

**Tuesday October 16, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall**

**MINUTES (SC 2001-12)**

<b>Faculty/Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/absent</b>	<b>Proxy Name</b>
President	Christopher Samuel	Present (6:09)	
VP Academic	Amy Salyzyn	Present	
VP External	Kory Zwack	Absent (CASA)	
VP Finance	Jamie Speer	Present	
VP Student Life	Jennifer Wanke	Present	
BoG Undergrad Rep.	Chris Burrows	Present	
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Shawn Harriman	Present	
Agric/Forest/HomeEc	Brett McNelly	Absent	
Arts	Anand Sharma	Proxy	Rebecca Lake
Arts	Brendan Darling	Present	
Arts	Colin Agur	Proxy	Brad Pasmeny
Arts	Jill Tackaberry	Present	
Arts	Joshua Fraese	Present	

Arts	Kara Deringer	Present	
Arts	Kyle Kawanami	Present	
Arts	Maureen Melnyk	Present	
Business	Erika Hoffman	Proxy	Meena Rajulu
Business	John Watkins	Present	
Business	Jon Sharun	Present	
Education	Charlene Davidson	Present	
Education	Dan Coles	Proxy	Miranda Belanger
Education	Jason Baxter	Present	
Education	Krista Blankley	Proxy	Charlie Beamish
Education	Stephanie Mendoza	Proxy	Philip Zinken
Engineering	Chris Jones	Present	
Engineering	Cole Nychka	Proxy	Joe Brindle
Engineering	David Wepler	Present	
Engineering	Jason Tobias	Present	
Engineering	Mark Jess	Present	
Law	Brian Loewen	Present	
Residence Halls Association	Don Welsh	Present	
Medicine/Dentistry	Karen Cheng	Proxy	Nadia Kanji

Medicine/Dentistry	Reyhan Chaudhary	Present	
Native Studies (School of			
Nursing	Edmund Ledi	Present	
Pharmacy	Lanette Prediger	Present	
Rehabilitation Medicine	Carla Webb	Proxy	Leah Ganes
Faculté Saint-Jean	Lisa Clyburn	Present (6:29)	
Science	Chamila Adhihetty	Absent	
Science	Christopher Samuel	Present	
Science	Constantino Renzi	Absent	
Science	Helen McGraw	Present	
Science	Mat Brechtel	Absent	
Science	Roman Kotovych	Proxy	Candace Rypien
Science	Rupesh Kumar	Proxy	Aatif Hussain
Science	Samuel Hillier	Absent	
Science	Zaki Taher	Proxy	Mohammad Wasif Hussain
President Athletics	Vacant		

Gateway/ Editor in Chief	Dave Alexander	Present	
Recreation Action Committee			
General Manager	Bill Smith	Absent	
Speaker	Gregory Harlow	Present	
Recording Secretary	Sarah Kelly	Present	

### Observers

Vlad Gomez (Vice-President Student Life 1996-97)

Ian Reade

Scott Harris

**2001-12/1**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2001-12/2**

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada."**

**Salyzyn** led Council in the singing of the national anthem.

**2001-12/3**

#### **University of Alberta CHEER SONG "Ring Out a Cheer"**

**Speer** led Council in the singing of the University of Alberta Cheer Song.

**2001-12/4**

#### **ROLL CALL**

The Speaker informed Council that the President is now enrolled in the required number of credits for him to hold office.

Unfortunately, Nursing Representative **Ledi** has been forced to resign from Council due to time constraints. He will be missed by Council.

At this point, a roll call was conducted by the Secretary.

**2001-12/5**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Melnyk/Kawanami** moved that the agenda for the SC2001-12 meeting be approved.

The Speaker informed Council that due to an editorial error, the postponed Referendum Fees Presentation was left off the meeting's agenda, and should be included.

Late Additions

2001-12/12b – Forest Society

2001-12 /5a – Ernie Coombs

**Ganes** requested that the Rehabilitation Medicine Faculty Report be postponed to the next meeting.

**Consensus**

**2001-12/5a**

At this point, Council observed a moment of silence for the death of Ernie Coombs.

**2001-12/6**

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

**2001-12/6a**

Ian Reade – Director of Integrated Marketing

**Samuel** introduced Ian Reade, who is the University's new Director of Integrated Marketing. Reade had an extensive career with University of Alberta Athletics before assuming this position, and has several new ideas for the University's services. At this time, he felt it appropriate that he and Students' Council should have a thought exchange regarding services on campus and how they might be improved.

**Reade:** The integrated marketing program is a new one, and it primarily examines how the University markets itself in order to coordinate its initiatives. One component of this examination is evaluating the quality of its services. The University is evaluating and consulting with the various communities it serves, and Students' Council seems the most obvious authority on the wishes of students. There are currently a number of ideas and strategies the University wishes to develop to improve student and campus life, but thought it would be meet to discuss with students what their ideas are.

At this point, **Reade** asked members of Council for their suggestions, questions and complaints regarding University services.

**Fraese:** Students are concerned that the University has closed its Bookstore in HUB Mall, and what service will fill that space. What is the motive for closing the Bookstore? It seems to reduce, rather than improve services to students.

**Samuel:** There seem to be a number of different bodies governing registration, and these bodies often have conflicting information, which makes matters difficult for students. This is a significant concern. Secondly, it may be a good idea for parking attendants to have information about University services and student life.

**Wanke:** The problem of conflicting information extends to faculties and departments as well. Also, the parking meters on Saskatchewan Drive are free after 10:00 p.m., while University parking meters are active 24 hours a day. This is unfair.

**Harriman:** There should be greater access to University resources on evenings and weekends. Libraries are not open very late on the weekends, and many students cannot arrive in time to get their work done. These are not days off for students; rather, weekends are a time when students do the bulk of their studying.

**Loewen:** It is also problematic that daycare facilities only operate during the day. This causes difficulty for students who have evening classes.

**Brindle:** There are only two convocations and two degree granting dates for students. Engineers cannot begin their post-graduate work terms until their degrees are seen to be complete, so they are often left waiting unemployed for months at a time.

**Rypien:** There have been several complaints that in an Honours program or specialization, students cannot have a minor subject of study.

**Baxter:** It seems unreasonable that students are given a surcharge if they pay their fees one semester at a time. The Registrar gives conflicting information on this issue, and there seems to be no standard policy.

**Jones:** Many student groups book classrooms for events, and operating solely through the timetabling office is quite inconvenient, as there is a significant waiting period. There should be a web page enabling student groups to check availability of classrooms, and book them online.

**McGraw:** The bottom line of students' timetable printouts give inaccurate information regarding their outstanding balances; for example, they fail to omit the confirmation deposit paid in August.

**Baxter:** That information is simply the total balance of what is required of students, with no regard for what they may have already paid. The account statements on the University web page is often inaccurate as well, so a fee assessment must be obtained from the Registrar's office.

**Weppler:** The timetable printout also fails to give any information regarding payment options, and there is no indication on the web site.

**Rajulu:** The Registrar's office is only open during regular business hours during the summer, when students often have full-time work. This makes it very difficult to pay the confirmation deposit in time to ensure registration, considering that the University does not accept credit card payment over the telephone. During this time, the Registrar's office should have extended hours.

**Fraese:** The University could implement online payment for the confirmation deposit.

**Jones:** That can be done, but it requires specific information that can only be obtained through the Registrar's office.

**Jones:** Registration is very difficult for those students who are in different time zones for the summer. Telephone registration should be active 24 hours a day.

**Samuel (councilor):** The University should enable students to register online.

**Samuel:** Payment of specific fees require traveling to several different locations – students should be able to pay whatever balance they owe at a centralized location.

**Wanke:** There is a high frequency of broken equipment in the University's athletic facilities, and the temperatures within the facilities are ridiculously high.

**Samuel** (councilor): Lost items on campus are always routed through Campus Security, which is occasionally inconvenient. There should be posts throughout campus.

**Pasmeny**: It seems unreasonable to decentralize the lost and found mechanism on campus.

**Pasmeny**: Every time students call telephone registration, they are required to fill in a great amount of information, and hear a number of messages. There should be a separate menu for first-time callers, so that those who have called in before are not forced to waste their time.

**Speer**: Lost items on campus will not be taken to Campus Security until the following Wednesday, which is inconvenient, particularly if a student has lost a textbook or a wallet. The turnover should be faster and more frequent.

**Jones**: Some classes require accompanying labs, and it is impossible to know which lab sections are open with the current telephone registration system. It would be convenient to know how much room there is in any given section.

**Hussain**: There are many complaints among students regarding the Add/Drop Deadline, particularly because there are some evening classes that do not actually begin until this deadline has passed.

**Deringer**: It is detrimental that information on overdue library books is only sent by mail. The addresses students provide are often permanent addresses, rather than their current residences, and thus they go uninformed for great lengths of time while their library fines are accruing.

**Samuel** (councilor): Book in the Reserve Room also have exorbitant overdue fees.

**Kawanami**: It is somewhat unfair that a given book's due date begins accruing fines beginning at midnight on that day, so in truth, students must return their books the day before to avoid penalty.

**Zipken**: Due dates for library books should be extended.



**Wanke:** In order to rouse University pride and spirit, faculty associations often wish to have the University crest on their merchandise, but the royalty tax generally prohibits them. This tax should be eliminated.

**Wepler:** Is there any other time when students will be able to give input on these issues?

**Reade:** Currently, there seems to be no mechanism for user input, but a focus group or e-mail address would be very useful both to the University and to students.

**Harlow:** Instructors often have too much presence and input into teaching evaluations, and the Ombudservice has received several complaints. Also, there are degrees with requirements that are not posted in the Calendar, and students go unaware that they must fill these to graduate. All requirements should be readily available in the Calendar.

At this point, the presentation was concluded and **Reade** was thanked for his time with Students' Council. **Reade** asked that students write to him with further recommendations at [ian.reade@ualberta.ca](mailto:ian.reade@ualberta.ca). Hopefully, a sort of call centre will be established.

**Samuel** thanked **Reade** for giving up an Oilers hockey game for the sake of conferring with Council.

**2001-12/6b**  
**REFERENDUM**  
**FEES**  
**PRESENTATION**

Vice-President Operations and Finance Jamie Speer gave a brief presentation on the allocation and management of referendum fees.

**Speer** began the presentation by explaining to Council that **Harlow**, who held the position of Vice-President Operations and Finance in the 2000-2001 term, undertook a significant legal review, and that the current assessment of referendum fees is moving forward from that point.

The dedicated fee is a portion of the SU fee that has been directed by a referendum to be collected for a specified purpose, such as the Golden Bears & Pandas Legacy Fund, the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, and APIRG. These are governed by the Universities Act and the Constitution and Bylaws of the SU. The Universities Act is the basis for the SU, and endows it with the power of taxation, which it shares only with the University itself among campus bodies. The Constitution provides a framework for the operations of the SU, with Article VIII espousing the powers regarding finance. The bylaws provide the SU with legal direction.

It is mandatory that each SU member pay its fees. The Students' Union is responsible for the collection and allocation of all SU fees, and Students' Council has jurisdiction to deal with all monies collected.

Bylaw 2400 states that successful referenda are informed decisions made by the students, and that they are unconditionally binding upon the SU and Students' Council. However, the binding is to the question on the ballot only, rather than on the petition or any campaign promises made during the election. The SU must have control over the administration of the resulting dedicated fee, and has a responsibility to ensure that the referendum question is binding.

The SU currently allows for a variety of dedicated fee board structures; however, some of these structures do not allow Students' Council to fulfill its mandate as stipulated in the bylaws. Students' Council must have control over the operation of these fees, and should have strong representation on all boards of this kind. The proposed structure is this:

- A member of the Executive Committee will sit as the non-voting Chair;
- Three members of Students' Council;
- Three students-at-large;
- Other non-voting members, as determined by the board.

This format will ensure the presence of both Students' Council and a non-SU voice, while being governed by the Executive Committee.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions from Council.

**Kawanami:** Is the CJSR fee dedicated?

**Speer:** The CJSR fee is dedicated, but the SU cannot determine a board structure for a dedicated fee for which it is not the organization's primary funding agent.

**Jones:** Is it necessary for Students' Council have a four-sevenths majority on all of these boards? It seems that a member of the Executive chairing each will expend time and resources that might better be spent elsewhere.

**Speer:** Yes, it is necessary. The SU has a legal mandate to be responsible for the finance and administration of these fees, and it has to be able to control them. The SU's majority consensus is crucial to this mandate. There will not be a significant time implication, and thus will not be overly burdensome on the schedule of the Executive.

**Jones:** Students' Council still does not necessary exercise control over such a board: individuals have that control. It would be better to allow Council the power to overturn the board's decisions than to manipulate its structure.

**Samuel:** This board structure is not primarily motivated by control; rather, this is an issue of accountability and transparency on the part of the SU, which is why there must be diverse representation, which can be obtained by Council. In any case, the Chair cannot vote on boards except in the case of a tie, and must remain neutral. The job of managing a board is administrative in nature, and requires some degree of background.

**Harriman:** Why should the elections themselves not determine the structure of these boards?

**Wanke:** Because only the SU and the University are empowered to collect fees on campus, the SU is held accountable for any fee decided by student referendum. This is the structure that must be conformed to and worked within effectively. Changes to this would have to take place for the jurisdiction of the allocation of fees to be given over to the election.

**Salyzyn:** Students' Council is the representative body for students on campus, and should be an adequate means of representing all students on a given board.

**Lake:** Bylaws must conform to referenda, rather than *vice versa*. It is through this agent that students truly have a voice. The Universities Act states explicitly that bylaws can be amended by referenda, and that a referendum question contradicting an existent bylaw would, if successful, supersede that bylaw. Would this board structure apply to existent boards as well?

**Speer:** There has been some discussion on this issue, and there is no solid conclusion yet. The intent of giving Students' Council proper power and representation should be applicable to all current fees.

**McGraw:** Has the Executive consulted with the boards that govern current dedicated fees?

**Samuel:** The Executive wished to approach Council on this matter first. No one disputes the importance of referenda, but there must be some established manner of governing fees, so that the intention behind the referendum questions can be carried out, and so their purpose can be served in the most transparent and efficient fashion possible.

**Rajulu:** Will this apply to every group collecting money resulting from a referendum? Will these boards be the executive bodies of the given organizations?

**Samuel:** The board will oversee the organization from a strategic point of view, and will be the primary handler of the fee.

**Gomez (sponsored):** There has not heretofore been an APIRG presence on Council to provide insight into what its executive board will actually be doing. Students' Council is designated as a body which creates laws to govern itself, and thus Council can make a decision regarding a specific committee. Are there ways of managing financial accountability beyond these boards? How are other financial commitments fulfilled? Is there Council representation on boards governing the Coke agreement, for example?

**Samuel:** Concordia University has recently written to the Quebec provincial government requesting that their student union be stripped of all its legal responsibility, because it believes that student union to be irresponsible. This has sent something of a jolt through Canadian student associations, no matter what the outcome. This presentation addresses only dedicated fees; other financial agreements are governed by the Executive, which can be overturned by Council. For example, the most recently CUPE negotiations were approved by Council, but not performed by Council. If anyone has concerns about how affairs are conducted by the SU, they can be brought forward.

**Brindle:** After a prescribed period of time, Council can alter referendum questions if need be: the SU oversees these organizations to ensure their financial accountability, and by extension the SU's own – it does not necessarily administrate the organizations. Are overhead costs associated with these boards?

**Speer:** The SU does not wish to micro-manage these organizations at all. The overhead costs have been budgeted for, and are insignificant in quantity.

**Brindle:** Is the SU covering these costs?

**Speer:** There has been some discussion regarding recovering the administrative costs of dedicated fees.

**Scott Harris** (sponsored): Does Students' Council not have legal representation which should have raised this issue before this point? There could be a contract addressing the SU's financial accountability, with audited financial statements.

**Speer:** This is being brought forward now as a result of the completion of the legal review. Prior to last year, there was a lack and a lag in the real assessment of SU legal responsibilities, and this is a flaw that is being rectified. A contract is an option, but the SU would like to maintain its ability to be flexible and accountable to Council and the student body. A contract would be binding in the long term.

**Samuel:** First the Constitution is sacred, following by the bylaws, followed by operational policies, followed finally by contracts. Ultimately, the Constitution will take precedence.

**Harris:** Contracts can be periodically renewed to allow for flexibility. If boards are ultimately responsible for making decisions on behalf of the organizations, how can it not micro-manage? A periodic audit would serve these organizations better, because such a board structure cannot be unremoved from the decision-making process.

**Speer:** The object is not to remove Council from the decision-making process. It should oversee the bylaws and administration, as well as the financial decisions, of the organization governed by the referendum.

**Wanke:** Students dedicate these fees, and know where they want it to go. Council is accountable for the collection of the fees. Why is there such fear of SU involvement?

**Harriman:** It is not so much a fear as an awareness of the conflict of interest at work.

**Brindle/Sharun** moved that discussion be limited to no more than fifteen more minutes.

**Carried**

**Gomez:** There is no fear of SU involvement, but APIRG has been limited in its attempts to present to Council on its activities and ambitions. APIRG has presented the SU with packages regarding time commitment, which is very significant. APIRG will not be presenting to Council until the end of November. This particular board structure would limit APIRG's function, and would not allow it to be as busy as it needs to be. It wants to be able to present before any firm decision of this kind is made, so that Council can be truly informed.

At this point, **Gomez** was interrupted by **Samuel**, and requested an apology.

**Samuel** explained that he did not mean to slight any guest of Council, and he apologized for having offended involuntarily.

**Gomez:** Council is not yet informed enough to make a decision regarding the issues of this presentation.

**Samuel:** The Executive has not denied APIRG the opportunity to present to Council; however, there are several presentations jockeying for position at the moment, and APIRG was simply forced to take its place in line, as it were. Council cannot have an overabundance of presentations at one meeting, because it does not give them necessary time to absorb them.

**Jess:** If the SU's intent is to oversee these organizations, could there not be one committee to oversee all the dedicated fees? Why could this committee not be Council?

**Speer:** With the current number of dedicated fees, it would be highly problematic for Council to be the body that oversees them directly. There would be an explosion of motions.

**Jess:** Such motions would be administration, rather than surveillance. The organizations should be making reports to the SU, rather than the SU making their decisions.

**Salyzyn:** Using the Access Fund as an example, the case can be made that the Access Fund board is not the expert body governing the Fund – that job is done by the Administrators. Boards provide strategic direction, which requires decision-making power, and involves acceptance and approval of activities.

**Loewen:** Could Council see a document articulating the legal opinion that the Executive is currently relying on in this?

**Samuel:** The Executive consulted a lawyer about this situation, who provided an analysis of the SU's legal and constitutional framework.

**Loewen:** Please bring said document to Council.

**Clyburn:** Will this be the board that allocates the fee, or will there be sub-boards organized?

**Samuel:** This structured board will allocate monies, which is why it is so important to define its composition correctly, as well as how said board should act. This is all subject to approval by Council. There will be two bylaws: one to create the template of the board, and one to define its course of action.

At this point, discussion was concluded and the presentation was called to a close.

**2001-12/7**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Fraese/Samuel** (councilor) moved that the minutes of the SC2001-10 meeting be approved.

**Speer:** There was an information session on SUB expansion given for University Student Services as well.

**Speer:** Regarding APIRG board composition, it should be said that the SU must be accountable to the funds and practices of the board.

**Speer:** The Coke agreement expires in the school year 2007-2008.

**Consensus**

**McGraw/Jones** moved that the minutes of the SC2001-11 meeting be approved.

**Consensus**

2001-12/8

**REPORTS**

- a. Christopher Samuel, President – A written report was provided at the meeting.

**Brindle/Davidson** moved to suspend Standing Order 15 regarding Report Time Limits.

**Carried**

**Samuel/Brindle** moved that Students' Council move *in camera*.

**Samuel:** Tuition is a sensitive topic.

**Carried**

At this point, Council moved *in camera*.

**Brindle/Darling** moved to suspend Standing Order 30 regarding Adjournment.

**Carried**

Council remained *in camera*.

**Wanke/Davidson** moved that Council move *ex camera*.

**Carried**

- Tuition tables will be held to create some awareness regarding the upcoming decision. Councilors should volunteer for this; classroom speaking is also welcome. Speaking points have been provided.
- Executive goals are now ready to be circulated, in the form of the SU's strategic plan.
- Councilors are urged to come to the Board of Governors meeting on November 2, as students representatives will need positive support for the tuition debate.
- There will be a tuition Town Hall meeting in Council Chambers this coming Friday.



- b. Amy Salyzyn, Vice-President Academic – A written report was provided at the meeting.
- The SU survey is currently wrapping up in classrooms. Thanks were offered to everyone who participated.
  - There is a ONECard deposit machine in SUB.
  - Many concerns about registration have been raised – comments and questions are welcome. Registration is quite on its way to being an online system.
- c. Kory Zwack, Vice-President External
- Zwack** was absent due to a CASA conference in Ottawa, Ontario.
- d. Jamie Speer, Vice-President Operations & Finance – A written report was provided with the agenda package.
- **Zwack** sends his love, and reports that there has been an anthrax scare on Parliament Hill.
  - The SUB expansion town hall raised some concerns about the space that will be allocated to the Chaplains.
  - The chair of CCBC has outlined three options for the organization's fate: the CCBC Scholarship Trust; a national sponsorship program; or the elimination of CCBC entirely.
  - There will be a Facilities Development Committee meeting on October 19.
- e. Jennifer Wanke, Vice-President Student Life – A written report was provided at the meeting.
- **Wanke** thanked Council for such a productive meeting so far.
- f. Chris Burrows, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative – A written report was provided at the meeting.

- g. Faculte Saint-Jean.
- An oral report was provided by **Clyburn**.
  - Complaints have been made that Council never sings *O Canada* in French. Lyrics will be provided soon.
  - This past Friday, there was a French event showing cultural heritage, and it was a striking success. The Faculte is holding a high school Open House on October 29.
  - The Faculte student association had its strategy planning meeting; there are many new faces and lots of good ideas. The SA is looking at site improvements, such as perhaps creating a new skating rink in the back yard of the residence, as well as Faculte integration on the main campus. The first proposals will be at the end of November.
  - There is also a concern about language utilization, as French should be spoken outside the classroom. Any ideas for solutions are welcome.
- h. Executive Committee, Minutes.

The Executive Committee Minutes were approved without objection.

**2001-12/9**

### **QUESTION PERIOD**

**Deringer:** Has the WOW/Orientation report been presented yet?

**Wanke:** No, it has not, but it is coming to the next meeting.

**Darling:** Why is **Speer** the only Executive member who regularly tables a report with the agenda package?

**Wanke:** Generally reports are presented in written form at the meeting – in order to get them in the agenda package, they must be written the previous Thursday, which forces the writer to forego anything that may happen between that point and the meeting.

**Samuel** apologized.

**Salyzyn** will try to emulate **Speer** in future.

**Burrows** prefers to pay for his own reports, which is why they are printed separately.

**Samuel** (councilor): Why is there construction ongoing in CAB?

**Jones:** Work is currently being done on the sprinkler system.

**2001-12/10**

### **LEGISLATION**

**2001-12/10a**

JONES/TOBIAS RESOLVED THAT Students' Council amend the Standing Orders of Council and rescind motion 99-23/10e.

**Jones/Rajulu** moved that the motion be postponed to the next meeting.

**Carried**

**2001-12/12**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2001-12/12a**

SPEER/SALYZYN MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense, not to exceed \$349.36 for Jennifer Wanke to attend the COCA Central Regional Conference October 23-28, 2001.

**Wanke** introduced the motion. There is a minor error in the document provided with the agenda package: the COCA board meeting is at the end of October. COCA pays for all of its delegates to attend; student associations pay only for transportation and a *per diem*.

**Burrows:** Where are delegates staying?

**Wanke:** At the Sheridan Hotel in Oakland, Ontario.

**Davidson:** What airline is being used?

**Wanke:** WestJet.

**Carried**

**Wanke's** abstention was noted.

**2001-12/12b**

**FOREST SOCIETY**

SPEER / WANKE MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, allocate a loan of not more than Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars to the Forest Society, to be repaid no later than January 15, 2002.

**Speer** introduced the motion. The SU has been lending this sum to the Forest Society for several years; it is for a good cause, and the Society has never defaulted on repayment.

**Kawanami:** Why do they seek this loan from the SU, and not some other body?

**Speer:** The SU Operating Policy states that any loan can be provided by the SU, pending approval from Council if the sum exceeds \$5,000.

**Brindle:** The SU provides loans to the Business Students' Association for Beer Gardens as well.

**Samuel** (councilor): Is this an interest-free loans?

**Speer:** Yes.

**Darling:** What kinds of trees are these?

**Speer:** White Pine, Scotch, and Douglas Fir, among others.

**Burrows:** When will they receive the money?

**Speer:** As soon as possible.

**Burrows:** Where is the money coming from?

**Speer:** It is written into the budget for this purpose.

**Burrows:** Is it specifically stated that the SU will grant interest-free loans?

**Speer:** In the SU Operating Policies, regarding loans to student groups.

**Pasmeny:** This money is coming from a place where it could be earning the SU more money. Perhaps there should be some interest.

**Harriman:** The Forest Society does not make a great profit. This gesture should be part of the campus spirit.

**Brindle:** This exercise should be encouraged.

**Carried by Consensus**

2001-12/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Harlow:** Congratulations and thanks to **Ledi** for his excellent service to Council and students.
- Ledi** explained that he has the opportunity to travel to Ghana next year as part of an exchange. This is not guaranteed, but it's an exciting prospect.
- Burrows:** It is **Wanke's** birthday tomorrow, and she will be quite tremendously old, as she is reaching her quarter-century.
- Rypien:** Congratulations to **Kawanami** for his debate tourney win.
- Wanke** provided many double-guest passes for the films *On the Line* and *From Hell*.

2001-12/15

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Darling/Ledi** moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m.