STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday September 12, 2006 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

ORDER PAPER (SC 2006-10)

2006-10/1	SPEAKER'S BUSINESS	
2006-10/1a	Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on September 26, 2006.	
2006-10/1a (i)	Payroll forms for Councillor Remuneration are due by September 14, 2006 at 4:00 pm in 2-900 to be eligible for pay on September 28, 2006. Please note the SU pay day is the second last business day of the month.	
2006-10/1a (ii)	Councillor Chris Le resigns from UPC, CAC and Students' Council.	
	Please see document SC 06-10.01	
2006-10/1a (iii)	Please welcome new Science Councillor Steven Dollansky.	
2006-10/1a (iv)	Tickets for Persons' Day Breakfast will be available for purchase from Heather Grab (student).	
2006-10/1a (v)	DIE Board Notices. Please take a few and post around campus. Your help is greatly appreciated!!	
2006-10/2	<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>	
2006-10/2a	Presentation on Updating Exec Priorities, presented by President Power.	
2006-10/2b	Presentation on Political Policies, the process and importance, presented by BOG Rep Chris Samuel.	
2006-10/20	Presentation on the new Audit Committee Structure, presented by the Audit Committee.	
2006-10/3	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT	
2006-10/3a	Executive Committee – September 5, 2006	
	Please see document SC 06-10.02	
2006-10/4	QUESTION PERIOD	
2006-10/4a	Question from Councillor Eruvbetine to Vice President Student Life:	

Can the VPSL further explain Bylaw 5600, sub 5:

The Vice President (Student Life), in conjunction with the University of Alberta, shall develop and table at Students' Council

- a) A list of student groups' privileges; and
- b) A procedure through which these privileges can be suspended.

2006-10/4b Question from Councillor Eruvbetine to the President:

Bylaw 6000, sub 3, sub (d) states the Gateway shall "devote a portion of any budget surplus to providing scholarships for undergraduate students."

I know last year, the Gateway had a significant surplus which it was keeping for future capital expenses. So did the Gateway devote a portion to scholarships? Can you find out any pertinent details?

2006-10/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2006-10/5a <u>University Policy Committee</u> – August 17, 2006

Please see document SC 06-10.03

2006-10/5a (i) HENRY/ERUVS MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of

the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "General Election

Forum" (second reading).

Please see document SC 06-10.04

2006-10/5a (ii) ERUVS/JANZ MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of

the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Access to Co-

operative & Internship Programs" (second reading).

Please see document SC 06-10.05

2006-10/5a (iii) HENRY/YUSUF MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of

the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Add-Drop

Deadline" (second reading).

Please see document SC 06-10.06

2006-10/5a (iv) YUSUF/JANZ MOVED THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of

the University Policy Committee, approve the Political Policy "Mandatory Non-

Instructional Fees" (second reading).

Please see document SC 06-10.07

2006-10/5b Budget and Finance Committee – August 15, 2006

Please see document SC 06-10.08

2006-10/5c Access Fund Committee – August 21, 2006

Please see document SC 06-10.09

2006-10/5d Bylaw Committee

2006-10/5d (i) MATHESON/HENRY MOVED THAT Bill #3 be read a second time.

Bill #3 – Audit Committee Mandate (sponsor; CHAPMAN)

Principle (second reading)

1. Bylaw 100 s. 16(2)(j) shall be struck and be replaced with the following principal:

The Audit Committee shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursal of the CJSRFM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund, and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund within 4 weeks of the DFU's compliance with Bylaw 6000 s. 2 with a deadline no earlier than August 31.

Please see document SC 06-10.10

2006-10/5e

Grant Allocation Committee – August 22, 2006

Please see document SC 06-10.11

2006-10/6

GENERAL ORDERS

2006-10/6a

MATHESON/HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council read Bill #11 a first time.

Bill #11 – Elections Combined

Principles (first reading)

Bylaws 2100, 2200, and 2400 will be combined pursuant to the following principals:

- 1. Definitions will be amended to be made consistent across all elections;
- Regulations for referenda and plebiscites will be clarified;
- 3. Deadlines will be consolidated;
- 4. Regulations formally applying to candidates will also apply to registered sides of referenda and plebiscite campaigns and all Campaign managers;
- 5. Faculty Association Executives and Returning Officers can act as a volunteer for or endorse any candidate or slate;
- Councillor candidates may not act as a volunteer for or endorse any candidate or slate;
- When a candidate is disqualified for budget violations they will be prohibited from engaging in further campaign activities;
- 8. Rules surrounding budgets, budget violations, or general expenses that apply to candidates will also apply to referenda and plebiscites;
- 9. The D.I.E. Board shall NOT HAVE TO convene a meeting less than twelve (12) working hours prior to the commencement of voting for the purpose of hearing and ruling on all appeals of the C.R.O.'s rulings;
- 10. The C.R.O. may NOT delegate any of his/her responsibilities to faculty associations;
- 11. Where any member is guilty of a serious contravention, the C.R.O. may recommend to the D.I.E. Board that further penalties be brought under the Judiciary of the Students' Union Bylaw.

2006-10/6b

ERUVBETINE MOVED THAT Bill #12 be read a first time.

Bill #12 - Students' Council Scholarship(s)

Principles (First Reading)

- 1. Councilors have a full or partial opt-out mechanism for councilor remuneration.
- 2. Councilors who fully opt-out of councilor remuneration may refer to themselves as volunteers of the Students' Union.
- 3. All opted-out money goes into a newly created Students' Council

Scholarship

4. The scholarship shall be dispersed with the following principles as guidelines:

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- a. shall equally represent all interests within the Students' Union;
- b. can only be awarded to undergraduate students;
- c. may not be awarded to an employee, councilor, or executive of the Students' Union;
- d. will be awarded once a year and not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000);
- e. will be administered by the Awards Committee;
- f. shall have a requirement which promotes Students' Council outreach.
- g. A detailed report shall be forwarded to the last meeting of Students' Council for the Fall semester.

Proposed Draft

- Payee's may contribute part or all of their remuneration into an account named the Students' Council Scholarship(s)
- b) Councilors who give-up their entire remuneration may refer to themselves as volunteers of the Students' Union.
- The criteria for the scholarship(s) shall be formulated by the Awards Committee within the following constraints

The scholarship(s)

- i. shall equally represent all interests within the Students' Union
- ii. can only be awarded to undergraduate students
- iii. may not be awarded to an employee, councilor, or executive of the Students' Union
- iv. will be awarded once a year and not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
- d) Selected students will be required to submit an essay whose topic shall relate to the SU Government and/or the Students' Council prior to receiving their award.
- e) A detailed report shall be forwarded to the last meeting of Students' Council in the Fall semester and shall include entries as in (d) above.

2006-10/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

2006-10/7a Letter from Steve Kirkham to the Executive Committee.

Please see document SC 06-10.12

2006-10/7b Votes and Proceedings – August 22, 2006

Please see document SC 06-10.13

2006-10/7c Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic) - Report

Please see document SC 06-10.14

Dear Students' Union Council members:

I regret to inform you that I am resigning from the Students' Union effective September 11, 2006. Judging from my commitments for the upcoming year, I do not feel that I will have the time to be an adequately informed and involved councillor.

I enjoyed meeting most of you over the summer, and I wish Council all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Christopher Le

Dear University Policy Committee:

I regret to inform you that I am resigning from the University Policy Committee effective September 11, 2006. I recommend that UPC open nominations for my vacant spot at the next Students' Union Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Christopher Le

Dear Council Administration Committee:

I regret to inform you that I am resigning from the Council Administration Committee effective September 11, 2006. I recommend that CAC open nominations for my vacant spot at the next Students' Union Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Christopher Le

Executive Committee Report to Students' Council September 12, 2006

- 1. The following motion was passed at the August 17, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.
 - a. COURNOYER/POWER MOVED THAT the Executive
 Committee approve the placement of an Office of Human Rights
 bulletin board on the East wall, opposite the programming board.

 VOTE ON MOTION 4/1(CUNNINGHAM)/0 CARRIED
- 2. There were no motions were passed at the August 22, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.
- 3. There were no motions were passed at the August 24, 2006 Executive Committee meeting
- 4. The following motions were passed at the August 31, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting.
 - a. HENRY/YUSUF MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the proposed forms relating to student group use of Smart Classrooms.

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

b. POWER/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee remove banner space 1 from general use and that the policy be updated appropriately.

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

c. CUNNINGHAM/POWER MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve an expenditure not to exceed \$700.00 from the contingency reserve for the purchase and installation of 2 phones.

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

d. POWER/CUNNINGHAM MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve a budgeted expense not to exceed \$1240.00 for the Director of ECOS to attend the Sierra Youth Coalition Sustainable Campuses Conference September 28-October 1, 2006 in Charlottetown PEI.

VOTE ON MOTION

4/0/0 CARRIED

5. There were no motions were passed at the September 5, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.

Report to Student' Council

2006-07

University Policy Committee

2006-07 Thursday August 17, 2006

The University Policy Committee held its seventh meeting on August 17, 2006. The meeting was called to order shortly after 5:00 p.m., with all members present except for Councillors Kehoe, Le and Sumar. Yusuf was nominated and approved to chair the meeting.

In Executive Committee reports, Vice President Henry met with the University Architect about study space and explained that the current focus is planning and gearing up for September. She is working with the President and the Vice President External on the advocacy campaigns for the upcoming year. It was mentioned that the Vice President Operations and Finance was mostly occupied with the Powerplant.

In New Business, the Fall Meeting Schedule was tabled until all members could be present to discuss.

In Old Business, the Standing Orders revisions were tabled. The SU Election Rally Political Policy was drafted and recommended for second reading following some lengthy discussion. The Co-op and Internship Program was the next Political Policy to be drafted and recommended for second reading, and it was decided that the expiration date should be removed. There was residual confusion from the previous meetings of Students' Council and UPC regarding the repeal of the former Add/Drop Deadline Political Policy, but the Chair's report on this matter was tabled until his return. The new Add/Drop Deadline Political Policy was drafted and recommended for second reading. The Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Political Policy was drafted and, pending proper formatting, recommended for second reading.

The Discussion Items were collectively tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the University Policy Committee will take place at 6:00 p.m. on August 31.

Votes and Proceedings

2006-07

University Policy Committee

Thursday August 17th, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ERUVS/JANZ moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

4/0/0 CARRIED

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 4. PRESENTATONS
- 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic)
 - b. Omer Yusuf, Vice President (Student Life)
 - c. Other Executive Activities
- 6. QUESTION PERIOD
- 7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Fall Meeting Schedule Tabled
- 8. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Standing Orders Revisions Tabled
 - b. Political Policy: SU Election Rally HENRY/ERUVS moved that UPC recommend this policy to Council for approval.

4/0/0 CARRIED

c. Political Policy: Co-op and Internship Programs ERUVS/JANZ moved that UPC recommend this policy to Council for approval.

4/0/0 CARRIED

- d. Political Policy: Add/Drop Deadline (repealed) Tabled pending report back from the Chair.
- e. Political Policy: Add/Drop Deadline (new) HENRY/YUSUF moved that UPC recommend this policy to Council for approval.

4/0/0 CARRIED

f. Political Policy: Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees YUSUF/JANZ moved that UPC recommend this policy to Council for approval (once it's been properly formatted).

4/0/0 CARRIED

- 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Committee Strategic Planning Tabled
 - b. Teaching and Research Political Policies Tabled
 - c. Health and Wellness tabled
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

JANZ/YUSUF MOVED TO adjourn at 8:25 pm

2/1/1 CARRIED

11. NEXT MEETING

August 31, 2006 at 6:00 pm in 4-20 SUB

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number: Effective Date: Page 1 of 1

Expiration Date: April 30, 2009

Responsibility for Policy: University Policy Committee

Subject Matter - Category: POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

Specific: General Election Forum
 Topic: Class Consideration

WHEREAS the Students' Union is founded on the basis of democratic representation, which fundamentally depends on voters making an informed choice when electing their representatives;

WHEREAS General Faculties Council policy states that one outcome that should be expected from a program of undergraduate study at the University of Alberta is "an informed understanding of and a desire to participate in the intellectual, cultural, social and political life of local, national and global communities";¹

WHEREAS attending a live forum of candidates is one of the best ways to actively garner information about candidates;

WHEREAS the University of Alberta is largely a commuter campus where the only reasonable time to attend a forum for many students is during regular class time hours;

WHEREAS no student should have to choose between the fundamental right to be involved in their democratic process and their academics;

WHEREAS the general election forum is the best attended and most recognizable part of the SU campaign process, in large part due to cancellation of classes from 12:00-1:00 for the purpose of attending the forum;

WHEREAS the general election forum generally runs from 12:00-3:00;

WHEREAS the Students' Union Chief Returning Officer has the discretion to change the format of the forum;

WHEREAS there are multiple forums and methods by which students may garner information on candidates;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support the cancellation of classes from 12:00 to 1:00 for the purposes of facilitating students attendance of the general election forum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union support the implementation of a process that ensures no student is penalized for attending the forum in lieu of class between 1:00 and 3:00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union lobby the University to ensure that professors comply with the existing stipulation that classes be cancelled for the purposes of the election forum, as outlined in the University of Alberta Calendar Academic Schedule (Section 11.1);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union negotiate with the University to develop a plan to have the forum shown in smart classrooms for the thethe50 minute block in which classes are cancelled.

Policy History:	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council
	Reference, vote	Boar d/Committee	Approval
Created		UPC	••

¹ University of Alberta General Faculties Council Policy Manual. GFC Policy 111.1 -Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluations (University of Alberta GFC 2000). http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/gfcpolicymanual/content.cfm?ID_page=39298

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number: Effective Date: Page 1 of 1

Expiration Date:

Responsibility for Policy: University Policy Committee

Subject Matter - Category: POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- Specific: Access to Co-operative & Internship Programs

- Topic: Academic Opportunities

WHEREAS having access to relevant professional experience through co-operative and internship placements forms an integral part of an engaging educational experience and allows students to gain practical experience, as well as relationships with employers in their professional community, thereby better equipping them to be effective contributors to the workforce;

WHEREAS a number of other Canadian universities have already adopted measures to facilitate the participation of international students in co-operative and internship opportunities;

WHEREAS six (6) faculties at the University of Alberta offer some form of co-operative or internship opportunity to undergraduates, not including practicum placements that are mandatory for professional certification after graduation;

WHEREAS only three (3) of these opportunities are currently available to international students;

WHEREAS students with valid study permits who wish to take part in a co-operative placements or internship program are eligible to apply for a work permit under federal statute provided that the co-operative placement or internship:

- a. Forms an essential part of their program of study in Canada;
- b. Is certified as part of the academic program by a responsible academic official of the institution; and
- c. Does not form more than 50 percent of the total program of study;¹

WHEREAS off-campus work opportunities are not equivalent to co-operative placements or internships in University definitions nor according to federal regulation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union negotiate with individual faculties to ensure that co-operative or internship programs are accessible to all students within the Faculty who are academically eligible to participate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union lobby the University, the government and other significant bodies to ensure that there is equality in admission requirements to faculty-specific co-operative or internship programs at the University of Alberta.

Policy History:	Reference/Vote	Board/Committee	Date of Council Approval
Created		UPC	

¹The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. "Work Opportunities for Foreign Students." http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-opps.html#coop (8 August 2006).

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number: Effective Date: Page 1 of 2

Expiration Date:

Responsibility for Policy: Academic Affairs Board

Subject Matter - Category: POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

Specific: Add-Drop DeadlineTopic: Appropriate Period

WHEREAS a student's decisions regarding course enrollment deeply impacts the course of his or her academic program, as well as, potentially, future intellectual and academic aspirations;

WHEREAS variables such as classroom environment, instructor teaching style, and method of information delivery also impact a student's likelihood of success in a particular course;

WHEREAS students often make careful, well-informed decisions regarding course enrollment, taking these and other factors into consideration;

WHEREAS the registration deadlines for the Fall and Winter terms were extended in February 2003 to allow ten (10) instructional days for changes in registration in recognition of the aforementioned arguments;

WHEREAS the registration deadlines for the Spring and Summer terms were extended in June 2005 to allow four (4) instructional days for changes in registration, to be effective in the 2006-2007 year, in recognition of the aforementioned arguments, and to make the Spring/Summer add/drop deadlines consistent with the Fall/Winter deadlines;

WHEREAS a student's assessment of a course and, consequently, their enrollment decisions cannot be adequately rendered without having the opportunity to attend several classes;

WHEREAS Spring and Summer course enrollment decisions are just as consequential to the course of a student's academic programs as Fall and Winter enrollment decisions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support a Fall and Winter registration deadline of no less than ten (10) instructional days;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support Spring and Summer registration deadlines for 6-week courses of not less than four (4) and not more than five (5) instructional days;

BÉ IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support Spring and Summer registration deadlines for 13-week Spring and Summer courses to be equivalent to those for 13-week Fall and Winter courses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union continue to support allowing changes in registration to 3-week courses offered in the second half of the Spring or Summer terms during the first three (3) instructional days after the start date of those classes.

Policy History: Reference/Vote Created

Board/CommitteeUniversity Policy Committee

Date of Council Approval

THE STUDENTS' UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA POLITICAL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Number: Effective Date: Page 1 of 2

Expiration Date: April 30, 2009

Responsibility for Policy: University Policy Committee

Subject Matter - Category: POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)

- Specific: Student Fees

- Topic: Mandatory Non-instructional Fees

WHEREAS services for students are a major resource to create positive undergraduate experiences;

- WHEREAS students bear a substantial portion of the costs of these services through mandatory non-instructional fees;
- WHEREAS mandatory non-instructional fees present costs additional to tuition and other expenses associated with attending post secondary education;
- WHEREAS it is in the best interest of students to have general controlling input regarding services designed to benefit them;
- WHEREAS operating a service relying on fee increases is more convenient and not preferable to pursuing efficiency and economy in the service;
- WHEREAS mandatory non-instructional fee increases are not regulated by any provincial statutes;
- WHEREAS the University is a public institution and is therefore committed to high standards of service, administrative effectiveness and good governance in the responsible management of financial resources¹;
- WHEREAS a rise in fees in concert with the Consumer Price Index is necessary to sustain services on a year-to-year basis;
- WHEREAS a referendum of a body of students is the most accurate available measure of student opinion.
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate that students retain controlling interest on any body directing the general affairs and mandate of a service for which a fee is to fund;

Policy History:

Reference/Vote Created **Board/Committee**University Policy Committee

Date of Council Approval

¹ Office of the President, *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University*, (University of Alberta, 2006), p. 4, §6-7.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate that any service funded by a fee exhibit full budgetary disclosure to the general undergraduate student community;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union advocate that any increase in a fee funding a service beyond that dictated by the Consumer Price Index be approved only through referendum from those student bodies for whom the fee concerns.

Budget and Finance Committee August 15, 2006 Call to Order 5:38pm

Attendance: Kehoe, Cunningham, Chapman, Cook

Kehoe/Cunningham move to remove the recommended changes to standing orders from the agenda of Students' Council. 4/0/0

Chapman/Cunningham motion to adjourn

The Committee Discussed its proposal to Council in regards to changing the budget process and decided to withdraw the motion. This is because it was generally felt that although we liked some of the changes being proposed, the proposal as a whole was not good enough. The Committee will be discussing a new proposal that will go to either Council or CAC in the fall.

The Committee also discussed the Eugene Al Brody fund and the possibility of making the fund a self-sufficient endowment in less than 20 years. A Council should expect a proposal in the fall on this issue as well.

The Students' Union, The University of Alberta

Access Fund Committee

21 August 2006 @ 17:30 - SUB 606

Report to Council:

The Access Fund committee met on August 21, 2006. Members in attendance were Omer, Mike (proxy for Brock), Brendan, Paul, Darren and Sylvia. The first order of business was to set a proration scheme for the upcoming year. After a lengthily discussion on various options, it was decided that the guidelines for proration would be set for individual selection committees, and that there would be continuity throughout the year in the proration scheme used.

The next order of business was the letter to the Dean of Students. We invited a representative from the office to sit on the Access Fund Committee to provide institutional memory, as well as to keep up good relations with the office.

The final thing that was discussed at the meeting was the endowment fund. We have acknowledged that a decision needs to be made what to do with it this year, however we will need more information before doing anything. We will be meeting early in the fall semester to come to a decision as a committee, and then, if necessary, the matter will be brought to council. Adjournment occurred at 18:50.

That's all for tonight council!

-Sylvia

Bylaw 100 A Bylaw Respecting Students' Council

1. Definitions

In this bylaw

- (a) "Councillor" means any member of Students' Council except
 - i. the President of the Students' Union,
 - ii. a Vice President of the Students' Union,
 - iii. the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
 - iv. the Speaker of Students' Council, or
 - v. the General Manager of the Students' Union;
- (b) "faculty" means
 - i. any entity designated by University of Alberta General Faculties Council policy as a faculty, except the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Faculty of Library and Information Studies, and the Faculty of Extension,
 - ii. the University of Alberta School of Native Studies, or
 - iii. all undergraduate students registered at the University of Alberta in Open Studies;
- (c) "faculty population" means the average number of undergraduate students enrolled in a given faculty in a Fall term and the Winter term immediately following it;
- (d) "introductory meeting" means the annual meeting of those persons elected to serve on Students' Council for the coming year;
- (e) "legislation" means
 - i. Students' Union bylaws,
 - ii. Students' Union political policies,
 - iii. Students' Council standing orders, and
 - iv. general orders of Students' Council;
- (f) "Speaker" means the Speaker of Students' Council or, in his/her absence, any individual designated has having the responsibilities of the Speaker of Students' Council;
- (g) "standing committee" means
 - i. the Access Fund Committee,
 - ii. the Audit Committee,
 - iii. the Awards Committee,
 - iv. the Budget and Finance Committee,
 - v. the Bylaw Committee,
 - vi. the Council Administration Committee,
 - vii. the External Policy Committee,
 - viii. the Grant Allocation Committee, or
 - ix. the University Policy Committee;
- (h) "Students' Council" means the Council of the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as constituted by statute of the province of Alberta;
- (i) "Students' Union" means the Students' Union, University of Alberta, as incorporated by statute of the province of Alberta; and

(j) "Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative" means the individual, other than the Students' Union President, nominated by the Students' Union to the University of Alberta Board of Governors.

2. Composition of Students' Council

- (1) Students' Council is composed of
 - (a) the President of the Students' Union,
 - (b) the Vice Presidents of the Students' Union,
 - (c) the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative,
 - (d) forty-two Councillors,
 - (e) the Speaker, and
 - (f) the General Manager of the Students' Union.
- (2) The Speaker and the General Manager of the Students' Union are entitled neither to move, second, or vote on motions of Students' Council, nor to serve as voting members of standing committees.
- (3) Each Councillor shall represent exactly one faculty.
- (4) Each faculty shall be allocated a number of Councillors equal to the number of Councillors times its faculty population divided by the sum of all faculties' faculty populations, with any remainder being discarded.
- (5) Notwithstanding (4), every faculty shall be allocated at least one Councillor.
- (6) If more than forty-two Councillors are allocated, they shall be revoked from faculties with more than one Councillor in ascending order of remainder until only forty-two Councillors are allocated.
- (7) If fewer than forty-two Councillors are allocated, additional Councillors shall be allocated to faculties entitled to at least one Councillor under (4) in descending order of remainder until forty-two Councillors are allocated.
- (8) In the event that two faculties have equal remainders and that this equality prevents the processes set out in (6) and (7) from allocating exactly forty-two Councillors, the number of Councillors shall be temporarily increased by the minimum amount necessary.
- (9) The Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall determine the allocation of Councillors annually before February 15, and shall forthwith table with Students' Council a report detailing the allocation of Councillors and the statistics used to reach that allocation.

3. Eligibility

- (1) All members of Students' Council except for the General Manager of the Students' Union are required to be members of the Students' Union.
- (2) Every Councillor is required to be enrolled in the faculty he/she represents.
- (3) No person shall simultaneously hold more than one position on Students' Council.

4. Removal of Members

- (1) Any member of Students' Council wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Speaker.
- (2) The Speaker shall table in Council any letters of resignation he/she receives.
- (3) Resignations take effect on the date specified in the letter of resignation or, if no such date is specified, at the time that the letter is tabled in Students' Council.
- (4) Students' Council does not have the authority to remove any Councillor.
- (5) Any person who ceases to be a member of Students' Council shall be removed from any Students' Union office that is the result of his/her position on Students' Council or of which his/her position on Students' Council is the result.
- (6) The Students' Union shall immediately recommend that any person who ceases to be a member of Students' Council be removed from any office in an external organization that results from his/her position on Students' Council, or from any position from which he/she is removed as a consequence of (4) or (5).

5. Replenishment

- (1) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Vice President, or Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, Students' Council shall
 - (a) appoint a qualified Students' Union member to fill the position, and/or
 - (b) call a by-election for the position.
- (2) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Councillor, the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall offer the position to the candidate who would have been elected had another Councillor been allocated to the resigning Councillor's faculty during the last election before which nominations were open for that faculty.
- (3) Notwithstanding (2), no person shall be offered a Councillor position who
 - (a) has already vacated a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question,
 - (b) has already declined appointment to a Councillor position since the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question, or
 - (c) is a member of Students' Council.

- (4) The process for replenishment of Councillor positions shall continue until
 - (a) no vacancies remain for the faculty in question,
 - (b) the list of candidates from the last election before which nominations were open for the faculty in question is exhausted, or
 - (c) the position would be offered to None of the Above.
- (5) Students' Council does not have the authority to appoint any Councillor.
- (6) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Speaker of Students' Council, Students' Council shall select a new Speaker of Students' Council.

6. Start-Up

- (1) All members of Students' Council except the Speaker of Students' Council and the General Manager of the Students' Union shall be elected on an annual basis.
- (2) The Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall submit to the Speaker, as soon as practically possible, a report containing the results of any election of members to Students' Council.
- (3) The Speaker shall convene and chair the introductory meeting as soon as practical after all elections have been completed except any portion of the meeting in which the outgoing Speaker is running for re-election.
- (4) At the introductory meeting, the Students' Council-elect shall
 - (a) select the ensuing year's Speaker of Students' Council,
 - (b) select the compositions of the ensuing year's standing committees, and
 - (c) set the meeting schedule for the ensuing year's Students' Council, with the first meeting to occur not before the last scheduled meeting of the current Students' Council and not later than May 7, and the last meeting to occur not later than May 7 of the succeeding year.
- (5) At the first meeting of any year's Students' Council, all members of that Students' Council except the General Manager of the Students' Union shall be installed in a ceremony to be presided over by
 - (a) the previous year's Students' Union President, if available,
 - (b) the previous year's Speaker of Students' Council, if the previous year's President is unavailable, or
 - (c) the incoming Speaker of Students' Council, if neither the previous year's President nor the previous year's Speaker of Students' Council is available.
- (6) Upon the execution of (5), power is transferred from one year's Students' Council to the next.

7. Speaker of Students' Council

- (1) The Speaker is responsible for
 - (a) chairing all meetings of Students' Council;
 - (b) the budget and logistical needs of Students' Council;
 - (c) requesting a report from the University of Alberta Office of the Registrar and Student Awards each term to confirm that all individuals occupying positions requiring them to be undergraduate students meet all requirements set out in bylaw; and
 - (d) representing Students' Council before the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement Board; and
 - (e) other duties as may be required by Students' Council from time to time.
- (2) The Speaker shall have access to sufficient administrative support to carry out the logistical needs of Students' Council.
- (3) The President of the Students' Union reports to the Speaker for of purpose of all Students' Council business.
- (4) The Speaker reports to Students' Council.
- (5) The Speaker may be dismissed by a simple majority vote of Students' Council.
- (6) The Chair of the Council Administration Committee shall be the Deputy Speaker of Students' Council and shall carry out the duties of the Speaker in the absence of the Speaker of Students' Council.

8. Proxies

- (1) Any Councillor may appoint a Students' Union member in his/her faculty as his/her proxy for any portion of his/her term of office.
- (2) A proxy will, for the duration of his/her appointment, have all of the rights and responsibilities of the Councillor who appointed him/her excepting the right to serve on standing committees.
- (3) A proxy's appointment is not effective in the attendance of the Councillor who appointed him/her.
- (4) A Councillor who has designated a proxy retains access to all resources that he/she would otherwise be entitled

9. Conduct of Meetings

- (1) Quorum of Students' Council is a majority of its current voting membership.
- (2) Where legislation does not contradict it, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be observed at all meetings of Students' Council.

10. Legislation

- (1) Students' Union bylaws
 - (a) are directives perpetually requiring and/or prohibiting action on the part of the Students' Union;
 - (b) are adopted, amended, or rescinded by two simple majority votes of Students' Council occurring not less than seven days apart; and
 - (c) do not expire.
- (2) A Students' Union political policy
 - (a) is a directive to the Executive Committee dictating on what issues Students' Union advocacy efforts should be directed;
 - (b) shall be explicitly tied to a standing committee;
 - (c) requires the Executive Committee to submit an implementation plan to the standing committee to which it is tied;
 - (d) prohibits any person from representing any opinion not expressed by Students' Union political policy as being the opinion of the Students' Union;
 - (e) is not binding on the Students' Union except as noted;
 - (f) is adopted, amended, or rescinded on two simple majority votes of Students' Council held not less than seven days apart.
- (3) Standing orders of Students' Council
 - (a) are ongoing instructions to members of Students' Council and Students' Union staff respecting the manner of execution of Students' Council logistics;
 - (b) are adopted, amended, or rescinded on a simple majority vote of Students' Council or the Council Administration Committee; and
 - (c) do not expire, but shall be reintroduced by the chair of the Council Administration Committee at the first meeting of each year's Students' Council.
- (4) General orders of Students' Council
 - (a) are any non-procedural motions of Students' Council that do not adopt, amend, or rescind other legislation; and
 - (b) expire concurrently with the authority of the Students' Council that adopted them unless otherwise specified in the motion.

11. Standing Committee Membership

- (1) The Access Fund Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the External Policy Committee, the Grant Allocation Committee, and the University Policy Committee each consists of seven members of Students' Council.
- (2) The Bylaw Committee consists of five members of Students' Council.
- (3) The Audit Committee consists of five members of Students' Council who are not also members of the Students' Union Executive Committee.

- (4) The Council Administration Committee consists of
 - (a) five members of Students' Council as permanent members, and
 - (b) all members of Students' Council except the Speaker and the General Manager.
- (5) The Awards Committee consists of
 - (a) the Vice President (Academic) or designate, and
 - (b) seven undergraduate students selected annually by Students' Council.
- (6) Notwithstanding any provision in this bylaw, standing committees may appoint non-voting members to themselves by passing regulations to this effect as part of their standing orders.
- (7) Non-voting members of standing committees
 - (a) are not entitled to move, second, or vote on motions of standing committees,
 - (b) are not entitled to chair standing committees, and
 - (c) do not count towards quorum of standing committees.

12. Chairs of Standing Committees

- (1) Each standing committee shall be chaired by a member of that standing committee elected by that standing committee.
- (2) The chair of the Council Administration Committee shall be a permanent member of the Council Administration Committee.
- (3) Notwithstanding (1), the Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President (Academic) or designate.

13. Quorum of Standing Committees

- (1) The Access Fund Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, External Policy Committee, Grant Allocation Committee, and University Policy Committee each have a quorum of four members.
- (2) The Audit Committee and the Bylaw Committee each have a quorum of three members.
- (3) The Council Administration Committee has a quorum of three permanent members.
- (4) The Awards Committee has a quorum of the chair and four additional members.

14. Functioning of Standing Committees

- (1) Standing committees shall establish meeting schedules on a trimesterly basis, in advance, with the trimesters being
 - (a) May to August,
 - (b) September to December, and

- (c) January to April.
- (2) No meeting of a standing committee shall occur unless
 - (a) every member of the standing committee has received at least seventy-two hours notice of the meeting, or
 - (b) every member of the standing committee consents to the meeting taking place.
- (3) Standing committees may adopt such standing orders as do not conflict with legislation.
- (4) The Speaker, and through him/her chairs of standing committees, shall have access to sufficient administrative support to ensure the proper functioning of standing committees, including but not limited to
 - (a) the creation and publication of agendas for committee meetings,
 - (b) the creation and publication of minutes for committee meetings,
 - (c) the booking of meeting rooms,
 - (d) the duplication of required documents, and
 - (e) access to Students' Union archives.
- (5) Any member of a standing committee may designate any member of Council as his/her proxy for any portion of his/her term, provided that the member of Council so-designated fulfills the eligibility requirements to serve on the standing committee in question.
- (6) Every standing committee named at the introductory meeting shall hold a meeting before the first meeting of its Students' Council in order to
 - (a) elect a chair,
 - (b) set initial standing orders, and
 - (c) set a meeting schedule for its first trimester.
- (7) Meetings of standing committees shall occur in person.
- (8) The Awards Committee is exempt from (1), (5), and (6).

15. Reporting Structure

- (1) The chair of each standing committee shall, after each meeting of the committee, submit to Students' Council a report including
 - (a) any decisions made by the standing committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council,
 - (b) any recommendations made by the standing committee to Students' Council,
 - (c) any standing orders adopted by the committee, and
 - (d) a document titled "Summary of Proceedings" summarizing the activities of the standing committee at the meeting in question.
- (2) The Speaker shall table each report from each standing committee in Students' Council.

(3) No decision made by a standing committee acting under authority delegated to it by Students' Council is effective before it has been provided to the Speaker as part of the standing committee's report to Students' Council.

16. Mandates of Standing Committees

- (1) The Access Fund Committee
 - (a) has authority to set and implement policy regarding the disbursal of the Access Fund;
 - (b) shall provide for the existence of an appeals mechanism;
 - (c) shall recommend a budget for the Access Fund to Students' Council on or before April 30 of each year; and
 - (d) shall recommend to Students' Council changes to legislation affecting the Access Fund as it considers appropriate or as required by Students' Council.

(2) The Audit Committee

- (a) has authority to select the Students' Union auditor;
- (b) shall select the Students' Union auditor annually;
- (c) shall oversee the Students' Union's external audit;
- (d) shall review the Students' Union's audited financial statements in advance of their presentation to Students' Council;
- (e) shall review all alterations made to the Students' Union's budget for the purpose of verifying compliance with Students' Union legislation;
- (f) shall each month review, for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget, the transactions of at least two Students' Union organizational units;
- (g) shall review all expenditures made on Students' Union credit cards;
- (h) shall investigate any inappropriate transactions or significant variances against the Students' Union's budget;
- (i) has the authority to require to appear before it, in a reasonable period of time, any Students' Union employee;
- (j) shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursal of the CJSR-FM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund, and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund on or before July 31 of each year;
- (k) has the authority to approve disbursal of the CJSR-FM88 Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund, and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund;
- (l) shall monitor the Grant Allocation Committee's allocation of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, and the Refugee Student Fund; and
- (m)shall monitor the use of all Faculty Association Membership Fees and Faculty Membership Fees.

(3) The Awards Committee

(a) may establish, amend, eliminate, and bestow awards recognizing student involvement, such awards to be funded by the Student Involvement Endowment Fund and/or external sources;

- (b) shall bestow all externally-funded awards delegated to it by the Students' Union Executive Committee; and
- (c) may establish, amend, eliminate, and bestow awards recognizing outstanding undergraduate teaching at the University of Alberta.

(4) The Budget and Finance Committee

- (a) shall recommend budgets to Students' Council as may be required by Students' Union legislation;
- (b) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on alterations to the Students' Union operating budget;
- (c) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on expenditures of funds from the Projects Allocation; and
- (d) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on legislation dealing with Students' Union finances as it considers appropriate or as required by Students' Council.

(5) The Bylaw Committee

- (a) shall draft bylaws as required by Students' Council;
- (b) shall draft referendum and plebiscite questions as required by Students' Council;
- (c) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union bylaws where such recommendations are not the purview of any other standing committee; and
- (d) has the power to make, to Students' Union bylaws, alterations that do not alter the meaning of the bylaws in question.

(6) The Council Administration Committee

- (a) has authority to amend, adopt, or rescind standing orders of Students' Council after an initial set of standing orders has been adopted by Students' Council;
- (b) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on the structure of Students' Council and standing committees;
- (c) shall oversee the Speaker and the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union;
- (d) shall oversee the progress of Students' Council's legislative agenda;
- (e) shall recommend to Students' Council a candidate for the position of Chief Returning Officer on or before April 15 of each year;
- (f) shall recommend to Students' Council a composition for the Awards Committee on or before April 15 of each year;
- (g) shall, in conjunction with the Vice President (External), recommend to Students' Council on such nominations to the University of Alberta Senate as may be required of the Students' Union.

(7) The External Policy Committee

- (a) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy respecting the business of entities not based on the University of Alberta;
- (b) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy respecting undergraduate tuition at the University of Alberta; and
- (c) shall receive reports from the Students' Union Executive Committee on its off-campus and tuition-related advocacy activities and evaluate their effectiveness.

(8) The Grant Allocation Committee

- (a) shall make grants and has the authority to set an implement policy regarding the disbursal of funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, the Refugee Student Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, and the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups;
- (b) has authority to grant loans to student groups in amounts not exceeding \$1,500 per student group;
- (c) has authority to make grants of not more than five hundred dollars from the Eugene L. Brody Fund; and
- (d) may delegate the granting of funds where the Grant Allocation Committee has established standing orders identifying the delegate and comprehensive regulations within which the delegate must exercise its discretion when granting.

(9) The University Policy Committee

- (a) shall make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy respecting:
 - (i) the business of entities based at the University of Alberta;
 - (ii) student health, wellness, and security;
 - (iii) and student services;
- (b) shall not make recommendations to Students' Council on Students' Union political policy respecting undergraduate tuition at the University of Alberta;
- (c) shall receive reports from the Students' Union Executive Committee on its oncampus non-tuition-related advocacy activities and evaluate their effectiveness.
- (10) Standing committees have the authority to make recommendations to Students' Council on matters related to their mandates but not explicitly set out in this bylaw.
- (11) Students' Council has the authority to require recommendations from standing committees on matters related to their mandates but not explicitly set out in this bylaw.

17. Conflict-of-Interest

- (1) No person shall use a Students' Union position that he/she holds to further personal business interests.
- (2) No person may hold a Students' Union position who
 - (a) is party to any contract or agreement with the Students' Union, excepting contracts or agreements directly relating to that person's employment by the Students' Union; or
 - (b) has any interest in a contract or agreement with the Students' Union, excepting contracts or agreements directly relating to that person's employment by the Students' Union.
- (3) (2) does not apply to any person by reason only

- (a) of the receipt of any properly-approved honorarium, commission, or allowance from the Students' Union;
- (b) of being a non-executive member of any registered student group which has any contract or agreement with the Students' Union; or
- (c) of the sale of goods or services to the Students' Union in the ordinary course of business, at competitive prices, and in accordance with Students' Union procedures.
- (4) No member of Students' Council shall vote on a motion relating to a student group or organization of which he/she is a member unless that organization is a faculty association.
- (5) Neither any member of the Students' Union Executive Committee nor the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Union shall apply for a remunerated position with the Students' Union unless the selection of that position is ratified by Students' Council.

18. Nominations to University Bodies

- (1) The four individuals nominated by the Students' Union to the University of Alberta Senate shall be
 - (a) the Students' Union Vice President (External), and
 - (b) three members of the Students' Union selected by Students' Council, after receipt by the latter of a recommendation from the Council Administration Committee.
- (2) The two individuals nominated as ex-officio representatives of the Students' Union to the University of Alberta General Faculties Council shall be
 - (a) the Students' Union Vice President (Academic), and
 - (b) the Students' Union Vice President (Student Life).
- (3) The two individuals nominated by the Students' Union to the University of Alberta Board of Governors shall be
 - (a) the Students' Union President, and
 - (b) the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.
- (4) The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative shall be elected at the same time and in the same fashion as the Students' Union President and Vice Presidents.
- (5) The Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative shall have access to sufficient administrative resources for the discharge of his/her duties.

19. No Force or Effect

Any decision of Students' Council that is in conflict with federal or provincial statute or with the Common Law is of no force or effect.

Bylaw 6000 A Bylaw Respecting the Dedicated Fee Reserves

Definition

1. In this bylaw, "external dedicated fee recipient" means the Alberta Public Interest Research Group, the First Alberta Campus Radio Association, the Gateway Student Journalism Society, or Student Legal Services of Edmonton.

Conditions of Receipt

- 2. (1) In order for an external dedicated fee recipient to receive funds from the Students' Union reserve dedicated to its support, it must
 - (a) include in its bylaws provision for the appointment to its Board of Directors of at least one member of Students' Council elected by Students' Council for that purpose, as a voting or non-voting member;
 - (b) provide to the Students' Union Audit Committee
 - i. a budget illustrating how funds received from the Students' Union reserve will be spent during the coming year,
 - ii. its audited financial statements from the previous fiscal year, and
 - iii. such other information as may be required by the Audit Committee to determine whether it is fulfilling its mandate under this bylaw; and
 - (c) be fulfilling its mandate under this bylaw.
 - (2) No funds shall be disbursed to an external dedicated fee recipient from the Students' Union reserve dedicated to its support until such time as the Students' Union Audit Committee has approved this disbursal.
 - Where an external dedicated fee recipient is in compliance with the conditions set out in (1), the Audit Committee shall approve the disbursal of funds to that external dedicated fee recipient in a timely fashion by August 31 of that fiscal year or within four (4) weeks, whichever is later.

Mandates

3. (1) The mandate of the Alberta Public Interest Research Group is

- (a) to allow undergraduate students to work on public policy issues *through undergraduate directed research, education, and action initiatives;
- (b) to develop, advertise, and implement a procedure by which undergraduate students wishing to have their contributions to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group fund refunded to them may do so; and
- (c) to develop and implement policy on
 - i. granting funds to undergraduate students to allow them to work on public-policy research, education, and action initiatives;
 - ii. an appeals process for undergraduate students pursuant to i.;
 - iii. addressing conflicts-of-interest; and
 - iv. ensuring proper expenditure of funds granted.
- (2) The mandate of the First Alberta Campus Radio Association is to operate an FM radio station that includes a University of Alberta focus.
- (3) The mandate of the Gateway Student Journalism Society is
 - (a) to publish at least fifteen issues of the *Gateway* during each Fall or Winter term;
 - (b) to offer advertising rates discounted by at least ten percent to the Students' Union and registered student groups;
 - (c) to develop, advertise, and implement actions to resolve complaints about the editorial policy of the *Gateway* and its staff; and
 - (d) to devote a portion of any budget surplus to providing scholarships for undergraduate students.
- (4) The mandate of Student Legal Services of Edmonton is to assist undergraduate students not enrolled in Augustana Faculty and members of Edmonton's low-income community with legal issues, free of charge.

The Access Fund

4. (1) Not more than five percent of the funds allocated to the Access Fund in any one year shall be spent on administrative purposes.

- (2) There shall be an Access Fund endowment, consisting of
 - (a) ten percent of the funds allocated to the Access Fund each year; and
 - (b) all revenues generated from the investment of the Access Fund endowment.
- (3) During the first year in which revenues generated from the investment of the Access Fund endowment exceed those Students' Union fees allocated to the Access Fund, Students' Council shall review the existence of the fee dedicated to the Access Fund.
- (4) Every undergraduate student shall have the opportunity to receive a refund of the portion of his/her Students' Union fee dedicated to the Access Fund.
- (5) The portion of the Access Fund that is neither added to the endowment nor spent on administrative purposes shall be disbursed to undergraduate students in the form of needs-based bursaries.

The Student Involvement Endowment Fund

- 5. (1) The Student Involvement Endowment Fund is managed by an Awards Committee consisting of
 - (a) the Vice President (Academic) or designate, as chair;
 - (b) seven undergraduate students selected annually by Students' Council; and
 - (c) a secretary, appointed by the chair, as a non-voting member.
 - (2) The Awards Committee may establish, amend, eliminate, and award awards recognizing student involvement, such awards to be funded by the Student Involvement Endowment Fund and/or external sources, provided that
 - (a) not more than eight and one half percent of the balance of the Student Involvement Endowment Fund is spent in this fashion in any one year;
 - (b) no single award has a value greater than two thousand five hundred dollars;
 - (c) no award is awarded to a member of the Awards Committee;

- (d) no monetary award is awarded to any person who is not an undergraduate student;
- (e) no person receives more than one monetary award in a single year;
- (f) no monetary award is awarded to a salaried employee of the Students' Union; and
- (g) the Awards Committee awards all externally-funded awards delegated to it by the Executive Committee.
- (3) The Awards Committee may establish, amend, eliminate, and award awards recognizing outstanding undergraduate teaching at the University of Alberta.
- (4) The Awards Committee may establish such rules and procedures as may be necessary for the fulfillment of its mandate.
- (5) The Vice President (Academic) shall report all decisions of the Awards Committee to Students' Council.
- (6) Quorum of the Awards Committee is the chair and four additional voting members.

The Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund

- 6. (1) The Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall be distributed to undergraduate students, student groups, and for the purpose of ensuring that programs, equipment, and facilities offered by the University of Alberta's Campus Recreation remain of high quality, diverse, convenient, accessible, and affordable to undergraduate students not enrolled at Augustana Faculty.
 - (2) Funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall not be used for
 - (a) funding projects that are receiving other Students' Union funding;
 - (b) transportation;
 - (c) supplementing University of Alberta staff wages;
 - (d) awards; or
 - (e) volunteer appreciation.

- (3) Not more than one quarter of the funds available in the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund in any one year shall be allocated to any one project or recipient.
- (4) The Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall be allocated on an annual basis and shall not be allocated to commitments extending beyond one year from the time of granting.
- (5) Recipients of funding from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall be required to provide to the Students' Union receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.

The Eugene L. Brody Fund

7. The Eugene L. Brody Fund shall be distributed to federally-registered charitable organizations.

The Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund

- 8. (1) The Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund shall be distributed to University of Alberta varsity athletic teams and the Athletics Department for the purposes of
 - (a) saving and stabilizing varsity athletic teams; and
 - (b) the promotion of varsity athletics.
 - (2) Recipients of funding from the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund shall be required to provide to the Students' Union receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.

The Refugee Student Fund

- 9. (1) The Refugee Student Fund shall be used for the support of four undergraduate refugee students at the University of Alberta selected by the World University Service of Canada Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee and consisting of
 - (a) one refugee student in his/her first year of study;
 - (b) one refugee student in his/her second year of study;
 - (c) one refugee student in his/her third year of study; and
 - (d) one refugee student in his/her fourth year of study.

- (2) Not more than three percent of the funds available in the Refugee Student Fund in any one year shall be used for administrative purposes.
- (3) Sixty-six percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her first year of study.
- (4) Sixteen percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her second year of study.
- (5) Seven percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her third year of study.
- (6) Six percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her fourth year of study.

Grant Allocation Committee

Minutes Tuesday, August 22 2006

Attendance: Chris Samuel, Brittney Bugler, Ryan Payne, Chris Cunningham, Carrie Ye

Guests: Everyone who happened to be locked outside of Council

Absent: John Chandler

Call to Order: 5:41pm

Samuel/Ye moved to amend Standing Orders

Delegation of Granting Authority

20. Currently, no bodies are designated by the Committee as delegates. The Student Groups Granting Committee shall have authority over the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups, as outlined in Appendix A of these standing orders.

(Appendix A attached)

Payne: Any debate?

Carried (unanimous)

Samuel/Ye move to adjourn

Carried (unanimous) 5:50pm

Mandate

A Committee known as the Grant Allocation Committee (hereafter referred to as "the Committee") will exist in order to

- "(a) make grants and implement policy regarding the disbursal of funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, the Refugee Student Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, and the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups;
- (b) grant loans to student groups in amounts not exceeding \$1,500 per student group;
- (c) make grants of not more than \$500 from the Eugene L. Brody Fund; "

in accordance with Bylaw 100 of the University of Alberta Students' Union.

Start-Up

- 1. The first meeting of the Committee shall be coordinated through the Office of the Speaker prior to the first meeting of the Students' Council of the University of Alberta Students' Union (hereafter referred to as "Council").
- 2. The agenda of the first meeting must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Election of a chair;
 - b. Approval of standing orders for the Committee;

Chair

- 3. The Chair of the Committee must be elected from the voting membership of the Committee.
- 4. The Chair may be dismissed at any meeting of the Committee by a majority vote, whereupon the Committee would immediately elect a new Chair.
- 5. In the event that a Chair resigns from the Committee, they vacate their position as Chair.
- 6. The Chair's responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Providing a location for each meeting of the Committee;
 - b. Moderating debates at each meeting of the Committee;
 - c. Responding to questions from Committee members in a timely fashion;
 - d. Assigning duties to members of the Committee, in order for the Committee to fulfill its mandate.
- 7. In the event that the Chair is absent at a meeting of the Committee, the Committee will elect a voting member to serve as interim Chair for the duration of the meeting.

Meetings

- 8. All meetings of the Committee, except for the first meeting, will be
 - a. Co-ordinated by the Chair on an as-needed basis, provided that members are given 72 hours' notice;
 - b. Five voting members of the Committee may call a meeting, provided that members are given at least 72 hours' notice.
 - The Committee may call a meeting, without notice, provided that there is unanimous consent from all voting members of the Committee
- 9. Quorum of the Committee shall be four voting members.

Proxies

- 10. Voting members of the Committee may delegate a proxy to a meeting of the Committee by providing written notice of such to the Chair at least two hours prior to the meeting.
- 11. In order to be eligible to serve as a proxy, an individual must be a voting member of Council.
- 12. An individual may only be designated as a proxy once per meeting of the Committee.
- 13. Elected members of the Committee are unable to be designated as proxies.

Reporting

- 13. The Chair of the Committee shall, within seven days of the conclusion of each meeting of the Committee, submit a report to Council which must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. A list of the voting members in attendance at the meeting;
 - b. A list of any guests present at the meeting, if any;
 - c. A summary of the votes and proceedings of the Committee;
 - d. Changes made to the standing orders of the Committee, if any;

e. Recommendations from the Committee to Council, if any;

Attendance Requirement

14. Voting members of the Committee who are absent, without proxy, from two meetings will automatically be removed from the Committee

Allocation of Funds

- 15. Funds from the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund shall:
 - Be distributed to undergraduate students, student groups, and for the purpose of ensuring that
 programs, equipment, and facilities offered by the University of Alberta's Campus Recreation
 remain of high quality, diverse, convenient, accessible, and affordable to undergraduate students.
 - b. Not be used for
 - i. Funding projects that are receiving other Students' Union funding;
 - ii. Transportation;
 - iii. Supplementing University of Alberta staff wages;
 - iv. Awards;
 - iv. Volunteer appreciation.
 - c. Not be allocated in such a way that more than one quarter of the funds available in the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund is allocated to any one project or recipient.
 - d. Allocated on an annual basis and shall not be allocated to commitments extending beyond one year from the time of granting.
 - Require recipients of funding to provide receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.
- 16. Funds from the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund shall:
 - a. shall be distributed to University of Alberta varsity athletic teams and the Athletics Department for the purposes of saving and stabilizing varsity athletic teams and promotion of varsity athletics
 - b. Require recipients of funding to provide receipts or other proof that the funds granted were used for the purposes for which they were intended.
- 17. Funds from the Refugee Student Fund shall:
 - a. Be used for the support of four undergraduate refugee students at the University of Alberta selected by the World University Service of Canada Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee.
 - b. Not use more than three percent of the available funds for administrative purposes.
 - c. Use the following granting scheme:
 - i. Sixty-six percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to a refugee student in his/her first year of study.
 - ii. Sixteen percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to a refugee student in his/her second year of study.
 - ii. Seven percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her third year of study.
 - iv. Six percent of the Fund's annual revenues shall be disbursed to the refugee student in his/her fourth year of study.
- 18. Funds from the Eugene L. Brody Fund shall:
 - a. Be distributed to federally-registered charitable organizations
- 19. Funds from the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups shall:
 - a. Be distributed to groups registered as Student Groups with the University of Alberta and the Students' Union for the current academic year.
 - b. Not be disbursed to any group having received a student group grant in the current academic year.
 - c. Not be allocated in such a way that a single group receives more than \$1500.00.
 - d. Not be used to fund grants where more the grant itself comprises more than 50% of the total Event or Conference expenses.

Delegation of Granting Authority

20. The Student Groups Granting Committee shall have authority over the portion of the Students' Union operating budget designated for grants to Student Groups, as outlined in Appendix A of these standing orders.

Appendix A

Student Groups Granting Committee:

The committee will be made of the following individuals:

<u>Director</u>, Student Group Services - Chair, non-voting

Associate Director, Student Group Services - voting

3 Student Group Executive Members – voting

3 Students-at-large - voting

The procedure for Granting Sessions will be as follows:

- 1. Applications will be due at least a week before the session.
- 2. Packages will be photocopied for all members and made available to them before the meeting.
- 3. Quorum for a Granting Session will be 5 voting members of the committee.
- 4. In the case that a student group executive member or student-at-large is in conflict, they will be asked to leave the room during the debate for that particular club. Conflict of interest arises when an individual is a member of the club applying for a grant, or the individual believes that they are unable to make an objective decision, based on past experience with the club or otherwise.
- 5. The meetings will be held every second month. At the meetings, the committee will be provided with the policy for Student Group Grants as well as a complete set of the applications. The applications will be reviewed individually and a decision will be made. There will be no representation from the groups applying.
- 6. In order to pass a decision, a 2/3 majority must be in favor of the motion.
- 7. Groups will be notified of the decision of the committee, as well as the reasoning behind the decision via a mailed out letter and email

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28 August 2006

Chris Cunningham
Vice President Operations and Finance
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Edmonton, AB T6G 2J7

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

It has come to my attention that the Students' Union has profited from the sale of tobacco products after 1 May 2006. As you are no doubt aware, the Students' Union was not permitted to sell tobacco products after this date. I find it somewhat disappointing that my Students' Union chose to ignore the budget passed by its elected representatives.

As the former science councillor who sponsored the budget amendment to ensure that tobacco products would no longer be sold, I would traditionally send off a draconian complaint to DIE Board pointing out the contravention of numerous bits of legislation. Instead, I want to propose a simple and straightforward alternative.

I am requesting that the Students' Union donate the *gross revenues* from the sale of tobacco products on or after 1 May 2006 to the AADAC Memorial Trust Fund. I have enclosed a copy of the AADAC Donor Request Form.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me by email at steve.kirkham@ualberta.ca or by phone at 492-8345. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Kirkham

CC: Executive Committee Students' Council

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday August 22, 2006 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2006-09)

2006-09/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2006-09/1a Trim File SC09-01 Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on

September 12, 2006.

CHAPMAN/LE MOVED TO amend the order paper by striking items 6A and 6B.

Speaker's List (am): Chapman, Matheson

Amendment to the Order Paper: CARRIED

2006-09/2 PRESENTATIONS

2006-09/2a Trim File SC09-02 Bylaw Committee presents on the Elections Bylaw.

2006-09/6C Trim File SC09-03 HENRY/YUSUF MOVED THAT Students' Council appoint one (1) members to

the Awards Committee Selection Committee.

Yusuf nominates himself, then withdraws. Samuel nominates himself, then withdraws Councillor nominates Payne; Payne accepts

Lewis nominates Janz; Janz declines

Councillor Payne acclaimed to the Awards Committee Selection Committee.

LEWIS/PAYNE MOVED TO amend the Order Paper by striking item 6D.

Speaker's List (am): Lewis

Amendment to the Order Paper: CARRIED

2006-09/4 Trim File SC09-04 **QUESTION PERIOD**

2006-09/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

2006-09/5a (i) Trim File SC09-05 CHAPMAN/ERUVS MOVED THAT Students' Council read Bill #10 a first time.

Bill #10 – Audit Committee Reformation (sponsor; CHAPMAN)

Principles (first reading)

Changes to Bylaw 100:

Bylaw 100 will be amended as such that the mandate of the Audit Committee shall be struck and replaced with the following principals

- 1. The Audit Committee:
 - (a) Shall review for compliance funding agreements and contracts between the SU and any DFU or Faculty Association;
 - (b) Shall monitor the use of all Faculty Association Membership Fees and Faculty Membership Fees;
 - (c) Shall monitor the use by AUFSJ the funds allocated to it by the Students' Union;
 - (d) Shall withhold disbursements of funding to a DFU or Faculty Association that the Audit Committee has determined is not in material compliance with a funding agreement, Bylaw or contract, with regards to present or past disbursements of funding to that DFU or Faculty Association, provided that
 - i. A withholding decision shall be reviewed by the Audit Committee upon application by the DFU or Faculty Association;
 - ii. An appeal lies to DIE Board of any withholding decision.
 - (e) Upon finding that the Students' Union is in breach of a contract, shall, in no particular order:
 - i. Inform Council and indicate to Council a proposed course of action to remedy or mitigate the breach;
 - ii. Inform and question the Executive Committee, as soon as reasonably prudent, concerning the circumstances of the breach, its causes, and the actions being taken by the Executive to remedy or mitigate the breach.
 - (f) Shall monitor the Grant Allocation Committee's allocation of the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund, the Eugene L. Brody Fund, the Golden Bear and Panda Legacy Fund, and the Refugee Student Fund;
 - (g) Shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursement of funds for DFUs not listed in section (g), no later than August 31 of each year or within 4 weeks of their submission of documents required in Bylaw 6000(1), whichever is later;
 - (h) Shall annually select the Students' Union auditor and oversee the Students' Union's external audit;
 - (i) Shall review the Students' Union's audited financial statements in advance of their presentation to Students' Council;
 - (j) Shall review all alterations made to the Students' Union's budget for the purpose of verifying compliance with Students' Union legislation;
 - (k) Shall review, for appropriateness and compliance with the Students' Union's budget, the transactions of the Students' Union organizational units;
 - (l) Shall review all expenditures made on Students' Union credit cards;
 - (m) Shall investigate any inappropriate transactions or significant variances against the Students' Union's budget;
 - (n) Has the authority to require to appear before it, in a reasonable period of time, any Students' Union employee(s) and/or member(s) of the Executive Committee;

Changes to Bylaw 6000

- 2. In addition to the provisions in Bylaw 6000(2), the DFU must provide the Audit Committee with:
 - (a) Copies of any contracts with the Students' Union
 - (b) Evidence of compliance with all contracts with the Students' Union
 - (c) Evidence that they are fulfilling their mandate as described in Bylaw

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Speaker's List (mm): Chapman, Kehoe, Ye

CHAPMAN/ERUVS MOVED TO amend the main motion by replacing section "d" with "The Audit Committee shall monitor DFU's and Faculty Associations for material compliance with funding agreements, Bylaws and contracts. If a breach of a funding agreement or contract is found the Audit Committee will make recommendations to Council. If there are Bylaw violations, the Audit Committee will take the matter to D.I.E. Board".

Speaker's List (am): Chapman, Ye, Henry

Amendment to the Main Motion: DEFEATED

YUSUF/HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council refer the motion to the Audit Committee.

Speaker's List (ref): Yusuf, Chapman, Ye

Motion to Refer: CARRIED

2006-09/5b (i) Trim File SC09-06

MATHESON/HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council read Bill #1 a second time,

Bill #1 - Council Remuneration (sponsor; CHAPMAN)

Principle (second reading)

1. That the bylaws be amended to include Council Remuneration as currently set forth in Standing Orders of Council.

Speaker's List (mm): Matheson

Main Motion: CARRIED

2006-09/5b (ii) Trim File SC 09-07

MATHESON/HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council read Bill #2 a second time.

Bill #2 – UPC Mandate (sponsor; KEHOE)

Principle (second reading)

1. Section 16, subsection 9, part A (ii) and (iii) are repealed from Bylaw 100.

Speaker's List (mm): Matheson

Main Motion: CARRIED

2006-09/5b (iii) Trim File SC 09-08

MATHESON/HENRY MOVED THAT Students' Council read Bill #3 a second time.

Bill #3 – Audit Committee Mandate (sponsor; CHAPMAN)

Principle (second reading)

 Bylaw 100 s. 16(2)(j) shall be struck and be replaced with the following principal:

The Audit Committee shall review the proposed uses and make a decision on the disbursal of the CJSRFM88 Fund, the Student Legal Services of Edmonton Fund, the Alberta Public Interest Research Group Fund, and the Gateway Student Journalism Fund within 4 weeks of the DFU's compliance with Bylaw 6000 s. 2 with a deadline no earlier than August 31

Speaker's List (mm): Matheson

SAMUEL/BUGLER MOVED TO table the motion.

Motion to Table: CARRIED

LEWIS/PAYNE MOVED TO adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Attendance (2006-09):

President VP Academic VP External VP Operations & Finance (& Executive VP) VP Student Life Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep	Samantha Power Amanda Henry David Cournoyer Chris Cunningham Omer Yusuf Chris Samuel		Y Y Y Y Y
Faculty Representation (42 voting seats) Argic/Forest/HomeEc Argic/Forest/HomeEc Arts Arts Arts Arts Arts Arts Arts	vacant vacant Chandler, John Janz, Michael Lewis, Cam Richardson, Brock Schneider, Tim Sumar, Al-Amyn	Kustra, Bryce	N Y Y N DS N
Arts Arts Arts Augustana (Faculty) Business Business Business Education	vacant vacant vacant vacant Payne, Ryan Cook, Michael Gamble, Eamonn Semenuk, Harold		Y Y N
Education Education Education Engineering Engineering Engineering Engineering Engineering Law Medicine & Oral Health Sciences Native Studies Nursing	vacant vacant vacant vacant vacant Eruvbetine, Prem Kirvan, Paul Mathewson, Kory Nearingburg, Ben Tieman Jonathan Ye, Carrie vacant	Peterson, Avis Hansen, Rebecca Hill, Dan	Y Y Y Y N Y

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Nursing	vacant			
Open Studies	vacant			
Pharmacy	vacant			
Physical Education	Gray, Darren		Υ	
Rehab Medicine	vacant			
Saint-Jean (Faculty)	Bugler, Brittney		Υ	
Science	Chapman, Theresa		Υ	
Science	German, Greg		N	
Science	Hussein, Bayan	Hussein, Nassrein	Υ	
Science	Kehoe, Justin		Υ	
Science	Le, Christopher	Jablonski, Amissa	1/2	
Science	Shamanna, Sylvia		Υ	
Science	Singh, Alamjit	Singh, Jagjit	Υ	
Science	Trayner, Brendan	Leitch, Brandon	Υ	
Ex-Officio Members (2 non-voting seats)				
Speaker	Morris, Jason		N	
General Manager	Smith, Bill		N	

Amanda Henry, Vice President (Academic) Report to Students' Council

September 7th, 2006

Updates

- **1. COFA-** The Council of Faculty Associations had a retreat on August 26th. It went very well. Rumour has it there may have been advocacy involved.
- **2. SMART Classroom Access for Student Groups** This is ticking along. Frantically. For those of you who care about more specifics…
 - 5 Student Groups will be/have been (depends on when you're reading this and what happens at our selection meeting) selected to participate in a pilot project, pending paperwork & training (yes, I said training. You didn't think it would be all fun and games, did you?). Others have the potential opportunity to participate if they have special events that qualify...
 - The groups participating WILL NOT¹ have to pay the hourly rate for a technician's presence that is normally charged. They WILL² have to pay \$45/hour to rent the actual equipment. And before you ask, I am still working on that. Also, if you don't know what any of that means, you probably didn't need to read the specifics part.
- 3. Committees! Now you get to find out why no one ever cares to figure out what the VP Academic does. Committees are boring on paper, but I get to inflict my charming self on people so, in actual fact, they're interesting and fun!

 Anyway... The GFC system kicked off and September showed up at the same time (weird, eh?), which means that ARG (that's Academic Relations Group. Sheesh) and the GFC Student Caucus (as well as standing committee members bet you didn't know they were different things...) will both be commencing their meeting schedules in the near future. Stay tuned for hijinx and 'schemes.' I love using brackets to create nearly incomprehensible run-on sentences. I'm sure they're all kinds of fun to read when you only have a vague idea of what I'm talking about in the first place. I suppose I should try to be more concise... meh.
- **4. WOW, or something like it (and Orientation...)** Ask Omer. I'm not the fun VP.

Stuff you Expect to See

Meetings!

• The entire executive had meetings with the Augustana Students' Association and the University Vice-Provost Information and Technology. You'll be interested to know³ that the Telus Centre is converting into academic/e-learning space this year, with the transformation to be complete by this time in 2007 and that we talked to Augustana about Councilor access. More to come pending the results of the byelection later this month to see if we actually get to have an Augustana Councilor.

¹ I used caps lock to make this clear. Twice (wait for it, the second one is coming). Bet it doesn't help...

² Told you so.

³ Who am I kidding? None of this stuff actually *interests* anyone. Well, except maybe me. And maybe the rest of the exec. And maybe the University. Oh, and definitely the trees that die to make this information dissemination possible.

- VP Research Search Committee restarted its meeting schedule on Thursday.
 Verrry interesting.
- Teaching Parties and Money The University launched an \$800,000 Teaching and Learning Fund and held their annual Celebration of Teaching and Learning last week. I attended both occasions, and both were excellent.
- Confusion about Beartracks and Physics Classes??? As some of you may have heard, there were some classes scheduled for the Physics building and an apparently Beartracks outage on Labour Day. The Physics classes were rescheduled (as far as I know... if you know something different, please advise people to not attend class in the building being demolished and let me know. That'd be peachy). As for Beartracks... I'll let you know when I know.
- VPAP/ASCSOS I had a meeting with the Vice-Provost Academic Programs and the first GFC subcommittee meeting of the new term. Both were very informative.
- STLHE Planning The planning committee for the Society on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference started meeting in the last week of August. Stay tuned... volunteers will be required.

More Stuff You Expect to See

Upcoming Engagements

- GFC, GFC, GFC In the next two weeks, Exec, FDC, APC (as a proxy) and lunch. I all have a meeting with the Provost to discuss GFC-like things and other sundries.
- Lunch with the Service Directors that's right. Lunch. We're going to use food to fuel our SU schemes.
- Review of the VP Facilities & Operations The University VP in charge of all things operating and facilitating has an all-day performance review coming up. Our VP Money Bags (come on, you should be able to guess that) and our VP Committee Wonk (see point "GFC, GFC, GFC, above" will be attending. Hopefully there will be punch served.
- WTF –The Writing Task Force (what were you thinking anyway) is reconvening this year. The AVPA will be attending.

Something You Don't Expect to See

FA Bylaws/Fee Update – A miracle, isn't it. Too bad I don't have anything to report! Well, there is something: work continues (sorry to get you all pysched up there, but I couldn't resist).

Class! - That's right, I'll be attending one. Eventually...

[I know, I know. Numbers, then bullets, then block spacing. I like grammar, not formatting.]