
**Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Council Chambers, University Hall**

We would like to acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Dene, 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.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2016-21)

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

2016-21/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2016-21/1a Announcements - The next meeting of the Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Council Chambers, University Hall.

2016-21/2 PRESENTATIONS

2016-21/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Francesca Ghossein, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Fahim Rahman, President - Report.

2016-21/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
BoG - Report.

2016-21/5 OPEN FORUM

2016-21/6 QUESTION PERIOD

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

The president mentioned the draft of signature areas, and I'm curious to know what they are.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

The priorities have not been finalized yet since they will go to elections tomorrow. I will include more details on that in my next report.

COUNCILLOR FAROOQ TO VP GHOSSEIN:

Could either of you expand on what is going on with the Meal Plan and budget?

REDIRECTED TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

As of right now, Ancillary Services would take at least 4 years on any time value meal plan. Their plan is to transition students from the current system, 100% declining balance and phase towards more anytime value fixed money you can spend.

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN TO VP GHOSSEIN:

Q re standing upward report

VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

Pride Week is coming up and it is from March 4 - Mar 12. She encourages everyone to attend the event.

COUNCILLOR FLAMAN TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

I'm under the impression that Meal plans funds that aren't used are currently shuffled into a different fund that can be used but in your report, you said that funds can be cashed out to student? Wanted some clarification on if funds will be refunded or staying the same?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

It will be saying the same as is. The surplus is cashed out in the end of your four years.

VP GHOSSEIN'S RESPONSE:

In order to get an Alumni Card, you have to cash out your OneCard. They will give you cash back as is. Meal plan money can be used at any of the outlets where you can purchase your food.

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE TO PRESIDENT RAHMAN:

What does he think of the new format of this current election period with all of the forums added?

PRESIDENT RAHMAN'S RESPONSE:

He does appreciate the additional forums, how candidates connect with their constituents. Dedicating an hour of your time to connect with the

candidates, thinks it's a good experience for them, propose SU to focus on increasing turnout.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN TO GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE:

What is your opinion on the election and it's additional forums?

GOVERNOR CHAMPAGNE'S RESPONSE:

Thinks it will be interesting to try it out this year. Interesting to see the turnout this year, will give more time to ask candidates question in a public forum but also time consuming for candidates and their teams. If maybe he wants to refocus on efficiency in future years.

2016-21/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2016-21/7a **HOWIE/DEJONG MOVES**, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, to renew the Political Policy on Tuition as-is.

Debate re Item 7a. Implementation of Standing Committee to which it was tied, transition docs for next year, changes with the committee, discussed this policy extensively.

VOTE
22/0/0
CARRIED

2016-21/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2016-21/8a **Bill #13 - Creation of the *Truth and Reconciliation Committee Implementation Committee - First Reading***

SUNDAY/NDATIRWA MOVES to approve the first reading of Bill #13 and amend Bylaw 100 to create a new standing committee titled the *Truth and Reconciliation Implementation Committee*, based on the following first principles:

Debate re implementation of TRC and its responsibilities, other committee and their responsibilities. Please clarify what they want Bylaw to consider if this ends up going to the Bylaw Committee.

VOTE
21/1/0
CARRIED

Item 8a will go to Bylaw Committee for review.

First Principles

1. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was a fundamental component of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. The mandate of the TRC was to inform all Canadians of the atrocities which took place in Indian Residential Schools. Residential Schools were government-sponsored boarding schools established in the mid 19th century, with the sole purpose of the acculturation and complete assimilation of Aboriginal children. As Residential Schools were compulsory, children were forcibly taken from their parents and frequently subjected to physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. The TRC's main goal was to guide both Aboriginal Peoples and Canada-at-large along the path towards reconciliation and healing. In its final report, the TRC listed a set of *Calls for Action*, a set of principles to guide in the journey of reconciliation.
2. The purpose of this committee will be to foster healthy, respectful relationships with Aboriginal students on Campus. Moreover, in further implementing elements of the TRC, Students' Council creates both accountability to Aboriginal students and in carrying the spirit of reconciliation. As many Aboriginal students do not feel the Students' Union represents—or is for—they, the creation and work of this committee would be an effective first-step in assuaging these hesitations.
3. The Truth and Reconciliation Implementation Committee will have the following mandate:
 - a. Shall make recommendations to Students' Council on the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action;
 - b. Shall ensure adequate consultation is completed by Students' Council in regards to Aboriginal students on Campus;
 - c. Assist, after consultation, Students' Council in identifying Aboriginal priorities;
 - d. Develop strategies on the respectful implementation of Indigenous knowledges and teachings;

- e. Foster collaboration between the Students' Council and Aboriginal communities;
 - f. Review Students' Council Standing Committees and report on their progress in implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's *Calls to Action* and how, if they have, represented and consulted Aboriginal Students.
 - g. Periodically review the Executive Committee of the Students' Union in relation to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the Truth and Reconciliation Political Policy.
 - h. Facilitate, if necessary, cultural sensitivity training for Students' Council.
4. Membership of this committee will be eight (8).
- a. Five (5) members of Students' Council;
 - b. The Vice-President (Academic);
 - c. The Vice-President (Student Life);
 - d. An Executive member of the Aboriginal Student Council as a non-voting member.
5. Bylaw 100 shall be amended to implement the above changes, including general committee requirements as required for all committees.

2016-21/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2016-21/9a Report from the President.

Please see SC 16-21.01

2016-21/9b Report from the Vice President Student Life

Please see SC 16-21.02

2016-21/9c Executive Committee Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-21.03

2016-21/9d Students' Council Motion Tracking

Please see SC 16-21.04

2016-21/9e Committee Motion Tracking - By Committee

Please see SC 16-21.05

2016-21/9f Committee Motion Tracking - By Date

Please see SC 16-21.06

2016-21/9g Students' Council Attendance

Please see SC 16-21.07

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.