

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL

#### Tuesday, July 2, 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-2019-05)

2019-05/1	SPEAKERS BUSINESS
2019-05/1a	Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on <b>Tuesday</b> , <b>July 16, 2019 at 6:00PM</b> in Council Chambers.
2019-05/2	PRESENTATIONS
2019-05/2a	Title: "UASU External Advocacy"

**Abstract:** The UASU advocates to all levels of government in various ways, and collaborates with other student associations to ensure success. However, much of this work is done in ways that students do not see on a day-to-day basis. This presentation will cover all political advocacy initiatives and the processes these initiatives follow.

#### Presenter:

UASU VP External Adam Brown

**BROWN MOVES** to allow a presentation about UASU External Advocacy.

2019-05/3	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2019-05/4	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
2019-05/5	OPEN FORUM
2019-05/6	QUESTION PERIOD
2019-05/7	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2019-05/7a	<b>SUNDAY MOVES</b> to recognize Aboriginal Student Council as a Student Representative Association under Bylaw 8100.

See SC-2019-05.01.

2019-05/8	GENERAL ORDERS
2019-05/8a	<b>STATT MOVES</b> to appoint four (4) members of Students' Council to the Ad-Hoc Bar Advisory Committee.
2019-05/8b	BHATNAGAR MOVES to go in-camera.
2019-05/9	INFORMATION ITEMS
2019-05/9a	Aboriginal Students' Council Submission to Students' Union.
	See SC-2019-05.01.
2019-05/9b	President - Report.
	See SC-2019-05.02.
2019-05/9c	Vice-President (Academic) - Report.
	See SC-2019-05.03.
2019-05/9d	Vice-President (External) - Report.
	See SC-2019-05.04.
2019-05/9e	Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
	See SC-2019-05.05.
2019-05/9f	Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.
	See SC-2019-05.06.
2019-05/9g	Students' Council Attendance.
	See SC-2019-05.07.
2019-05/9h	Students' Council Motion Tracker.
	See SC-2019-05.08.
2019-05/9i	Executive Committee Motion Tracker.
	See SC-2019-05.09.
2019-05/9j	Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-04) - Tuesday, June 18, 2019.



# Aboriginal Student Council Submission to the Students' Union

2018/2019 Academic Year June 28, 2019



#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tan'si/Hello,

I would like to thank the members of the UASU Students' Council for reviewing the Aboriginal Student Council (hereinafter, "ASC") application for Student Representative Association status. On behalf of ASC, I invite you to closely and thoroughly review our request for Student Representative Association Status. Since its inception over 25 years ago, ASC has acted in a capacity akin to a Student Representative Association. Now, we ask Students' Council to acknowledge this by delegating its representative authority over Aboriginal undergraduate students to the ASC.

Thank you all for your time and consideration in reading this submission. If you have any questions, I would direct you to ask Nathan Sunday, our Vice President Finance who also acts in a separate capacity as Native Studies Councillor.

Thank you,

Katherine Belcourt, President

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Originally called the Native Student Club, ASC was established in the 1990s to foster and empower the growing number of Aboriginal students attending the University of



Alberta. Since then, ASC has continued to represent and advocate for Aboriginal students. The goal of ASC is to improve the lives and studies of Aboriginal students and foster healthy relationships both inside and outside of the Indigenous community. ASC seeks to create a safe and welcoming space to reaffirm and foster balance in spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health through the promotion of culture, politics, academics, athletics, and other interpersonal interests.

ASC proudly acts as a facilitator at the University, offering a number of cultural events for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students throughout the year. In addition, ASC plays a strong role in advocating for Aboriginal students to both the University administration and the Students' Union.

As an organization by Aboriginal students, for Aboriginal students, the ASC believes that it is in a position to represent and advocate for Aboriginal students better than the Students' Union. Although strides have been made in terms of Aboriginal inclusion and reconciliation at the Students' Union, the ASC believes that only Aboriginal students can truly understand our community. As it currently stands, the majority of Aboriginal students do not see themselves as reflected in the Students' Union or its leadership. This is confirmed in the recently released 2018 Undergraduate Survey Report, which states that there has yet to be a self-identified Aboriginal Students' Union executive



since the organization's founding 111 years ago in 1908.<sup>1</sup> It is for this reason we ask Students' Council to see fit to exclusively delegate its representative authority, as given under the *Post Secondary Learning Act*, over Aboriginal undergraduates to the ASC.

#### **REASON FOR SUBMISSION**

Since its inception, the Executive Committee of the ASC has been elected by Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta. As with a majority of political organizations, be they Aboriginal or otherwise, the ASC exercises responsibility and effective governance through the three (3) tenants of modern democracy: popular sovereignty (rule by the people through free and fair elections and other forms of participation), constitutionalism (the use of constitutions to limit government by law), and liberalism (freedom, equality, and dignity of the individual).<sup>2</sup> However, the ASC also maintains elements of traditional governance found within many Aboriginal communities: consensus, culture, the inclusion of Elders, and an emphasis on future generations.

Although not yet recognized as an official representative association, the ASC currently operates on a level unlike that of a student group; the main reason for our request for special status recognition. Recent Supreme Court of Canada and Federal Court of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/1143/2018UndergradSurveyReport.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.civiced.org/pdfs/books/ElementsOfDemocracy/Elements Subsection3.pdf



Canada decisions<sup>3</sup> have concluded that urban Aboriginal communities, such as the urban Aboriginal undergraduate community, are political communities akin to Indian reserves. Furthermore, in discussing these court decisions, Dr. Yale D. Belanger states that, "urban Aboriginal political organizations could represent urban Aboriginal interests [...] suggesting further that off-reserve Aboriginal people were a group of self-organized, self-determining, and distinctive communities, analogous to a reserve community."4 Similarly, in its *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Political Policy*, the University of Alberta Students' Union states that, "The U of A Students' Union should adopt Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Repot [sic] that directly relate to the undergraduate experience at the University of Alberta."<sup>5</sup> Inherent throughout both the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report and Calls to Action is an explicit adoption of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of* Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Article 3 of UNDRIP further confirms the right of Aboriginal Peoples to collectively exercise their rights through their own governments: "Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cordiere v. Canada (Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs), [1999] 2 S.C.R. 203.; Canada (Attorney General) v. Misquadis [2002] FCA 370; Ardoch Algonquin First Nation v. Canada (Attorney General), [2003] FCA 473; & Canada (Attorney General) v. Esquega [2008] FCA 182

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Yale D. Belanger, "The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Urban Aboriginal Self-Determination in Canada: A Preliminary Assessment," *Aboriginal Policy Studies* 1, no. 1 (2011): 142.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Truth and Reconciliation Commission Political Policy, fact 3.



freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development." Such a political status is not binary (i.e., either a member of ASC or the SU); rather, it is generally accepted that individuals and groups have a multiplicity of identities which intersect through many systems.

The ASC is not asking to take over complete membership of Aboriginal students; rather, we are asking to be recognized as a Student Representative Organization in order to achieve some semblance of power balance between the University of Alberta Students' Union and the ASC. Although unfortunate, the ability for the ASC to state, concretely, that its power flows through the Students' Union by way of *government legislation* will legitimize us in the minds of colonial powers and systems.

Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta exercise their self-determination by voting and determining the Executive Committee of the ASC. It is through this act, as well as engagement with Aboriginal students, that the ASC exercises its power to represent Aboriginal students. In short, the ASC, by virtue of its membership and purpose, is a distinct urban Aboriginal government.

#### **BYLAW 8100**

According to Students' Union Bylaw 8100, a Student Representative Association, "refer[s] to any association of undergraduate students that represents a definable and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS en.pdf



enumerable constituency, to which Students' Council exclusively delegates its representative authority." Furthermore, in contextualizing this definition, Bylaw 8100 states that the 3 critical roles of such an Association are to:8

- a) Act as the official representative of its membership on student issues;
- b) Provide services which are beneficial to its membership; and
- c) Foster student engagement and a sense of community within its constituency.

Lastly, Bylaw 8100 provides for a list of criteria which collectively create a recognition test. This recognition test, as seen below, acts as a justification for whether a group can be considered a Student Representative Association or not: 10

- a) The student association represents a definable and enumerable constituency;
- b) The student association has legislation and procedures that are compliant with Students' Union bylaw respecting Student Representative Association and Student Groups; and
- c) The student association is registered and recognized by the Students' Union as a student group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Bylaw 8100, section 3(1)(e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Bylaw 8100, section 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The criteria set out in Bylaw 8100 is referred to as the 'recognition test' throughout this report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Bylaw 8100, section 8(1).



The following section will go into more detail about the recognition test and how it applies to ASC.

#### CRITICAL ROLES OF AN SRA

Acts as the official representative of its membership on student issues.

Since its creation, the ASC has acted in a representative capacity for Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta. Through our history, numbers ASC executives have sat on boards, committees, task forces, etc., with the sole aim of representing Aboriginal students. However, under the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, the Students' Union has the exclusive, legislative authority over the administration of student affairs at the University.

In order to better meet the needs of students, the Students' Union created a framework for the creation of SRAs via bylaw. In the case of ASC, it only makes sense for the Students' Union to recognize us as an SRA, as we are currently already filling the role of one.

Provide services which are beneficial to its membership.

Currently, the ASC provides programming for our members to meet their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs. With the passing of the Dedicated Fee Unit in March 2019, the ASC plans to roll out new programming, such as cultural events, a



childcare subsidy, and awards. As Aboriginal students are almost 4 times more likely to be parents of dependent children than non-Aboriginal students, it is self-evident that programming directed towards parents and the childcare subsidy will be beneficial to our members.<sup>11</sup>

Foster student engagement and a sense of community within its constituency.

Through our close association with First Peoples' House, ASC acts to create a culturally-defined and safe Aboriginal community at the University of Alberta. As many Aboriginal students are forced to move away from their homes and family networks to attend University, it is incredibly important to ASC that they feel represented and engaged.

#### **RECOGNITION TEST**

The student association represents a definable and enumerable constituency.

Since its inception, ASC has been an organization by Aboriginal students, for Aboriginal students. In terms of the statement above, Aboriginal students make up a definable and enumerable constituency by virtue of our explicit inclusion as a distinct legal status in the *Constitution Act, 1982*. Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* provides constitutional protection to the Aboriginal and treaty rights of Aboriginal Peoples in

<sup>11</sup> https://www.su.ualberta.ca/media/uploads/1143/2018UndergradSurveyReport.pdf



Canada. Section 35(2) defines Aboriginal Peoples as including, "the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada." Although never formally adopting a definition of 'Indigenous,' the United Nations Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues provides the following working definition:

Indigenous communities, peoples and nations are those which, having a historical continuity with pre-invasion and pre-colonial societies that developed on their territories [....] They form at present non-dominant sectors of society and are determined to preserve, develop and transmit to future generations their ancestral territories, and their ethnic identity, as the basis of their continued existence as peoples, in accordance with their own cultural patterns, social institutions and legal systems.<sup>12</sup>

That being said, at a macro-level, Indigenous Peoples make up a definable group within Canada's cultural mosaic. In terms of the University of Alberta - by way of the University of Alberta Calendar 2019-2020 - 'Aboriginal' is defined in relation to section 35.

Although Aboriginal students can apply to the University via the regular admission process, Aboriginal Peoples are also differentiated from the general population by way

<sup>12</sup> The Concept of Indigenous Peoples: Background Paper Prepared by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues



of a unique admission process. Once more, as stated in the University of Alberta calendar:

To assist the University in achieving this overall goal, Faculties are encouraged to set aside places specifically for Aboriginal applicants, the number being consistent with the available pool, student interests, and available teaching and learning support services.

Faculties such as Law and Medicine and Dentistry have specific places reserved for Aboriginal students, thus making the Aboriginal student population administratively unique from the general student population.

Secondly, the University of Alberta keeps track of the number of self-identifying Aboriginal students. Partially, this is done in order to track the progress of commitments made in its institutional strategic plan, "For the Public Good." One such commitment was the creation and implementation of, "an undergraduate and graduate recruitment and retention strategy to attract Indigenous students from across Alberta and Canada."

13 To date, there are over 1,000 self-identifying the students studying at the University of Alberta.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> For the Public Good, page 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> This number is likely much higher, as it only accounts for *self-identifying* Aboriginal students. There are a number of reasons and factors as to why an Aboriginal person may not self-identify.



For the reasons stated above and more, ASC represents a definable and enumerable constituency: that of Aboriginal students.

The student association has legislation and procedures that are compliant with Students' Union bylaw respecting Student Representative Associations and Student Groups

As set out in Bylaw 8100 and 8200, ASC is in compliance with current regulations.

Attached to this report is a copy of our Constitution, ratified at our April 3, 2019 Annual General Meeting.

The student association is registered and recognized by the Students' Union as a student group

ASC is a registered student group with Student Group Services and has re-applied for re-registration. On June 26, 2019 ASC received a registration confirmation e-mail from Student Group Services.



# Aboriginal Student Council Constitution

Ratified on October 5, 2006 Amended on March 4, 2011 Amended on October 16, 2013 Amended on August 16, 2014 Amended on April 22, 2015 Amended on April 25, 2016 Amended on April 13, 2018 Amended on April 3, 2019

#### 1. Name and Mandate

- 1. The name of the student group shall be Aboriginal Student Council; hereafter, "ASC."
- 2. ASC operates as both a registered student group under the Students' Union and under the umbrella of the Dean of Students. As such, ASC is subject to University of Alberta policies and procedures. ASC will also comply with all local, provincial, and federal laws and procedures.
- 3. The Aboriginal Student Council seeks to create a safe and inclusive space for self-identified Indigenous students to re-affirm and foster balance in spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health through promoting cultural, political, academic, athletic, and interpersonal interests.
- 4. This document is the general constitution of the Aboriginal Student Council, and as such regulates the transaction of business and affairs of the ASC.

## 2. Definition and Interpretations of the Constitution

- 1. In this Constitution, the following terms are defined as:
  - a. **Annual General Meeting** means the annual general meeting described in Section 9(a) of this Constitution..
  - b. *General Meeting* means the Annual General Meetings, Executive meetings, and a Special General Meeting.
  - c. *Member* means a member of the ASC.
  - d. *In Good Standing* refers to a member that has paid all fees by the deadline and has not resigned or been suspended or expelled.
  - e. **Proxy** means a person authorized to act in the place of another.
  - f. **Aboriginal** means to be any person defined as Aboriginal as defined by the University of Alberta's policy, including those self-identified.
  - g. **Quorum** means the minimum number of Aboriginal Members needed to call an Annual General Meeting or Executive Meeting.
  - h. **Membership fees** means those fees paid through the ASC Dedicated Fee Unit.

## 3. Objectives

- 1. The objectives of the Aboriginal Student Council are:
  - a. To create an Aboriginal community within the University of Alberta that supports and maintains continued interest in education;
  - b. To represent the Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta and to promote the significance of education for Aboriginal Peoples;
  - To provide the support necessary within available resources to enhance the academic potential of ASC members and to support them in their studies at the University of Alberta;
  - d. to create a safe and inclusive space for self-identified Indigenous students to re-affirm and foster balance in spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional health through promoting cultural and interpersonal interests;

- e. to offer extra-curricular activities from time to time to balance academic with social activities for the membership; and
- f. to provide opportunities for political, educational, and/or social engagement on campus (North Campus, South Campus, and Campus St. Jean when possible).

## 4. Membership Categories

- 1. There are four categories of Members:
  - a. Aboriginal Members;
  - b. Non-Aboriginal Members;
  - c. Executive Members; and
  - d. Honorary Members.
- 2. **Aboriginal Members** are individuals who must:
  - a. Be a registered student (full- or part-time) at the University of Alberta;
  - b. Be a self-identified Aboriginal student as per Section 5 of this Constitution; and
  - c. Have not opted-out of the membership fees.
- 3. Non-Aboriginal Members are individuals who must:
  - a. Be of non-Aboriginal ancestry; and
  - b. Have not opted-out of the ASC membership fees.
- 4. **Executive Members** are individual who must:
  - a. Be a member of the Executive Committee; and
  - b. Hold a democratically elected position, as outlined in Section 10 of this Constitution.

#### 5. Directors

- a. Be either an Aboriginal Member or Non-Aboriginal Member of the ASC.
- b. Granted Director status through a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- c. Responsible for a singular activity and under the purview of a member of the Executive Committee
- 6. **Honorary Members** are individuals who:
  - a. Are granted such membership via special resolution passed by the Executive to recognize the contributions of an individual to the ASC or its objectives; and
  - b. Honorary Members are not required to pay the ASC membership fees.
- 7. Any individual may become a member in the appropriate category by meeting the requirements set out in Section 4 of this Constitution as well as helping to support the Council's objectives. However, ASC must have 2/3 of its membership consist of undergraduate students.

## 5. Proof of Aboriginal Ancestry

- 1. For the purposes of entrance to the Aboriginal Members category, and to be registered as a candidate in Executive elections pursuant to Section 11 of this Constitution, proof of Aboriginal Ancestry will be accessed in the following ways:
  - a. In accordance with the *Constitution Act, 1982* (Part II, Section 35(2)), an Aboriginal person is an Indian, Inuit, or Métis person of Canada, or a person who

- is accepted by one of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada as a member of a community.
- b. For the purposes of proof of Aboriginal Ancestry, the following will be accepted as evidence:
  - i. Certified status (treaty) card;
  - ii. Certified Métis membership card;
  - iii. Certified copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card, roll number or any other proof accepted by Inuit communities;
  - iv. Proof that an ancestor's name has been entered:
    - 1. In the Indian Register according to the Indian Act, or
    - 2. On the band list of an individual band, or
    - 3. On the Inuit roll.
  - v. Evidence of an ancestor who received a land grant or scrip under the Manitoba Act or the Dominion Lands Act;
  - vi. Written confirmation of Aboriginal ancestry from the Department of Indian Affairs;
  - vii. Written confirmation of membership by a band council which has enacted its own band membership code;
  - viii. A Statutory Declaration by an applicant attesting to Aboriginal ancestry, supplemented by letters or documentation supporting the Declaration. Such supplemental documents can include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - 1. From an official of a recognized native organization, or
    - 2. From a relative in an Aboriginal community, or
    - 3. From the applicant describing involvement with Aboriginal issues;
    - 4. From signing the University of Alberta Statutory Declaration, signed by a Commissioner of Oaths.
- c. Other forms of proof may be considered, with the adjudication of eligibility occurring on a case-by-case basis.

## 6. Membership Fees and Rights & Privileges of Members

- 1. The membership year of the Aboriginal Student Council is September 1 to April 30 of any given year.
- 2. Membership fees are opt-outable, with the opt-out period being the first month of each trimester of any given year.
  - a. Membership fees are non-refundable outside of the first month of each trimester.
- 3. Members, as defined under Section 4 and have paid the ASC membership fees, are entitled to all services, programming, and opportunities provided by ASC.
  - a. Certain key funding arrangements are available to all members of the University of Alberta, pursuant to ASC Bylaws.

## 7. Membership Termination

- 1. All resignations, suspensions, and expulsions are pursuant to Section 6(c) of this Constitution.
- 2. The process of membership resignation should occur in the following manner:
  - a. Any member wishing to withdraw from membership may do so upon notice, in writing, to the Executive Committee via its Vice-President Administration. The individual is considered to have ceased being a Member once the notice is received by the Vice-President Administration.
- 3. The process of membership suspension should occur in the following manner:
  - a. Any member, upon a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee, may have their membership suspended for any cause which the ASC may deem reasonable. The Member shall thereafter be entitled to no membership privileges or powers in the ASC until reinstated by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- 4. The process of membership expulsion should occur in the following manner:
  - a. Any member, upon a simple majority vote of the Executive, may be expelled from membership for any cause deemed reasonable by the ASC.

#### 8. ASC Premises

- 1. Premises of the ASC shall consist of the ASC lounge and ASC office. All contents of the ASC premises shall be the property of the ASC.
- 2. The ASC Lounge shall provide:
  - a. A place for ASC meetings, events, and general social interactions; and
  - b. Lockers for rent by members. The price for locker rentals shall be set by the Executive Committee via a simple majority vote.
- 3. The ASC Office shall:
  - a. Be where the day-to-day business and long-term activities of the ASC occur;
  - b. Only be occupied by members of the Executive Committee; and
  - c. Have office hours for a minimum of one hour per weekday, held and shared equally by all members of the Executive Committee, except when individual classes/exams are scheduled. Additional office hours shall be set at the discretion of the ASC Executives.
- 4. When the University of Alberta is closed, the ASC premises will concurrently be closed.

## 9. ASC Meetings

#### 1. The Annual General Meeting:

- a. Shall be held no later than April 30 of any given year; and
- b. The Executive shall sets the location, date, and time of the meetings.
- c. The Vice-President Administration shall inform the membership of the meeting by publicly posting a notice at the ASC Premises, and contact the membership by e-mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- d. The Annual General Meeting agenda shall consist of matters involving:
  - i. Adopting the agenda;
  - ii. Adopting the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;

- iii. Considering the reports of the Executive Committee, both collectively as a body an each Executive's individual report;
- iv. Reviewing the financial statements setting out the ASC's income, disbursements, assets, and liabilities;
- v. Speeches for the Executive elections; and
- vi. Considering matters specified in the meeting notice.

#### 2. Special General Meetings:

- a. Shall be called through the following mechanisms:
  - i. By a resolution of the entire Executive Committee to that effect; or
  - ii. On the written request of at least two (2) Executive Members. The request must state the reason for the Special General Meeting and the motion(s) intended to be submitted at this Special General Meeting; or
  - iii. On the written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the full membership. The request must state the reason for the Special General Meeting and the motion(s) intended to be submitted at such Special General Meeting.
- b. The Vice-President Administration shall inform the membership of the meeting by publicly posting a notice at the ASC Premises at least fourteen (14) days before the Special General Meeting. This notice must state the location, date, time, and agenda of the Special General Meeting.
- c. Only the matter(s) set out in the notice for the Special General Meeting shall be considered at the Special General Meeting.

#### 3. Executive Meetings:

- a. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held as often as may be required, but at least twice per month and shall be called by a majority of the Executive.
- b. A special meeting may be called on the instructions of any two Executive members provided they request the Executive in writing to call such meeting and state the business to be brought before the meeting.
- Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called with at least by three (3) days notice.
- d. Two third (2/3) members of the Executive shall constitute guorum.
- e. Executive Meetings may be held without notice if quorum is reached provided, however, that any business transactions at such meetings shall be ratified at the next regularly called meeting of the Executive; otherwise they shall be null and void.
- f. Each Executive member has one (1) vote. There are no proxy votes.
- g. In the event that a tie vote occurs, the motion in question is defeated.
- h. Meetings of the Executive Committee are open to Members of the ASC, but only Executive members may vote.
  - i. A majority of Executive members present may ask any other Members, or other persons present, to leave.
  - ii. In camera sessions of the Executive Committee are considered closed meetings.
- i. All Executive members may agree to and sign a written motion. This resolution is as valid as one passed at any meeting of the Executive Committee. It is not

- necessary to give notice or to call an Executive Committee meeting. The date of the resolution is the date it is passed.
- j. Irregularities or errors during meetings committed in good faith do not invalidate acts done by any meeting of the Executive.
- All Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings are open to the public. A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee may ask any persons who are not members to leave.
- 5. The President shall act as Chair during every Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting. In the absence of the President, any other Executive member may act as interim Chair of the meeting as agreed to by the presiding Executive members.
  - a. The President may delegate their authority to any member of the Executive Committee to act as the Chair of any meeting.
- 6. Quorum for all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meeting is 20% of the Aboriginal Membership.
  - a. Should there be a failure to reach quorum, the President shall cancel the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting if quorum is not reached within thirty (30) minutes after the set time. If cancelled, the meeting shall be rescheduled for one (1) week later at the same location and time. If quorum is not reached within thirty (3) minutes after the set time of the second meeting, the meeting will proceed with the Members in attendance.
- 7. Any Member, in good standing, shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the ASC. Such votes must be made in-person and not by proxy or otherwise.
- 8. The President may adjourn the meeting through a simple majority vote of Members present. .

#### 10. Governance of the ASC

- 1. The Executive Committee is responsible for the governing and managing of the affairs of the ASC.
- 2. The powers and duties of the Executive Committee include:
  - a. Promoting the objectives of the ASC;
  - b. Maintaining and protecting ASC's assets and property;
  - c. Approving the allocation of ASC funds;
  - d. Paying all expenses for operating and managing the ASC;
  - e. Financing the operations and approving all contracts for the ASC;
  - f. Maintaining all accounts and financial records of the ASC; and
  - g. Making policies, rules, and regulations for operating the ASC and using its facilities and assets.
- 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least 6 members, including:
  - a. One (1) President;
  - b. One (1) Vice-President Finance;
  - c. Two (2) Vice-President Internal/External Relations;
  - d. One (1) Vice President Consultation and Engagement; and
  - e. One (1) Vice-President Administration.

- 4. In addition to those members mentioned in Section 10(c), the Executive Committee shall include the following ex officio members:
  - a. One (1) member of the Students' Union, as appointed by the Students' Union.
  - b. One (1) member of First Peoples' House, as appointed by First Peoples' House.
  - c. Any member ratified through a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- 5. The Executive Committee may chose, through a simple majority vote, to grant voting privileges to members outlined in Section 10(d) of this Constitution.
- 6. To be eligible to serve any Executive position for the ASC, applicants must be Member, in good standing, that have paid their membership fees.
- 7. 100% of the Executive Members must be University of Alberta students and maintain a 3/4 undergraduate student proportion.
- 8. The Executive Committee must maintain a 100% Aboriginal Member majority.
  - a. This does not include the ex officio members of the Executive Committee.
- 9. The responsibility for each Executive Member are as follows:

#### a. President

- i. Supervises the affairs of the Executive Committee.
- ii. Chairs all meetings of the Executive Committee and all General Meetings.
- iii. Acts as the primary spokesperson for the ASC.
- iv. Represents the ASC on at least ½ of all committees, boards, etc., outside of the ASC;
- v. Shall inform the Executive Committee of any new information known relating to the ASC.
- vi. Shall represent ASC in any business in a respectful manner.
- vii. Shall have signing authority for all cheques made payable by the ASC and must approve all contracts with the ASC.
- viii. Shall be responsible for overseeing any directors under their portfolio.
- ix. Shall carry out other duties assigned by the Executive Committee.

#### b. Vice-President Finance

- i. Makes sure all monies paid to the ASC are deposited in a chartered bank, treasury branch, or trust company chosen by the Executive Committee.
- ii. Has signing authority for any cheques drawn up by the ASC.
- iii. Makes sure a detailed account of revenues and expenditures is presented to the Executive Committee as requested.
- iv. Shall develop proposal for donations and, as necessary, for other funding purposes for the ASC.
- v. Ensures that proper documentation are kept for any money transactions.
- vi. Ensures that ASC's bank account is in good standing.
- vii. Shall be responsible for overseeing any directions under their portfolio.
- viii. Makes sure an final report of the financial position of the ASC is prepared and presented to the Annual General Meeting.
- ix. Carries out other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

#### c. Vice-President Consultation and Engagement

 The primary role of the Vice-President Consultation and Engagement is to engage in external advocacy efforts on the behalf of the ASC and its members.

- ii. Shall act as the primary delegate for the ASC on any policy decisions.
- iii. Will engage with external and internal groups on behalf of ASC when asked to consult on any relevant issues.
- iv. Will engage with the ASC membership on issues related to policy and advocacy decisions.
- v. Shall work with the Vice-President Internal/External Relations to engage in partnerships.
- vi. Will advise the Executive Committee on its strategic direction.
- vii. Will act as the main point of contact between the Executive Committee and the ASC membership on strategic decisions.
- viii. Will ensure consultation and engagement of ASC membership is completed on any strategic or policy decision of the Executive Committee.
- ix. Will lobby the University of Alberta and other relevant organizations on the behalf of the ASC.

#### d. Vice-President Internal/External Relations

- i. Shall be responsible for initiating and coordinating all ASC social events and attending these events, as time permits.
- ii. Shall provide a report of all internally-coordinated activities to the ASC executive meetings.
- iii. Carries out other duties assigned by the Executive.
- iv. Shall be responsible for communicating and initiating relationships with organizations and peoples outside of the ASC membership.
- v. Shall be the primary contact for members internal to the ASC and organizations outside the ASC seeking to co-create or host events in partnership with the ASC.
- vi. Shall be responsible for overseeing any directors under their portfolio.
- vii. When directed by the Executive Committee, shall attend any external meetings of the ASC when the ASC President shall be absent or when two seats are available to the ASC.
- viii. Shall be the primary delegate for ASC on its social media accounts.
- ix. Shall forward any reports and new information related to external relations to the ASC Executive Committee on a regular basis and make these reports to in all biweekly meetings of the ASC executive meetings.
- x. Shall carry out other duties assigned by the Executive Committee.
- xi. The aforementioned duties will be divided between the two elected Vice-President Internal/External Relations, with such delegation being provided by the Executive Committee.

#### e. VP Administration

- i. Shall assist the Executive Committee with all communications outside the ASC
- ii. Shall act as the main administrator of the ASC e-mail and the ASC's correspondence.
- iii. Shall monitor incoming e-mails and distribute them to the most relevant Executive member.

- iv. Shall act as minute taker of the Executive Committee.
- v. Responsible for the creation and distribution of the Executive Committee agendas.
- vi. Shall monitor and maintain the ASC membership roll.

#### 11. Elections

- 1. The ASC Executives shall be elected in the following manner:
  - a. An Election Officer shall be appointed by the outgoing ASC Executive Committee, by majority vote, at least two weeks prior to the calling of an Executive election. The Election Officer is prohibited from running for an Executive position.
  - b. Candidates for Executive positions must be from within the Aboriginal membership category, as outlined in Sections 4(*b*) and 5 of this Constitution.
  - c. Candidates for Executive positions must be nominated in writing by five (5) Members.
  - d. The Election Officer shall take nominations, confirm that the person nominated accepts the nomination, and verify that the nomination is supported in writing by five Members. Nominations will close twenty-four (24) hours before the posted start time of the Annual General Meeting.
  - e. All candidates for Executive positions will be given the opportunity to speak for five minutes at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Officer will moderate the speeches.
  - f. The Executive election will normally take place during the Annual General Meeting.
  - g. It is the duty of the Election Officer to ensure that voting is done via secret ballot, according to procedures set by the Election Officer. Upon completion of the voting, the Election Officer shall tally the votes and announce the successful candidates.
  - h. To be considered elected, a candidate for an Executive position must receive the highest number of votes for that position. A tie will result in a secondary election involving only the candidates who are tied. Secondary elections will follow the guidelines and format as defined in 7.1.5 vi.
  - i. Where there is only one candidate for an Executive position (or two candidates in the case of the Vice-President External or Internal), balloting will proceed on a yes/no basis. The majority of eligible voters present must vote 'yes' in order for the candidate to be considered elected.
  - j. Should an Executive member resign or be removed from office during the year, the Executive may, by two-thirds majority vote, fill the vacancy with any Aboriginal Member in good standing who meets the eligibility requirements.
- 2. All candidates for Executive positions must be of Aboriginal ancestry, as outlined in Section 5 of this Constitution.

### 12. Term of Office

- 1. Members of the Executive Committee will serve a term of one year, starting May 1 and ending April 30.
- 2. Where member of the Executive Committee resigns before the completion of their term of office, a new appointee, in accordance with Section 11 (a)(x) of this Constitution, is to complete only the remaining term of office of the Executive Member who has resigned.
- 3. Any Executive member, upon a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee, may be removed from office for any cause which the Executive Committee may deem reasonable.
- 4. If any individual Executive Member, without lawful or sufficient excuse, misses three consecutive meetings, that member shall immediately be subject to removal by the Executive Committee. Upon such a decision, the above will occur unless it is of the opinion of the majority of the Executive Committee, by recorded vote, that said individual should remain in their position.

## 13. Financial Management

- 1. The fiscal year of the ASC is considered to begin on May 1 and conclude on April 30 of any given year.
- 2. The books, accounts, and records of the Vice-President Finance shall be audited by two other members of the Executive Committee. Should the Executive Committee deem necessary, an external accountant may be hired to provide an audit. The audited records will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3. The books and records of the ASC may be inspected by any Member of the ASC at the Annual General Meeting or at any time upon given written notice. Each Executive member shall at all times have access to such books and records.
- 4. Signing authority over any account of the ASC will be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Signing authority over all cheques written by the ASC is vested in the President and Vice-President Finance positions.
  - b. All cheques which drawn upon the monies of the ASC shall be signed by the two Executive positions which hold signing authority, or one other designated member of the Executive.
- 5. All contracts of the ASC must be signed by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- 6. All monies received by the ASC must be deposited in a chartered bank account authorized to receive deposits and to be withdrawn by cheque only.
- 7. All monies distributed by the ASC must be via cheque, with no other means being accepted.
- 8. Unless authorized by special resolution of the Executive, no Member of the ASC shall receive any remuneration for their services.
- 9. Members may be reimbursed for approved expenses by cheque, as long as their reimbursement requests are made, with original receipts, within two weeks following the transaction.
- 10. The organization shall carry out its business and dealings void of aspirations of personal monetary gain. Any profits shall be used solely to promote the objectives of the ASC.

#### 14. Constitutional Amendments

- 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by all ASC members. Voting thereupon will be open to all Members of the group-
- 2. Such members entitled to vote must be present, in person, at the general meeting in which notice of the Constitutional amendments have been duly given.
- 3. A special resolution involving Constitutional amendments must be passed by a simple majority vote of Aboriginal members present at the general meeting in which notice of Constitutional amendments were given.
- 4. The fourteen (14) days notice of the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting must include details of the proposed resolution to amend the Constitution.
- 5. Upon a successful vote regarding Constitutional amendments, the amended Constitution will be considered in full force thereafter.

#### 15. Dissolution

- 1. Dissolution of the ASC may occur in the following ways:
  - a. The Aboriginal Student Council may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a Special General Meeting convened for such a purpose. In this circumstance, ninety (90) days notice must be given, in writing, to all members.
  - b. Membership to the ASC drops below 10 members.
- Upon dissolution, the Executives will be responsible for ensuring the termination of the bank account and that any remaining financial resources are donated to the Aboriginal Student Services Centre. Any resources or assets will be donated to the Aboriginal Student Services Centre, where appropriate, but will. not be distributed to individual members.



OFFICE OF THE

**President** 

**Date**: June 27 2019

**To**: Students' Union Council **Re**: President 2019/20 Report #5

Dear Council,

It's been a rainy few days, so today RATT on the Patio was indoors. I feel like I write so many of my reports at RATT on the Patio, but really, the vibes are just so good! I will be at Council around 35 minutes late next meeting, as I was invited to attend the opening of <a href="Made by Marcus">Made by Marcus</a>, a Calgary started ice cream shop opening on Whyte Avenue! Read below for a few key updates and I will be there question period for any questions.

#### 1. Executive Committee

- We are getting some great traction on our Executive Goals document. Thank you to those who gave us some great feedback, we have taken it all of it and are looking forward to our year together.
- VP Brown and I attended Student Leaders Orientation, hosted by the Ministry of Advanced Education. We had a question period with the Minister of Advanced Education Demetrios Nicolaides where we discussed things like mental health funding, open educational resources, deferred maintenance, and international student tuition.
- VP Agarwal and I attended the Open Educational Resource Summitt at Norquest College, and it was great to reconnect with provincial advocates of open education.

#### 2. Internal University

#### - Presidential Search Committee Board of Governors

 VP Larsen and I had our introductory meeting and it was good to be able to familiarize ourselves with committee members. An aspect discussed heavily, was our approach to equity, diversity and inclusivity efforts, which I was very happy to see be a focus.

#### 3. External Advocacy

#### - MLA Meetings

- VP Brown, External Advocacy Advisor Robert Nelson and I will be attending three advocacy meetings over the next bit with MLA Marlin Schmidt (Environment Critic), MLA David Eegan (Advanced Education Critic), MLA Lori Sigurdson (Seniors and Housing Critic).
- Our asks are around: Accessibility and Affordability, Institutional Funding and Deferred Maintenance, Diversified and Innovative Learning Materials, Student Wellness and Mental Health and Student Employment.



#### 4. Internal Students' Union

- The Executive Team and our External Advocacy Advisory did Media Training with Catherine Keill. It was really informative, and I am looking forward to truly implementing her ideas.
- Stride, the Elections Office and the Office of the President are all partering to create a series of 'Election 101 Workshops'. They were run by former President Marina Banister and it's something I would like to see initialized, so stay tuned folks!!

#### 5. External University

- I will be attending the opening of Made by Marcus as mentioned above.
- I did a Radio-Canada TV interview regarding international student tuition impacts.
- VP Agarwal and I had a meeting with the Gateway regarding their diversity and inclusion focus groups and it was such a great and productive session.

Thank you for reading my 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.

University of Alberta Students' Union President

Kanksha

Akanksha Bhatnagar



OFFICE OF THE

## **Vice President Academic**

Date: 06/28/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2019/20 Report #5

Dear Council,

It's been an eventful two weeks! It is also the middle of the Edmonton Jazz Festival which I am extremely excited about!

#### 1. Research Event

Thanks to everyone who has expressed interest in joining the research event discussion group! I have received responses on the doodle poll and should be setting up a meeting as soon as we have enough responses. I am excited to see engagement in this.

#### 2. Alberta OER Community of Practice Annual Spring Summit

I was able to attend most of this conference along with President Bhatnagar, where we attended sessions on some important topics in the Open Education world. I must say that Open Education is very complex with more than meets the eye. However, it is important that both students and faculty are educated on the importance of Open Education and the countless possibilities they bring. I am taking the information learnt from this and using it to plan the Be Book Smart Fair this year!

#### 3. Be Book Smart Fair

In order to educate faculty and students on the importance of Open Education, we are hosting the Be Book Smart Fair this year including an online campaign! This will be happening in either September or October this fall, and if you're interested, please let me know!

#### 3. Faculty Associations

I am in the process of setting up meetings with FA's as well as mixers with FA's along with the SU executives and the corresponding SU Councillors. There will be more information about these - but I encourage you to reach out to your FA representatives on your own and share with each other your goals for the year. Apart from theses, Council of Faculty Association (COFA) meetings are being set up as well.

As usual, feel free to shoot me an email if you'd like to meet to talk about anything!

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Academic

Joel Agarwal







OFFICE OF THE Vice-President (External)

Date: 27/06/2019

To: Students' Union Council

**Re**: Vice-President External 2019/20 Report #5

Dear Council,

Happy rainy end of June and beginning of July! Also, Stampede season is approaching and I could not be more excited!!! It has been very nice to actually be around the office for the last 2 weeks, so I have had a very productive time.

- 1. **CASA Board Liaison Calls:** As part of my duties on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, we do monthly check-ins with each of our members to inform them of more detailed operations and answer any questions they may have. My liaison members for the year are the SAIT, Conestoga College, Brock University, and the University of New Brunswick Saint John students' associations. As we are rearranging office operations, preparing for the Get Out the Vote campaign, and starting various projects, there is much to update them on!
- 2. **Internships Media Interview:** I was <u>interviewed by the Canadian Press</u> about unpaid student internships. I reiterated CASA's stance that students should always be getting paid in internships, and the federal government has acted to eliminate unpaid student internships in the federal government and federally regulated sectors. There still exist some internships that are not paid, however students can earn credit. I said that credit is better than getting no direct compensation-type benefit, but being paid is always the preference.
- 3. **Francophone Announcement:** On June 23rd, I attended an announcement from Minister Aheer of the Alberta government. She has named Fort-McMurray-Lac-La-Biche MLA Laila Goodridge as the Parliamentary Secretary for the Francophonie. Ms. Goodridge is an alumnus of Campus Saint-Jean, so I am looking forward to continuing our discussions about how the provincial government can better support access to post-secondary education in French in Alberta. She and I had a chance to speak at the Council of Alberta University Students' MLA mixer earlier this week about her appointment.
- 4. **Student Leaders Orientation:** On June 24 & 25, President Bhatnager and I participated in various information sessions and workshops hosted by the Ministry of Advanced Education. Students' association leaders from across the province were brought together to discuss student issues and learn about the details of the Ministry and Alberta's post-secondary education system. We also met Demetrios Nicholaides, Minister of Advanced Education, who answered several questions from student leaders and later attended the CAUS MLA mixer as well. I look forward to hopefully meeting with the Minister soon to discuss our priorities, in particular access to grants as compared to tax credits.





- 5. **CAUS Meeting:** On June 24th, President Bhatnager, EAA Nelson and I attended the Council of Alberta University Students' AGM meeting. We passed the 2019-2020 CAUS budget, discussed the incoming free speech policy mandate from the provincial government towards post-secondary institutions, and are working to finalize our priorities document. This document will detail our advocacy priorities that we will present to MLAs from across the province.
- 6. **Social Media promotions:** As part of our new social media engagement strategy, I participated in the filming of a fun video. I am sure you will all see it soon!
- 7. **Deferred Maintenance meeting:** Shortly this afternoon, President Bhatnager and I will be meeting with Andrew Sharman, VP Facilities and Operations of the University, to discuss infrastructure funding from the provincial government. With the university's current deferred maintenance bill, it is crucial that we receive adequate funding from the province so that student-oriented spaces can be maintained.
- 8. **Advocacy Meetings:** Tomorrow (June 28), President Bhatnagaer, EAA Nelson and I will be meeting with both former Advanced Education Minister Marlin Schmidt (now the NDP environment critic), and current Advanced Education Critic David Eggan. We will be communicating the UASU provincial priorities for the year, including affordability, mental health access, student employment, open education resources, and institutional funding.
- 9. **Personal Announcements / Things to Note**: I will be out of the office on July 5th for my annual francophone camping weekend (the Fête Franco-Albertaine in Nordegg!). I will also be in Calgary for the Stampede on July 11 & 12, where I will also try to attend some political BBQs and pancake breakfasts. Finally, I will buy the first person that asks me "where are your hands??" (see adambrown.ca for context), before I give my executive report, a beverage of their choosing next time Council goes for drinks.

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President (External)

**Adam Brown** 



OFFICE OF THE

## **Vice President Operations & Finance**

**Date**: June 27, 2019

To: Students' Union Council

**Re**: Vice President Operations & Finance Report # 5

Dear Council,

Hope everyone had a great long weekend, I had a great time at the jazz festival in the city and seeing the fireworks this last weekend! Mostly just have some committee business to report on this time as I am still quite occupied on operational work, but I'm hoping to have some exciting items for the next meeting!

#### **Finalizing Executive Goals from Feedback**

The Executive Team met again to incorporate all the feedback we've been given on our goals and prepare our document for public realize.

#### **Meetings of Note**

#### **ARRC**

In the last ARRC Comittee Meeting, the executive team presented our progress on the nearly sixty recommendations that were put forward by ARRC last year. Overall, the progress on the items have been going very well considering the limited time the executive has been in the roll, but I would deffer inquires around this to the chair of ARRC as it is a comittee matter.

#### Sustainability Task Force

The Sustainability Task Force met to discuss the development and creation of standing orders for the future Sustainability Comittee. Overall, the committee was and should have soon.

#### <u>UPass</u>

There was another Upass meeting were we broadly discussed the future implementation of SmartFair and Upass distribution for the summer. I took the opportunity to inquire about the question that Mark had poised last Council meeting regarding the availability of affordable transit passed for recent graduates or students on a break for the summer during this meeting. As I had expected, the response was that this is something that can not currently happen under the agreement; however, they did say that this is a point that the university would be interested in looking further into when we begin to negotiate the next contract.

#### **United Way**

The United Way Comittee met and continued to discuss plans for this year's campaign. I told the committee that I will be putting together a comittee to better involve students in this, and enhance student engagement, so if any of you are interested in supporting this cause, please reach out soon. Also, I have begun talking to the events coordinator about having the majority of this year's events happening in the Students' Union Boulding.





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Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Operations & Finance



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## **Vice-President Student Life**

Date: 02/07/2019

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice-President Student Life 2019/20 Report # 5

Hey Council!

I hope you all enjoyed your long weekends, I managed to get out of town and go home to visit with family and it was nice to be home again. Here's a run-down of what the last two weeks have looked like from the Student Life portfolio and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me or schedule a time to meet!

#### 1. Media Training

Last week, the Executive team had a media training session where we learned how to handle interviews and many other tips and tricks. It was really useful to learn those skills and how to apply them both when dealing with media interviews, but also in committee meetings.

#### 2. UASUCares

Over the last two weeks, we've been working with our IT and Services departments to plan how we can improve UASUCares and properly maintain it. After consulting with the Dean of Students' Office and the UAPS Office, we found that UASUCares is much liked by the administration. We'll be working with the Dean of Students' Office to work on the next steps for UASUCares, including fine-tuning the website and a marketing campaign.

#### 3. New Wifi in Residence

The RFP Proposals for a new wifi service in Residence have been submitted. Although I had to sign a non-disclosure and cannot share any information about them, I am confident that students needs have been prioritized by the administration in finding a wifi provider specific to residence buildings.

The initiative to have access to stronger, more in-home type wifi has been advocated for for a few years now. Oftentimes in residence UWS is very spotty, and connects at slow speeds, so it will be a major improvement once a provider is chosen and installed.

#### 4. UAPS Policy re: Question in Council Last Week

After receiving a question referencing an event that occurred at the University of Ottawa recently, I reached out to the UAPS Community Liaison Officer and enquired about their policies and operational practices regarding asking students for identification. The Officer was very informational in informing us that while they do not have a specific policy that allows for asking students for identification, the Code of Student Behaviour allows them to as University employees.





## **Vice-President Student Life**

UAPS Officers also receive several forms of training, including regular micro-trainings, to address issues of oppression, unconscious biases, and various other gender and ethnic sensitivity trainings.

Our Community Liason Officer, Ken Chan, is also on many of the same committees that I sit on, and someone who I have worked with over the past two years. The University of Alberta Protective Services are working towards creating more community-based and inclusive ways of providing security, ensuring that all students feel safe on campus.

Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice-President Student Life

Jared Larsen

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2019-04/2c	BHATNAGAR/AGARWAL MOVED to present the draft version of the 2019/20 Executive Goals document.	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
2019-04/7a	DRAPER/MCKENIZE MOVED to appoint one (1) member of Student's Council to the Bylaw Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
	ESMAIL is declared appointed to Bylaw Committee.	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
2019-04/7b	BOSE/VARGAS ALBA MOVED on behalf of the Finance Committee, to ratify the implementation of the executive compensation pa	14/5/1 - CARRIE	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
	LEY MOVED to amend the Package to extend the childcare allowance to apply to children of executives until they reach twelve year	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
2019-04/8a	BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVES to appoint four (4) Student Councillors to the SUB Capital Plan Task Force.	N/A	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
	MCVAE, VARGAS ALBA, SAYED, and LEY are declared appointed to the SUB Capital Plan Task Force.	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
2019-04/8b	BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVES to enter the meeting into in camera.	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
	BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED to enter Committee of the Whole.	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
	BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED to enter Committee of the Difference.	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019
	BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED to exit the meeting from in camera.	CARRIED	SC-2019-04	06/18/2019

Mtg Code	Date	Result	Motion	Council Agenda Reported In	Notes
01	2019-05-06	5/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO appoint Luke Statt and Adam Brown to the Students' Council Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee.		
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0			Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	BHATNAGAR/LARSEN MOVED TO send the President, VP External, EAA, and Reed Larsen to the CAUS Changeover retreat as per budget.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	AGARWAL/STATT MOVED TO send the General Manager to the AMICCUS-C National Conference hosted by SAMRU as per budget.		Regrets from VP Brown
02	2019-05-16	4/0/0	AGARWAL/STATT MOVED TO recommend Akanksha Bhatnagar and Jared Larsen to the University Presidential Search Committee to be ratified by Students' Council		Regrets from VP Brown



## STUDENTS' COUNCIL

#### Tuesday, June 18, 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.

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

#### **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2019-04)**

2019-04/I SPEAKERS BUSINESS

SPEAKER: Clarified that only those items that are time-sensitive will be selected from the late additions, otherwise they will be deferred until the next meeting. Special ordered items 2019-04/6c and 2019-04/7a.

2019-04/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday,** 

July 2, 2019 at 6:00PM in Council Chambers.

2019-04/2 PRESENTATIONS

2019-04/2c *Title:* "2019/20 Executive Committee" Presentation

**Abstract:** The 2019/20 Executive Committee would love to present to Students' Council a first draft version of our goals document. We are looking to get some insight, feedback and have conversations about these goals.

#### **Presenters:**

- President Akanksha Bhatnagar
- VP Academic Joel Agarwal
- VP Student Life Jared Larsen
- VP External Adam Brown
- VP Operations and Finance Luke Statt

**BHATNAGAR/AGARWAL MOVED** to present the draft version of the 2019/20 Executive Goals document.

See SC-2019-04.11.

2019-04/3 <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u>

Adam BROWN, Vice President (External) - Report.

Jared LARSEN, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Luke STATT, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

Joel AGARWAL, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Akanksha BHATNAGAR, President - Report.

#### 2019-04/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation 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.

Board of Governors Representative - Report.

#### 2019-04/5 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

#### 2019-04/6 QUESTION PERIOD

#### 2019-04/6a President BHATNAGAR to Councillor DRAPER:

"Bylaws are the primary legislation of the Students' Union and set out the basic legal structure and operational parameters of the Students' Union. These bylaws are key to ensuring the advocacy, governance and organizational structure of the UASU is reflective of our student membership. It's a big year for the Bylaw Committee and I am excited to see the work that happens. My question to the Chair of the Bylaw Committee is, can you let us know what major bylaws changes, updates and/or additions the committee has planned for this year? Thank you!"

#### 2019-04/6b Councillor ALBA to Councillor DRAPER:

"Hi Councillor Draper,

At our last Policy Committee, it was mentioned that although this Policy Committee only has to renew 6 policies, there are 13 policies up for renewal in 2022. We had a discussion relating to what bylaw says about standards for policy renewal. I'm wondering, then, what does Bylaw tell us about standards for policy renewal, and is there any way to shift bylaw as to stagger renewal dates?

Thank you!"

#### 2019-04/6c Councillor DRAPER to Councillor ALBA:

"Hello, and thank you very much for the question.

The process for policy renewals is outlined in the standing orders under section 14 - 4 and 14 - 5 and are as follows

- 4. Expiration of Political Policy: Political Policies adopted within a particular session of Students' Council shall expire within three (3) years after the end of that session.
- 5. Upon expiration, a Political Policy shall be reviewed by the Policy Committee and can be forwarded to Students' Council as a recommendation to renew.

I hope that helps!"

#### 2019-04/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2019-04/7a **DRAPER/MCKENIZE MOVED** to appoint one (I) member of Student's Council to the Bylaw Committee.

BOSE nominated BEASLEY: declined.

VARGAS ALBA nominated GATERA: declined.

BADESHA nominated SAYED: declined.

BOSE nominated LEY: declined. LEY nominated ESMAIL: accepted.

ESMAIL is declared appointed to Bylaw Committee.

2019-04/7b **BOSE/VARGAS ALBA MOVED** on behalf of the Finance Committee, to ratify the implementation of the executive compensation package as amended by the Finance Committee at the recommendation of Council.

KIDD: Expressed concern that providing childcare only for those executives whose children are below eight years of age is too short. Proposed increasing the childcare allowance to apply to children until twelve years of age.

**LEY MOVED** to amend the Package to extend the childcare allowance to apply to children of executives until they reach twelve years of age.

CARRIED as friendly.

DIXON: Supported the motion.

DRAPER: Supported the motion.

14/5/1 - CARRIED

Bhatnagar, Agarwal, Brown, Statt, Larsen abstain.

2019-04/8 GENERAL ORDERS

**VARGAS ALBA** 

2019-04/8a **BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVES** to appoint four (4) Student Councillors to the SUB Capital Plan Task Force.

BHATNAGAR: Established that the Task Force will report in early Fall and will have a composition of two University staff, two Students' Union staff, and two councillors.

MCKENIZE: Inquired into whether the commitment will run into September or whether most of the work will be completed in summer.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Task Force will present its final products at the end of September. Considered that the Task Force may prepare a referendum question.

JAMALEDDINE: Inquired into the nature of the Task Force's commitment.

BHATNAGAR: Responded that the Task Force will meet bi-weekly for one to two hour meetings.

ESMAIL nominated LEY: accepted.

BADESHA nominated VARGAS ALBA: accepted

GATERA nominated BADESHA: withdrawn.

AGARWAL nominated BOSE: accepted.

VARGAS ALBA nominated MCKENIZE: declined.

VARGAS ALBA nominated MARINAKIS: declined

AGARWAL nominated KIDD: declined.

AGARWAL nominated HADDOUCHE: declined.

BHATNAGAR nominated MCVEA: accepted.

DRAPER nominated SAYED: accepted.
BHATNAGAR nominated ISAAC: declined.

MCVAE, VARGAS ALBA, SAYED, and LEY are declared appointed to the SUB Capital Plan Task Force.

2019-04/8b **BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVES** to enter the meeting into in camera. CARRIED

**BHATNAGAR/BROWN MOVED** to enter Committee of the Whole. CARRIED

**BHATNAGAR/STATT MOVED** to enter Committee of the Difference. CARRIED

**BHATNAGAR/DRAPER MOVED** to exit the meeting from in camera. CARRIED

2019-04/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-04/9a	President - Report.
	See SC-2019-04.01.
2019-04/9b	Vice-President (Academic) - Report.
	See SC-2019-04.02.
2019-04/9c	Vice-President (External) - Report.
	See SC-2019-04.03.
2019-04/9d	Vice-President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
	See SC-2019-04.04.
2019-04/9e	Vice-President (Student Life) - Report.
	See SC-2019-04.05.
2019-04/9f	Students' Council Attendance.
	See SC-2019-04.06.
2019-04/9g	Students' Council Motion Tracker.
	See SC-2019-04.07.
2019-04/9h	Executive Committee Motion Tracker.
	See SC-2019-04.08.
2019-04/9i	Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2019-02) - Tuesday, May 21, 2019.
	See SC-2019-04.09.
2019-04/9j	Update from UASU Elections Office.
	See SC-2019-04.10.
2019-04/9k	"2019/20 Executive Committee" - Presentation.
	See SC-2019-04.11.

## MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39PM