACHES AND/OR VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN:

Can council be provided with, in an appropriate amount of time, (1) a tentative schedule as to the update of the Students Union website to reflect ongoing discussions in Students Council (2) the average number of unique visitors the site receives on a any appropriate basis (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.) (3) the actions being taken to update and expand social media reach and (4) measures as to the reach of the Students Union on the appropriate mediums (Twitter interactions, Facebook & Instagram post reach, Youtube video views, etc.)?

VICE PRESIDENT PACHES' RESPONSE:

Thank you for the question Councillor Larsen. I will answer your question in the same manner it was provided:

1. We are starting a full website redesign process in the new year. The bulk of the coding work will be done over next summer, with a target release of September 2017. Minor content changes can be done at any time.

2. Please see the below data for September & October 2016. Sessions are times the website has been used without leaving, users are unique users, and average session time is self explanatory. Notable is that these stats are for su.ualberta.ca. Subsidiary sites, like jobkin, have their own stats.

Sept 2016 - 61,707 sessions (50,641 previous year). 38,717 users (31,877 previous year). Average session duration 1:44 (1:51 previous year). 45% of users were new users.

Oct 2016 - 38,510 sessions (38,849 previous year). 25,591 users (25,458 previous year). Average session duration 1:43 (1:42 previous year). 45% of users were new users.

3. Current actions being taken to update and expand social media reach are a focus on using visuals for posts, instead of text, monitoring the frequency of posts for maximum reach and the incorporation of social media into the marketing plans of all departments. Social media is a dynamic challenge and we are placing a heavy focus on improvement.

4. Please see the below stats for September and October from the University of Alberta Students' Union Facebook page. Engagements are a like/share/comment/post, impressions are people who saw anything that had the page in it, even just a tag.

Sept 2016 - 1315 engagements, 47,214 reach and 84,478 impressions

Oct 2016 - 610 engagements, 12,271 reach and 21,413 impressions

2016-15/6d

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VICE PRESIDENT SANDARE:

Can council be provided with a follow up to the Minimum Wage discussion; as in what were the Vice President's actions in his following meetings in regards to the subject?

[It is the Councillor understanding that an Executive Report may have been given but they have not been able to locate such]

VICE PRESIDENT SANDARE'S RESPONSE:

I'm glad to see you're interested in following up about the my consultation with council. Although for reference, I'd like to point out that I made a written and oral statement on the matter before and during our council meeting at Campus Saint Jean, if you're looking for more information it can be found in the minutes for that meeting. As I have stated before, I took the consultation form very seriously in informing my approach on such a big topic, and I thank all those who replied to my form. The majority of respondents stated that they believed it was best for the Students' Union to remain neutral on the issue, especially because there are so many students on either side of the discussion. This is a stance I have agreed with, as did my peers at CAUS. After much discussion we had decided it would be best for us maintain a neutral stance, as such I have remained neutral on the topic since. I hope this answers your question, if not please feel free to ask me more about it!

2016-15/6e

COUNCILLOR LARSEN TO VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN:

Can council be provided with a follow up to the previous question on providing public meeting minutes from the meetings of Lister Representatives?

VICE PRESIDENT GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

I'd like to thank Rebecca, Discover Governance for her work in compiling these minutes. We are working on finding a home for them on the website. In the meantime, the lister reps have been encouraged to post the minutes below on informal platforms (Facebook groups, etc.) and share them during floor meetings in Lister. For council's information, here are the minutes for the months of September and October (held on November 1st).

September 29th:
Please see SC 16-15.14

November 1st:
Please see SC 16-15.15

2016-15/7

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-15/8

GENERAL ORDERS

2016-15/8b

PACHES moves to appoint two members of Students' Council to the ONECard Student Advisory Group for the Fall 2016 and Winter 2017 terms.

2016-15/9

INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-15/9l

CRO Elections Dates

Please see SC 16-15.16

2016-15/9m

Report from the Audit Committee as written below.


Audit Committee met last Friday to review Visa Statements. We did not approve any budgets.

SC 16-15.13


INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Issues & Challenges


INTRODUCTION

- ▶ ISA was formed in 2013 with the intention of advocating for international students.
 - ▶ We have six executive members coming from diverse backgrounds.
 - ▶ Currently, we can reach over 300 international students through social media and email.
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CHALLENGES

- Lack of representation for international students
 - Unpredictability of tuition fees
 - High expectation for international students
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- A decorative graphic consisting of several parallel white lines of varying lengths, slanted diagonally from the bottom-left towards the top-right, located in the lower right quadrant of the slide.

CONCLUSION

- Involvement of International Students' in decision making process.
 - Clear tuition fee policies.
 - Proactive efforts to stop discriminatory policies.
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University of Alberta Students' Union
**Lister Representative
Meeting**

Thursday, September 29, 2016

5.00PM

SUB 6-06

Minutes

- 1. Update** We have about \$12,000 of LHSA money left, which we might be able to use for programming. LHSA is starting back up again, so we don't want to leave them with nothing. We're comfortable with using half of the money, which would be 1,500 per tower.

- 2. Programming Ideas** RAs and Crew Leaders already doing a lot of programming, so a lot of coordination is going to be necessary.

Not a lot of tower events are being planned, and they do their planning monthly so no one knows what's happening until right before it happens.

- 3. RAC** The terms of reference has seats for presidents of associations but Lister doesn't have one. We updated it to say that a CORA representative could come instead of the RHA president, so the Lister Representatives can possibly fill that position.

Francesca will communicate this to CORA and hopefully they'll be alright with it as they already have seats.

- 4. Meal Plan** Brought up a lot of questions in town halls and other meetings and didn't get a lot of answers.

Resident feedback: Almost everyone thinks it's too expensive, too inconvenient, not very sustainable. Some thought it was alright but that a lot needed to be updated to make it work. For people who eat a lot, it looks good, for people who don't, it looks like a waste of money. Almost everyone has a problem with having to go back to Lister to eat. Flex dollars: phases out lower income people or those who rely on support. Increasing the amount would be helpful. However, there's concern about the plan costing even more if there's more flex dollars.

Considered possibility of having multiple tiers for those who want to cook more, but other places that have this have been phasing it out because people are running out of money. This could be solved by making sure expectations are clear.

Lister Representatives will encourage residents to fill out online feedback forms.

Some problems with the meal plan can be solved by aramark modifying the plan, but some problems are unique to the U of A, so Lister Representatives should put pressure on them regarding the issues that are U of A specific.

5. Lister 5

They talked about having a kitchen and having someone teach about cooking, but it would only be on the first floor and would be a show kitchen that students can't use. Apparently this is because we complain that they don't set students up for success, so they're looking at workshops to "solve" the issue.

It was suggested that if residents want to cook they should go to a different residence, but they can't apply to other residences in first year, and it's difficult for students to just go to another tower to use another floor's kitchen. The new Lister meal plan also doesn't help students learn how to budget their food money.

They need to budget more plug ins to put stoves/etc on each floor of Lister 5, as of right now all residents will have is microwaves. It looks like they're not putting cooking infrastructure so that residents will have to go to the cafeteria.

There won't be laundry on each floor, just in one big laundry room on the main floor or basement.

6. Outreach

Outreach has been alright, connecting with first years by using upper years to network has been effective. However, most residents are preparing for midterms and don't seem very concerned with advocacy and outreach work.

Representatives may need a printing budget for some outreach, and should make better use of social media. Francesca will look at setting up the residence feedback form again.



University of Alberta Students' Union
**Lister Representative
Meeting**

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

5.00PM

SUB 6-06

Minutes

1. Update

Survey results: residents were very willing to fill it out, and the representatives didn't find it stressful or difficult to do. Residents know the representatives better since the survey and seem comfortable approaching them.

Residence Services may set up a food station to show what the all you can eat meal plan system would look like. The representatives didn't think it would change people's minds, might not reflect what the actual quality of food or service would be, doesn't change how expensive it is which is the biggest problem students have. It would be a good idea and may sway some people, but probably wouldn't have a big impact.

We're not sure where the stuff from the Lister office is being kept now, Francesca will check and try to find a place to store stuff from the Halloween photo booth. The old LHSA office has been cleared out, possibly because they were doing maintenance.

For a possible Ship Night, RATT and Dewey's can be used as venues, we just need to know the details. The representatives want to do it before finals, hopefully the Friday after Reading Week.

2. LHSA

Discussion about what to do with LHSA when it comes back. Representatives want to keep the LHSA and restructure it as necessary, rather than use the committee work from last year. They feel it should be fairly easy to rebrand the LHSA as positive, since people are no longer too familiar with it.

There was some concern that people won't want to be involved because of what the name LHSA was involved with in the past.

Some haven't really talked to students about LHSA, but those who have say most seem to think the LHSA was the "good guy", seems like the students think the representatives are in the LHSA. Students still feel a connection to it, and are asking about how to get involved.

We will meet once or twice this semester to strategic plan and get set up for


January. Rebecca will send out a Doodle poll for the week after Reading Week.

3. Meeting Minutes

The representatives were asked if they were comfortable sharing meeting notes online, they agreed. Links will be made available until an actual page can be set up on the SU website.

4. Care Packages

Residence Services is creating care packages for all Lister residents and asked if the SU executive wanted to write on the postcards, but Francesca thought the Lister Representatives should be the ones doing it, as it's a good opportunity to promote their work. 1670 packages will be prepared, and we can scan signatures and put them on the postcards, write a small message, and maybe set up an e-mail to share that everyone can access. Lister Representatives agreed.

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Subject:	2016/2017 SU Election Dates
Date:	November 19, 2016

In accordance with Students' Union Election Bylaws, I am pleased to announce the dates of this year's Students' Union Elections. Any questions or concerns with the dates below should be directed to me at cro@su.ualberta.ca.

Executive and Board of Governors Representative Election Dates

February 16, 2017	Nomination Deadline
February 27, 2017	Campaign Period Begins
March 8 & 9, 2017	Voting Days

Students' Council and General Faculties Council Election Dates

March 13, 2017	Nomination Deadline
March 14, 2017	Campaign Period Begins
March 22 & 23, 2017	Voting Days