# STUDENTS' COUNCIL LATE ADDITIONS

# Tuesday, August 19, 2008 Council Chambers 2-1 University Hall

### LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2008-09)

2008-09/3	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT		
2008-09/3b	Oral report from VP Academic, John Braga		
2008-09/5	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS		
2008-09/5a	Tribune Selection Committee- Report		
	Please see document LA 08-09.01		
2008-09/5b	Council Administration Committee- Report		
	Please see document LA 08-09.02		
2008-09/50	University Policy Committee-Report		
	Please see document LA 08-09.03		
2008-09/6	GENERAL ORDERS		
2008-09/6a	<b>BRAGA MOVES THAT</b> Students' Council appoint Vanessa Jackson, Gabriel Joshee-Arnal, Victoria Poeschadel and Sana Vahidy to the Awards Committee.		
2008-09/6b	MORIN/DOLLANSKY MOVES THAT Students' Council ratify the appointment of Jason Morris as Chief Tribune, Dane Bullerwell as Associate Chief Tribune, Paul Chiswell as Associate Chief Tribune to the D.I.E Board effective immediately.		
2008-09/7	INFORMATION ITEMS		
2008-09/7e	Guillaume Laroche resigns as the Chief Tribune of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board		
	Please see document LA 08-09.04		
2008-09/7f	Bearscat presentation		
	Please see document LA 08-09.05		

#### University of Alberta Students' Union

# Report to Students' Council

2008-08-19

#### **Tribune Selection Committee**

The tribune selection committee would like to respectfully submit the following names for ratification by Students' Council:

Jason Morris - as Chief Tribune

Dane Bullerwell – as Associate Chief

Paul Chiswell - Associate Chief Tribune

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#### **Council Administration Committee**

Hello Council,

CAC had a spirited meeting as always last Tuesday. For our meeting on Tuesday we will be discussing the Council Scholarship (see below), the Executive Pay Review findings (if they come in on time), beginning our election laundry list of things to do, and discussing a September Council Retreat. If any, or all, of these topics interest you please come to 6-06 SUB on Tuesday to have some spirited discussion. Also Online voting should have some recommendations from the VP OPS/FI, just in case we need to change our bylaws before the September Council Election.

Do you want a \$750 Scholarship? Do you want more students running joke candidates in our election? Do you want Facebook and Twitter to become tools for candidates? All of these questions and more will be discussed Tuesday night. Please be there.

Here is the rough text that we will be putting into our standing orders at CAC on Tuesday night. If you have any questions or comments about it please ask me during the meeting or ask one of the other CAC members as I will be serving as speaker and do not want to be seen as interfering in debate.

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#### Council Scholarship

- 35. There will be a council scholarship awarded at the last council meeting of the Summer, Fall, and Winter terms to recognize those councillors who go above and beyond in their call of duty. There will be two awards of \$750, for the nominated councilors who are ranked first and second by students council in the preferential ballot system.
- 36. The Criteria for the award is:
  - a. Excellent attendance,
  - b. Are active on committees,
- c. Ambassador of Students' Council in the campus community and attempts to further empower students

- d. Represents their constituents opinions and concerns in Students' Council matters.
- 37. Councillors must be nominated by a fellow voting member of council with two (or more) supporting signatures from council members. Nominators must submit a brief no more than one page, justification why the councilor deserves to be nominated. The Speaker, General Manager, and Executive are not eligible for this scholarship. Councillors may nominate as many other councillors throughout the year. Councillors may be nominated and win the award multiple times.
- 38. Nominations must be presented to the speaker by the end of the second last Students' Council meeting of the year. The selection will take place at the last council meeting of the term. After the application deadline, the Speaker will collect all of the nominees and present the names and a copy of the nomination pages to council. The council members will have time to read the nomination forms, but there will be no debate. Council as a whole will vote anonymously by preferential ballot which member should be the councilor of the year. After the votes are collected, the councilors with the first and second highest amount of votes then receive the scholarship.
- 39. All councillors nominated will receive a certificate from the Students' Union as well as a copy of the submitted nomination form. These will also be made available on the council page of the website.

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# University of Alberta Students' Union Report to Council

2008-2009/UPC/02

#### Hello Council:

University Policy Committee has met 6 times this summer. We have established our goals to be: looking at all the expiring policies and revaluate where we are at with them and we would like to evaluate the numbering scheme to help VP Braga's head not explode, we would like to investigate safety issues within campus and political policies that go along with that, we would like to see continued VPA and VPSL collaboration with UPC in addition to collaborating with EPC to organize, catalogue and standardize political policies, and last but not least we would like to explore the environmental sustainability goal and further look into it to strengthen it if possible.

We've also heard VP (Academic) Braga and VP (Student Life) Flath both explain their implementation plans to the committee, in camera. In addition to this we've gotten numerous reports from the two vice-presidents on what they're doing in their day-to-day work live, for more information please see our on-line minutes.

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to ask, in council or to send me an email at <a href="mailto:natalie.cloutier@ualberta.ca">natalie.cloutier@ualberta.ca</a> Have a good council!

Cheers!

Natalie Cloutier

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August 19, 2008

Michael Janz, Acting Speaker Students' Council The Students' Union, University of Alberta

Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is with some regret that I inform you, and by extension, Students' Council, of my immediate resignation as the Chief Tribune of the Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board of The Students' Union, The University of Alberta. Membership in the D.I.E. Board has been a defining experience of the time I have spent at the University of Alberta. I thank Students' Council for the confidence they invested in me during my tenure as a member of the D.I.E. Board, first as a Tribune four years ago and then as Chief Tribune two years ago. It has always been a distinct pleasure and honour serving the undergraduate students of the University of Alberta.

Sincerely,

Guillaume Laroche Chief Tribune, Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board October 2006 - August 2008

# The Future of Bear Scat

Presented by: John Braga (SUVP Academic) and Steve Kirkham (Bearscat Creator)

# Bear Scat Political Policy

- Usability
- Graphic Interface
- WaitlistNotification

- AIS & RO
- Students at Large

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

Policy Number: 02 Effective Date: Page 1 of 1
Expiration Date: April 30, 2010

Responsibility for Policy: University Policy Committee

Subject Matter - Category: POLITICAL POLICY (GENERAL)
- Specific: Bear Scat Policy
- Topic:

WHEREAS the majority of undergraduate students at the University of Alberta are required to register for courses through the online University of Alberta registration system;

AND WHEREAS course registration is an aspect of student life that must be a clear and efficient process;

AND WHEREAS students have found Bear Tracks, the official registration system of the University of Alberta, to be insufficient since its implementation;

AND WHEREAS Bear Scat, a registration facilitator service provided by the Students' Union, provides a large number of students with the functionality they require in a registration system such as a graphic interface and a waitlist notification system;

AND WHEREAS operating Bear Scat – a service for students – requires modest, but necessary, operational costs;

AND WHEREAS the University of Alberta has, in the past, indicated a willingness to provide support for Bear Scat;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Students' Union will lobby the University to alter Bear Tracks so that it will have features including, but not limited to, a graphic interface and a waitlist notification system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, until Bear Tracks includes the above features and attains a level of functionality comparable to that of Bear Scat, the Students' Union will continue to advocate for support of Bear Scat.

Policy History: Reference/Vote Created 2007-04/6b

2007-05/5a(i) Amend 2007-10/6c UPC Amend 2007-11/5b(ii)

Board/Committee

UPC

Date of Council Approval June 12 '07 1st reading

June 12 '07 1" reading
June 26, '07 2"d reading
September 11 '07 1" reading
September 18 '07 2"d reading

# Our Options

- Plan A: The best case scenario is that on November 17th the Bear Tracks Upgrade will satisfy the usability that students have been seeking. This will allow Bear Scat to fade gracefully into history.
- Plan B: If the Bear Tracks Upgrade falls significantly behind schedule, such that the usability and specific elements are not in place for November 17th, we must make Bear Scat compatible with Bear Tracks and maintain it until Bear Tracks does incorporate these elements.

# Bear Scat Timeline

- The following deadlines have been identified or agreed upon by both the Students' Union and Steve Kirkham:
- September 30th The final decision as to the fate of Bear Scat must be made.
- October 17th If Bear Scat will be retained, work on making it compatible with Bear Tracks must begin by this date. Funding for Bear Scat must be secured at this time.
- October 31st The current Memorandum of Understanding expires. If Bear Scat is retained a new Memorandum of Understanding must be in place by this date. If Bear Scat is not retained a joint press release from Steve Kirkham and the Students' Union will be submitted to the Gateway, the SU Website and the Bear Scat Website explaining the decision to students.
- November 17th The day which the Bear Tracks Upgrade goes live and is judged by the court of popular opinion.

# Full Disclosure

- John Braga (SUVP Academic) will be on holidays in Washington, DC from Friday, November 14th to Saturday, November 22nd. Yes am actually leaving the country.
- As indicated everything should be under control prior to November 17th. Janelle Morin (PotSU) will be the official spokesperson for the Students' Union regarding the Bear Tracks upgrade and our decisions surrounding Bear Scat during my holiday.

Questions?

Ex Camera or In Camera

Gateway, AIS and RO