

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2017-06)

2017-06/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2017-06/2 PRESENTATIONS

2017-06/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2017-06/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2017-06/4a Council Administration Committee (CAC) Chair - Report.

See SC 17-06.01

2017-06/5 OPEN FORUM

2017-06/6 QUESTION PERIOD

2017-06/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**2017-06/7a LARSEN/PIASECKI MOVE, upon the recommendation of Policy Committee, to
approve the Renewal the Student Financial Assistance Policy as amended.**

See SC 17-06.02

2017-06/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2017-06/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2017-06/9a Council Administration Committee Chair - Report.

See SC 17-06.01.

2017-06/9b Amended Student Financial Assistance Policy.

See 17-06.02

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Report #2

Date: 24 July 2017
To: Students' Council
From: Nathan Sunday, Chair
Subject: Council Administration Committee Report #2

Dear Students' Council:

In accordance with Section 8(4) of the Council Administration Committee Standing Orders, the following report has been submitted to the University of Alberta Students' Union. This report has been disseminated to fulfil Section 8(4) of the Council Administration Committee's Standing Orders.

The Council Administration Committee last met on July 11, 2017 to discuss Standing Committee reviews, which are outlined in Section 15 of CAC's Order Papers. A summary of these reviews can be found bellow. As well, we continued our discussion of increased Students' Council involvement and presence at the University. The next meeting of the Council Administration Committee will be on August 8, 2017 at 5:00pm in Council Chambers.

1) Activities of the Council Administration Committee

Standing Committee Reviews

Standing Committee	Has the committee met?	Set a schedule.	Adopted Standing Orders	Have set goals and started on agenda
Bylaw (done by Councillor Jones)	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Bylaw/BC-2017-01-5.pdf	Yes, off-Council Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Bylaw/BC-	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Bylaw/BC-2017-01-5.pdf	Yes. https://drive.google.com/a/ualberta.ca/file/d/0BwSegJHyP0IkTXISaEozXzFXZjEtWUUwZ0Q3Ykg1VHRuY1I4/view?usp=sh

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Policy	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Policy/PC-2017-00.pdf	Yes, off-Council Mondays at 6:30 pm. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Policy/PC-2017-01.pdf	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Policy/PC-2017-01.pdf	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Policy/PC-2017-01.pdf
CAC	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_CAC/CAC-2017-00%20(1).pdf	Yes, on-Council Tuesdays at 5:00 pm.	Yes.	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_CAC/CAC-2017-05.pdf
Audit	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Audit/AC-2017-00%20(1).pdf	Yes, off-Council Tuesdays at 5:30pm. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Audit/AC-2017-01.pdf	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Audit/AC-2017-01.pdf	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Audit/AC-2017-01.pdf
Finance (done by Councillor Jones)	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_GAC/FC-2017-00.pdf	Yes, on-Council Mondays at 6:00 pm.	Yes.	No.

Nominating	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Nominating/NC-2017-00.pdf	N/a.	Yes. https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/assets/Committees_Nominating/NC-2017-00.pdf	N/a
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Councillor Apparel

This years Councillor apparel will cost \$73.74 each. It was decided by CAC that Councillors would pay \$20.00 of that cost, while CAC would subsidize \$53.75. With 21 Councillors responding by the July 14 deadline, this will cost CAC a total of \$1128.75. If you did not respond by the deadline, you can still order a jacket; however, it will be at the full price of \$73.75. As was stated in the July 20 e-mail, Councillors can pay their \$20 either at Discover Governance or to me at the next Council meeting. The deadline to pay for your jacket is July 28.

Councillor Portraits

For those of you who have been to SUB Photo to get your portrait taken, you can send them and a write up about yourself to Discover Governance. Your photo and write-up will be added under your name to the Students' Union website.

Council Facebook

The Council Facebook is now live! For those of you who are unaware, a Facebook page has been created for Students' Council (@UASUCouncil), where people can post things in their role of Councillor. So far, the page has 82 likes and 83 follows. As it stands now, there are no posts on the page. So, please send stuff to post so we can start filling up the page. Rebecca from Discover Governance will be acting as the main administrator of the page, with myself acting as a secondary administrator.

Students' Council Outreach

At the June 27 meeting of CAC, it was decided that Students' Council would have a booth at both the 2017 Fall Clubs Fair and the Aboriginal Student Services Centre's TAWOW Welcoming Event. For Clubs Fair, the Committee thought it was best to have Council's presence be focused on the first two days of the fair (September 5th and 6th).

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TAWOW will be on August 31 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will be sent within the week for those who wish to represent Council at both of these events.

2) Recommendations of the Council Administration Committee

At this time, there are no recommendations from the Council Administration Committee.

3) Council Administration Committee Standing Orders

The Council Administration Committee Standing Orders have been updated. For the updated version of the Standing Orders, please see the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/a/uAlberta.ca/document/d/1hhmLWq6yvKD4sZaLqQpSXzV9plEbT2ul1v1m-bWbVnw/edit?usp=sharing>.

4) Summary of Motions

Motion (June 27)	VOTES
HASSAN/FLAMAN MOVE to use up to \$150.00 from the Council Administration Committee's Outreach Budget for the 2017 Clubs Fair.	7/0/0 - CARRIED
JONES/HOWIE MOVE to use \$75.00 from the Council Administration Committee's Outreach Budget for the 2017 TAWOW Orientation.	6/1/0 - CARRIED (FLAMAN abstains)

Should you have any questions regarding the Council Administration Committee, do not hesitate to contact me with your inquiries; I am at your leisure.

Thank you,
Nathan Sunday
Chair, Council Administration Committee
University of Alberta Students' Union

(Submitted electronically)

1 Facts

1. Education ~~is must be viewed as~~ a public good due to the benefits it brings to the social structure and tax system.
2. The cost of attaining a post-secondary education includes tuition, fees, the cost of educational materials, and living expenses.
3. The cost of a university education as well as student debt **continues to increase** ~~has increased and continues to increase~~.
4. The high costs associated with university education pose a barrier to accessing, and a disincentive to completing a university education.
5. Students who do not receive financial assistance for their education may be required to take on large amounts of debt.
6. Some students require part or full time employment in order to finance their education.
7. There ~~is exists~~ an opportunity cost for individuals who choose to pursue an education rather than earnings from working.
8. Students partaking in part or full time employment do not have the same opportunity for academic achievements as those who do not require employment to finance their education.
9. The high cost associated with university education can be detrimental to academic and extracurricular student achievement ~~by diverting student focus and effort to employment~~.
10. Need-based aid, up-front grants, merit-based awards, and student loans are all integral parts of the student finance system.
11. The current need-based aid, tax credit system, and merit-based awards application process is inefficient and time consuming.
12. Need-based aid **is** an integral part of the student finance system, without which students in financial need could not afford a university education.
13. Merit-based awards target students who are less likely to have dire need of financial aid.
14. The University of Alberta should not only aim to attract talented students, but demonstrate a commitment to supporting undergraduate students with financial needs and assist them in realizing their full potential.

2 Resolutions

1. The Students' Union advocates for a provincial financial aid system that:

- a. Includes increased relative and absolute amounts of non-repayable assistance, including but not limited to grants and bursaries;
 - b. Recognizes the importance of need-based student financial aid that increases the relative and absolute amounts and number of need-based aid awards, ~~which are awarded based on students' financial, need and/or involvement;~~
 - c. Is accessible to all Alberta students attending not-for-profit post-secondary institutions;
 - d. Recognizes the complete overhead costs of education to the learner including, but not limited to, rent and utility costs, textbook costs, transportation costs, food, personal care, internet, and computer costs;
 - e. Includes adjustments to all forms of financial assistance to reflect changes in market realities as they affect students;
 - f. Eases the growing burden of student debt to post-secondary graduates;
 - g. Increases the number of awards targeted to traditionally barred populations, including but not limited to, Aboriginal students, rural students, students with disabilities, and low-income students.
2. The Students' Union advocates for Student Financial Assistance provided by the University of Alberta that:
- a. Increases the number and value of need-based awards to continuing undergraduate students such that they are consistent with the number and value of entrance awards;
 - b. Increase the monetary value of awards in conjunction with any increase to the cost of higher education;**
 - c. Increase the number of available awards as enrollment of students increases;**
 - d. Annually discloses the ratio of need to merit-based aid, and the distribution of awards between years of study;
 - e. Has an efficient application process that connects more students to funding.
3. The Students' Union advocates that donors support students from diverse backgrounds and with diverse skills via scholarships and bursaries.