

## Tuesday, June 4, 2019 6:00PM Council Chambers, University Hall

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

### ORDER PAPER (SC-2019-03)

- 2019-03/I SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2019-03/1a Announcements The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday**, June 18, 2019 at 6:00PM in Council Chambers.
- 2019-03/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2019-03/2a Title: 'UASU Elections'

### Presenters:

• Jimmy Thibaudeau

**BHATNAGAR MOVES** to allow a presentation about the UASU elections. Abstract: The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) of the UASU would like to get some thoughts and feedback from Students' Council regarding the election season.

See SC-2019-03.10.

- 2019-03/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2019-03/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2019-03/5 OPEN FORUM
- 2019-03/6 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2019-03/6a **President BHATNAGAR** to **Councillor FELIPE**:

"With political policies guiding the decisions, advocacy, and helping guide the work of the Students' Union Executive Committee, they are an imperative part of our governance structure. I am looking forward to the year ahead, and can't wait to see the work Policy Committee does! My questions to the Chair of the Policy Committee is (1) What political policies are up for renewal this year? (2) Is there a plan to create any new political policies this year? If so, could you touch on the themes?"

## Councillor FELIPE to President BHATNAGAR:

"Thank you for your question President Bhatnagar. Here are the policies are up for renewal, as well as their respective Team Leads :

- Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees Headed by Councillor Tse
- Public Transit; Led by VP Brown
- Scholarships & Bursaries; Led by VP Agarwal
- Sexual Violence; Led by VP Larsen
- Student Spaces; Led by Councillor Sayed
- Tuition: Led by VP Brown

We have a policy that was completed last term, but was unable to be passed, given that the term lapsed. The Reconciliation Policy was going to be up for renewal, but it will be absorbed into the Indigenous Students policy, a new policy that both ARRC and Policy Committee will review. Both First and Second readings were completed, but we will affirm that it's done by going over it. If it passes in ARRC and Policy, it will be ready to come to Council for June 18!

As for upcoming policy, we're planning on bringing forward some exciting new policy. That being said, our goal at the moment is policy renewal as opposed to new policy. We want to be able to focus on that first, which means you won't start seeing new policy until the Fall.

We are hoping to start bringing policy up for renewal by the end of the Summer, if not sooner. That being said, here are some overlying themes the committee has identified and discussed, in no particular order.

- SU-related policy, for example Voluntary Student Unionism and Free Speech
- Specific group advocacy policy, for example Students who Parent

- Student experiences policy, for example policy related to work experience worker advocacy and student advising standards

- ARRC recommendations policies, going through recs and identifying where we can start working and create long-term plans for future policy creation

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list, but it identifies conversations we've had. If anyone on council would like to see a policy implemented, please don't hesitate to contact me in person or at vargasal@ualberta.ca. Moreover, First Principles (statements of facts, what we must vote through before voting on Second Principles — resolutions) can be brought about by anyone on council, or any committees, without being brought forward to Policy first. I would look favorably on First Principles brought forward by Committees (especially one like the Ad Hoc Committee for Sustainability) or Councillors. If you would like to do so, you may also contact me to synchronize language and expectations around it. This should be it for now! As a reminder, your councillors on policy committee are: Councillors Isaac, Sayed, Kidd, Tse, and Marinakis. Three ex-officio executives also sit on the committee: VPs Brown, Larsen, and Agarwal

Thanks!"

- 2019-03/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2019-03/8 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2019-03/8a BHATNAGAR MOVES to discuss social media engagement.
- 2019-03/9b **BHATNAGAR MOVES** to create a Students' Union Building (SUB) Capital Plan Task Force.
- 2019-03/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2019-03/9a President Report.

See SC-2019-03.01.

2019-03/9b Vice-President (Academic) - Report.

See SC-2019-03.02.

2019-03/9c Vice-President (External) - Report.

See SC-2019-03.03.

2019-03/9d Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

See SC-2019-03.04.

2019-03/9e Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.

See SC-2019-03.05.

2019-03/9f Students' Council Attendance.

See SC-2019-03.06.

2019-03/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-03.07.

2019-03/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-03.08.

- 2019-03/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-02) Tuesday, May 21, 2019. See SC-2019-03.09.
- 2019-03/9j 'UASU Elections' Presentation.

See SC-2019-03.10.



OFFICE OF THE President

Date: May 29 2019 To: Students' Union Council Re: President 2019/20 Report #3

Dear Council,

I am writing in Gatineau from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Foundations Conference. So far, this conference has been fantastic. I can't wait to share my experiences, but the highlights include doing a cultural competency training, a blanket exercise, advocacy training, seeing data from an Abacus Survey CASA put out, and spending time with student leaders from coast to coast.

## **1. Executive Committee**

- The team was travelling all across the WORLD doing some fantastic work for the UASU.
- VP Agarwal was one of a few students at the World Universities Network in Dublin!
- VP Statt and Larsen were attending the Annual General Stakeholder Meeting with Student Care in Montreal.
- VP Brown, our External Advocacy Advisor Robert Nelson and I were in Ottawa for CASA and VP Brown was elected as Chair again! He is the first two-timer Chair, and it was a proud moment casting my vote for him as the primary delegate for CASA.



## 2. Internal University

## - Board of Governors

## - Special Meeting of BoG

- I called into this meeting from Ottawa, highlights include:
- Management's Annual Audited Financial Statements (Draft) and we reviewed Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis (Draft).
- As of December 2018 the deferred maintenance liability stood at \$311 million and is estimated to increase to approximately \$888 million over the next five years. This is where the \$1 Billion dollar comes from.
- They collected ~\$12 million more tuition in 2019 than budgeted for, and overall had a \$22 million dollar surplus.
- Board Finance Property Committee (BFPC)
  - Both the GSA President and I phoned into this meeting as well. Here are some highlights:



- Maskwa House remains an institutional priority, though the U of A recognizes that it does not align with current government capital funding priorities. A feasibility study has been completed, indicating potential donor support of \$10 million for programming if capital funding is secured.
- Approved the International Student Tuition Model
- BFPC will now have authority to approve residence rental increases up to 5%, and meal plan increases up to CPI+1%, 'effective upon BoG approval. These will not be voted on at BOG anymore.
- General Faculties Council (GFC)
  - I did have to miss GFC because I was at CASA, however VP Agarwal held the fort down. Discussions regarding freedom of expression, the clean air strategy and the integrated asset management were paramount.

## 3. External Advocacy

- Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)
  - As I've mentioned, VP Brown and I were at the CASA Foundations Conference.
- Council of University of Alberta Students (CAUS)
  - All of CAUS is at CASA, but we did briefly talk about timelines regarding a response to the letter that ARRC sent CAUS a few months back. Response should be coming soon.

## 4. Internal Students' Union

- We have our Mid-Year Managers Meeting. At this meeting, our staff are going to participating in a blanket exercise, our GM is going to give his State of the Union, and the Executive will present a version of their goals.

## 5. External Community

- I will be representing the Board of Governors at the Convocation for Business on June 6th. I am presenting the honorary degree to Caroline Anne Jenner.

Thank you for reading my long report and I look forward to any questions you may have either via email, or during question period. My office hours this semester will be by appointment, so please feel free to send me an email.

Cheers,

Kanksha

University of Alberta Students' Union President **Akanksha Bhatnagar** 



OFFICE OF THE Vice President Academic

Date: 05/30/2019 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice President Academic 2019/20 Report #3

Dear Council,

I am back from the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) Conference in Dublin where there were some important sessions and discussions had. There were university presidents and representatives from approximately 20 major research intensive universities from across the globe, and this year for the first time - student representatives. It was an incredible opportunity to collaborate with other institutions, and student associations and discuss some of the major issues common to us all. There were sessions on tuition, undergraduate research, liberal education, mental health and others. It was quite interesting to notice overall how great of an institution the University of Alberta is, and how we as a Students' Union do an incredible job - though there are still many areas that need work. As the week ended - we as the WUN student delegates worked on a document which is still in the making - that will be presented to the presidents of all the universities, with the intention of actualizing change on campuses.



I was able to attend Edmonton's Economic Future conference on Monday, where I was the only student representative among some influential business owners, city councillors and others. I was able to press into the importance of Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for students at postsecondary institutions, as a priority. This will hopefully influence some of the work that the government is doing - and I know Vice President Brown is working on this topic as well. This was also discussed at GFC on Monday. The proposed international strategic plan was discussed and I am excited to see that work-integrated learning is specifically addressed for



international students. We already know that international students have a higher-than-average desire for work-integrated learning, but far lower-than-average access to opportunities and participation rates - so it is great that this is a priority.

The free expression working group met to discuss timelines, consultation pathways as well as how we aim to proceed over the next months. As you may be aware, the new government may be mandating mandatory free expression policies for all post secondary institutions, and the University of Alberta is hoping to work on this preemptively instead of doing so by force. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this important issue - as such policies and statements are inevitable and will happen.

We are planning a research event for one or two days - so if you are interested in the importance of undergraduate research, and willing to be part of a brainstorming discussion session in the next few weeks, please let me know. I have already received interested from some Councillors.

I'm always willing to meet up for coffee or to chat with yall - just send me an email and I'd be more than happy to grind that grain.

Other than that - I am away this weekend for a wedding in Oklahoma which I am excited for.

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Academic **Joel Agarwal** 



OFFICE OF THE Vice-President (External)

Date: 30/05/2019 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice-President External 2019/20 Report #3

Greetings Council,

I am writing this in my Ottawa hotel room just hours after receiving some fantastic news that I will cover below. It has been a great and productive time here so far at our federal advocacy conference, but I am looking forward to a quiet weekend!

1. **CASA Foundations**: For the last few days, President Bhatnagar, EAA Nelson and I have been representing UASU at the Foundations 2019 conference of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). This conference is where all the new delegates meet and begin to brainstorm and plan our priorities for the year. **I am extremely honoured to announce that I have been re-elected as Chair of the CASA Board of Directors, the first time there has been a 2-time Chair in the organization's history.** Being Chair of the Board means that I am the official spokesperson of the organization to the federal government, media and other stakeholders, and represent our 270,000 (360,000 including Quebec) students. It is an incredible honour to have our national membership put their faith and trust in me to lead what is a great Board of Directors for the upcoming year. In addition to that, we have taken part in Cultural Competency training, a KAIROS Blanket Exercise (the 6th one I have participated in), and have interacted with stakeholders such as Elections Canada, Abacus Data, and a political panel. A big priority for the organization until the end of October will be our Get Out the Vote campaign for the federal election, so I am very excited to focus on this and help transition in our new Board (featured in this picture below)!



2. **F+O Meet & Greet:** The Executive sat down with the University's Facilities and Operations management team to discuss their various portfolios and explore areas of collaboration. We



continued to find similarities in the need for increased government investment in deferred maintenance, specially in student-centric spaces.

3. **Alumni Council BBQ:** President Bhatnagar and I attended the Alumni Council year-end BBQ on May 23rd at the Faculty Club. The event honoured exiting Council members, and they also welcomed in their new President. I look forward to sitting down with her to discuss areas of collaboration!

4. **Coming up:** On June 4th I will be attending the USchool Graduation with other University Senators. For those who don't know, USchool is a Senate program that invites grade school students to explore the University, aiming to get them interested in pursuing post-secondary education in the future. Also, from June 11-13 I will be back in Ottawa for the CASA Board retreat, which promises to be a productive time helping the new Board members settle into their roles and begin planning for the year with our amazing staff.

5. **Personal Announcements / Things to Note**: A heads up, I will be on vacation from June 17-21 and will be unable to respond to emails or messages relating to work. Also, I hope you're all watching the Toronto Raptors kick butt in the NBA finals! #GoRapsGo #WeTheNorth

I've seen the pictures of the smoke in Edmonton while I've been in Ottawa, but it's so humid here that I still look forward to going home to dry Alberta air.

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President (External) Adam Brown



OFFICE OF THE Vice President Operations & Finance

Date: June 2, 2019To: Students' Union CouncilRe: Vice President Operations & Finance Report # 3

Dear Council,

This report is going to be a bit simpler as Vice President Larson and I left for about a week, but there are still a few bits of news you may be interested to hear. A lot of my work since I've gone back has just been catching up on emails, but I'm hoping that ill is back into the swing of things by the time this week's Council session comes around.

## The Executive Compensation Package

After some deliberation around better defining the childcare supports laid out in the executive compensation package, Finance committee and I will be bringing the proposal to Council this week. Look forward to hearing all of your opinions on the project after its past review by ECRC and now Finance Committee!

## Early planning for a NEW SERC!

After a great discussion in Council a couple of weeks ago, we decided to pursue a committee which will be creating a new mandate and goals for a future sustainability committee. It was great to see Council get so engaged and excited with the idea and I look forward to working alongside the team! While the committee is still deciding on its first meeting as I have been for the last week or so, I'm excited to see what comes out of these discussions.

## **Committee Meetings of Note**

## <u>ARRC</u>

I sat in on my first ARRC comittee of the year, and I'm looking forward to developing some of the ideas that were brought forward at the meeting. The comittee had a few questions for the Exec team, which I plan to bring forward at our next executive comittee meeting.

## The Trip to Montreal

Vice President Larsen and I had a great conference in Montreal for Student Care where we learnt more about the health and dental plan, communication plans for next year, and new ways they are looking to meet student needs going into the future. After the conference Vice President Larsen and I spent a couple of extra days exploring Montreal and even went to Montreal's very own Cirque de Soleil- that was a stellar experience. Besides that, I think I've eaten enough poutine to last me a lifetime.

If you ever want to swing by and talk, my office hours this month will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm-4pm or by request!



## OFFICE OF THE Vice President Operations & Finance



Cheers,

John for

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Operations & Finance



Date: 04/06/2019 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice-President Student Life 2019/20 Report # 3

## Dear Council,

I hope you all had a great last 2 weeks, it's been nice getting to know everyone more through the various committees we share! Since we last met, things have been ramping up in the office with lots of planning for the year and I'm really excited for what's to come.

## 1. Days of Action

The Days of Action Committee is responsible for the planning and execution of the 6 Days of Action that the University hosts every year, such as Suicide Prevention Day and World Mental Health Day. Last week, we met to plan which days we would be organizing and discussed membership of the committee where we will vote on that next week. Usually, a representative from the Dean of Students is the Chair of that committee, but has asked me to be the Chair next week because she is gone.

## 2. Studentcare Conference 2019

VP Statt and I enjoyed our time at the Studentcare Conference, where we got to learn a lot about emerging trends in mental health and technology, as well as how Studentcare is adapting their coverage plans to evolve with the needs of students in today's campus environments. The conference was very informational and we built good relations with our account manager, Colten, who will likely be the one sitting on the Health and Dental Committee.

## 3. Things to Note

The Council of Residence Associations is meeting for their first summer meeting in the coming few weeks, and we have already started creating ideas for ResFest 2019. Additionally, the Dean of Students has finished drafting their Post Secondary Mental Health report to be sent to the Government.

I hope y'all have a great next two weeks and are enjoying the nicer weather rolling in. Even though things are looking a little smoky outside, to be it still beats -30 weather.

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice-President Student Life Jared Larsen

Councillor Attenda		Spring/Summer								Fall							Winter									
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2019-02/6a	VARGAS ALBA/KIDD MOVED to extend Question Period by fifteen minutes.	FAILED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
2019-02/8a	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED to ratify the appointment of Alana KRAHN and Jonathan MARTIN as Interim GFC councillors.		SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
2019-02/8b	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to ratify the appointment of President Akanksha Bhatnagar and Vice-President Student Life Jare		SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
2019-02/8c	STATT MOVED to discuss the Students' Union's sustainability.	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
	STATT/LARSEN MOVED to enter the meeting into in-camera.	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
	BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to exit the meeting out of in-camera.	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
	BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to nominate five councillors to create a working group to pursue the creation of the Sustainabilit	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
	DIXON, MCVAE, MCKENZIE, HADDOUCHE, and GATERA are appointed to the working group.		SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
	BHATNAGAR/VARGAS ALBA MOVED to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting to 9:30pm.	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
2019-02/8d	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to enter the meeting into in-camera.	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to extend the meeting by another five minutes.	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
	BROWN/STATT MOVED to exit the meeting from in-camera.	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019
	STATT/DRAPER MOVED to postpone item 2019-02/8d until the next meeting of Council.	CARRIED	SC-2019-02	05/21/2019

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## STUDENTS' COUNCIL

## Tuesday, May 21, 2019 6:00PM Council Chambers, University Hall

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### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-02)

- 2019-02/I SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2019-02/1a Announcements The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday**, **June 4, 2019 at 6:00PM** in Council Chambers.
- 2019-02/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2019-02/3 <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u> Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report. Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report. Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report. Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.
- 2019-02/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT Audit Committee - Report. Bylaw Committee - Report. Council Administration Committee - Report. Executive Committee - Report. Finance Committee - Report. Nominating Committee - Report. Policy Committee - Report. Translation Committee - Report. Student Group Committee - Report.
- 2019-02/5 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>
- 2019-02/6 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2019-02/6a Councillor DRAPER to Vice-President STATT:

"Hello Luke, It recently came to my attention that the Studentcare conference which Vp Statt and Vp Larsen are attending next week provides both the flight to and the accommodations in Montreal. This raised alarm bells for me as this is a gift with a value of over \$1,000. Based on the Government of Canada conflict of interest policy, which I believe is a standard all should strive to exceed, especially those in governance positions, a "conflict of interest arises whenever an employee's private interests, outside activities, receipt of a gift, hospitality, or other benefits, or plans for post-employment, will impair or could be perceived to impair, their ability to make decisions with integrity, impartiality, honesty."

With student care being a major corporation, and with many students using the SU's health and dental plans, the stakes for a conflict of interest are high. Although I believe these VPs would hold themselves to a strong moral and ethical standard, although sadly there is no guarantee all future execs will.

The meat of my questions is this, what are the measures in the SU in place to prevent things like this, will you support stricter conflict of interest policies, can you guarantee this conference will not impact your decision on the provider of the SU Health and Dental plan, and will you be looking for other providers at this time?"

#### Vice-President STATT to Councillor DRAPER:

#### "Hi David, thanks for the question!

Travel and accommodations for the StudentCare conference are not considered a gift as this conference acts as an educational tool for Executives to learn about the health coverage and how students can best utilize the plan. With this information, we can ensure our health plan reflects the needs of students on campus. As to your concern that this conference may impact our decision making, we do not make decisions around large scale items alone or without check from the rest of the Executive team and appropriate managers. We have an established Health and Dental Committee, which is made up of students and a StudentCare representative - more information can be found here. Additionally, as per the content of the conference, our Operating Policy, section 4, states that we may "submit a written report outlining the benefits of attendance within two weeks of returning from the conference, what impact said attendance shall have on the Students' Union, and a recommendation on attendance in the future." These conference reports from members of the Executive Committee are included in our bi-weekly reports to Students' Council for information, and Vice-President Larsen and I can make an effort to verbally note them at the Council meeting following the conference for those that may not have the opportunity to review our written report. Also, the last request for proposals for the healthcare provider took place in 2018 and they are re-evaluated every five years. We are not closed to other providers, although StudentCare has consistently been a fantastic partner to work with, with comparatively low rates, and services that reflect what students are using. Going forward, if you or any others would like better reporting to ensure the accountability of the Executive team on certain items, we can certainly make an effort to do so. Conflict of interest is always something that is worth

discussing--and something that I would have likely asked about last year as a Councilor-- but the potential risk is mitigated by the above measures taken by the Students' Union to act with integrity."

SPEAKER: Extended the question period by fifteen minutes.

**VARGAS ALBA/KIDD MOVED** to extend Question Period by fifteen minutes. 12/0/13 - FAILED

- 2019-02/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2019-02/8 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2019-02/8a **BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED** to ratify the appointment of Alana KRAHN and Jonathan MARTIN as Interim GFC councillors.

CARRIED - 21/0/1

2019-02/8b **BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED** to ratify the appointment of President Akanksha Bhatnagar and Vice-President Student Life Jared Larsen on the University of Alberta Presidential Advisory Search Committee.

BHATNAGAR: Established that the Committee is a subcommittee of the Board of Governors tasked with finding a successor for Dr David Turpin, who will not serve a second term as President of the University of Alberta.

CARRIED - 23/0/1

### 2019-02/8c **STATT MOVED** to discuss the Students' Union's sustainability.

STATT: Established that he sent out a high-level two page brief on the Students' Union sustainability efforts prior to the meeting.

HADDOUCHE: Expressed concern that, in her experience as a former member, Social Environmental Responsibility Committee is weak and ineffective.

DIXON: Suggested that Council needs to he more comprehensive and radical in its approach to advancing sustainability. Supported strengthening SERC. Expressed concern that the last Sustainability Assessment of the UASU occurred in 2010.

CHEN: Inquired into how the Farmers Market advances sustainability.

BEASLEY: Suggested working to elevating SUB tenants to the gold sustainability standard and better publicizing the discounts students can receive for sustainably consuming, such as bringing a reusable dish when buying food.

BHATNAGAR: Suggested that SERC failed as it had neither direction nor structure.

Proposed that Council, if receiving SERC, better detail its priorities and mission.

DIXON: Responded that the Farmers Market allows students to access local farm products and, in so doing, reduces transportation emissions. Proposed establishing a standing Sustainability Committee and regularly completing sustainability audits.

VARGAS ALBA: Proposed that the University divest itself of oil, weapons manufacturing, and mining corporations.

STATT: Supported taking short term measures to improve sustainability as well as long term measures such as sustainability audits via a new ad-hoc committee.

CHEN: Proposed that student groups reduce the use of and reuse poster paper by better using BearsDen to advertise their activities.

DIXON: Proposed that a future Sustainability Committee could author a guide for the use of sustainable language, such as using the phrase climate change instead of global warming.

DRAPER: Noted that bylaw provides that the UASU will cover the cost difference between sustainable and regular materials for its elections. Expressed concern, however, that candidates must use SUBPrint that does not have sustainable options.

LARSEN: Clarified that SUBPrint uses recyclable paper and high-efficiency toner printers.

GATERA: Advised councillors to better engage with their faculty associations.

STATT: Determined to discuss divestment within the UASU with the executive.

**STATT/LARSEN MOVED** to enter the meeting into in-camera. 21/0/1 - CARRIED

**BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED** to exit the meeting out of in-camera. CARRIED - 19/0/0

TSE: Proposed advancing sustainability by using drink crystals instead of cans, not purchasing plastic flatware, and presenting to the Council of Faculty Associations on sustainability.

**BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED** to nominate five councillors to create a working group to pursue the creation of the Sustainability Committee. 21/1/1 - CARRIED

BHATNAGAR nominated DIXON: accepted. LARSEN nominated MCVAE: accepted. BEASLEY nominated HADDOUCHE: accepted. BHATNAGAR nominated KIDD: accepted. DIXON nominated ISAAC: withdrawn. VARGAS ALBA nominated MCKENZIE: accepted. HADDOUCHE nominated BHATNAGAR: declined. BADDESHA nominated GATERA: accepted JAMALADINE nominated TSE: accepted.

## **DIXON, MCVAE, MCKENZIE, HADDOUCHE, and GATERA** are appointed to the working group.

**BHATNAGAR/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** to suspend Standing Orders to extend the meeting to 9:30pm. CARRIED

2019-02/8d **BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED** to enter the meeting into in-camera. 18/0/1 - CARRIED

> BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to extend the meeting by another five minutes. CARRIED

**BROWN/STATT MOVED** to exit the meeting from in-camera. CARRIED

**STATT/DRAPER MOVED** to postpone item 2019-02/8d until the next meeting of Council. CARRIED

- 2019-02/9 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2019-02/9a President Report.

See SC-2019-02.01.

2019-02/9b Vice-President (Academic) - Report.

See SC-2019-02.02.

2019-02/9c Vice-President (External) - Report.

See SC-2019-02.03.

2019-02/9d Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

See SC-2019-02.04.

2019-02/9e Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.

See SC-2019-02.05.

2019-02/9f Students' Council Attendance. See SC-2019-02.06.

2019-02/9g Students' Council Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-02.07.

2019-02/9h Executive Committee Motion Tracker.

See SC-2019-02.08.

2019-02/9i Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-00) - Tuesday, May 7, 2019. See SC-2019-02.09.

## MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:43PM

SC-2019-03.10

# **Elections Office Update**

# Reasons for this presentation

- 1. To keep council informed and up to date on the elections office
- 2. To Solicit feedback from council on our proposed strategies in order to strengthen them prior to the by-election and general election

# **By-election date**

Two options:

- 1. The week of September 23rd
- 2. The week of October 4th

## Pros

# **Earlier date**

- 1. Compete with other clubs and organizations for talented individuals
- 2. Opportunity for new councillors to be involved early in the year
- 3. Advertising would not be easily forgotten before the by-election
- Nomination packages would be available in a more social time of year and therefore more easily filled out

- 1. The By-election could be lost in the shuffle with WOW and other events
- 2. Some individuals might not have enough time to think of the decision
- 3. The By-election would never be the sole focus for the SU, or for student
- 4. Might encourage individuals unprepared for the realities of students' council to run in the by-election

Pros

# Cons

# Later Date

- More time for potential candidates to think about the decision to run.
- More opportunity for advertising to be seen by potential candidates
- The by-election could be a primary focus for the marketing department and SU

- Advertising in the first few weeks might be forgotten by the time nominations and elections open
- Advertising over several weeks could desensitize people to the information
- Students could choose other clubs as priorities early, and wind up too busy to commit to Students' council

# **Marketing Strategies**

Two main objectives:

- 1. Encourage candidacy
- 2. Promote a high voter turnout.

# **Encouraging Candidacy:**

- Digital Marketing/Physical advertising
- Marketing positions to faculties with an assumed interest
- Candidate workshops
- Testimonials/profiles to highlight the benefits of the job.

# **GOTV** Strategies:

- Educate on the importance of a GOTV
  - Testimonials
  - Posters/infographics
- Physical Voting booths
- GOTV Stickers
- Elections campaign crew: Traveling voting booth

# Further goals of the elections office

- Meeting with Bylaw committee to understand changes to Election Bylaws - Presenting to council at key times to gather feedback and direction often.Meeting with the Gateway to coordinate and optimize elections coverage
- Hiring a DRO(s) prior to the By-election