

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

### October 18th, 2022 6:00 P.M. Council Chambers/Zoom

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### LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2022-13)

2022-13/1	SPEAKERS BUSINESS
2022-13/1a	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012</a>
	Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012
2022-13/2	CONSENT AGENDA
2022-13/2a	Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-12) Tuesday, October 4th, 2022.
	See SC-2022-13.11
2022-13/3	PRESENTATION
2022-13/4	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2022-13/5	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
2022-13/6	OPEN FORUM
2022-13/7	QUESTION PERIOD

2022-13/8	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2022-13/8b	<b>WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN MOVETHAT</b> the Tuesday, November 29th meeting of Council instead occur on Saturday, November 26th, at the Augustana Campus, with the bus departing from North Campus at approximately noon.
	See SC-2022.13.14
2022-13/8c	<b>STEINBUSCH/VILLOSO MOVETO</b> nominate one (I) member of Council to the Ad-hoc Sustainability committee.
	See SC-2022-13.15
2022-13/9	GENERAL ORDERS
2022-13/10	CLOSED SESSIONS
2022-13/11	INFORMATION ITEMS
2022-13/11d	Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-12)
	See SC-2022-13.11
2022-13/11e	Executive Committee Report
	See SC-2022-13.12
2022-13/11f	Board of Governors Report
	See SC-2022-13.13
2022-13/11g	Students' Council Submissions
	See SC-2022-13.14-15



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### **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-12)**

2022-12/I SPEAKERS BUSINESS

SPEAKER: Called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

2022-12/1a Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

**ALI/SINGH MOVETO** special order agenda item 9b to the Order Papers.

**CARRIED 20/00/03** 

2022-12/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-12/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-11) Tuesday, September 20th,

2022

See SC-2022-12.01

**APPROVED** 

2022-12/2b ALI/FOTANG MOVE TO appoint Simon Cudmore, Leena El Jirari, and Gregory

Choi to Sustainability Capital Fund Committee	Choi	to Sustainabilit	ty Capital	Fund	Committe
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See SC-2022-12.07

APPROVED

2022-12/2c **ALI/FOTANG MOVE TO** appoint Kian Kyars, Audrey Johnson, Fardeen Ansar to

Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee.

See SC-2022-12.08

APPROVED

2022-12/2d ALI/FOTANG MOVETO appoint Kian Kyars, Chelsea Ambeault to Translation

Committee

See SC-2022-12.09

**APPROVED** 

2022-12/2e ALI/FOTANG MOVETO appoint Janvi Bali to Student Group Committee

See SC-2022-12.10

APPROVED

2022-12/3 PRESENTATION

2022-12/3a MONTEIRO/FOTANG MOVETO allow a presentation from

the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

See SC-2022-12.11

**CARRIED 23/00/00** 

**FLAMAN/FOGUE MOVETO** extend the presentation by ten minutes.

CARRIED 24/00/00

2022-12/3b FLAMAN/CARBAJAL VELEZ MOVETO present on Bill 1: Simplifying and

Clarifying Governance Documents

See SC-2022-12.12

**CARRIED 24/00/00** 

2022-12/3c **FOTANG/VILLOSO MOVET** O allow Juan Vargas to present on the Climate

**Emergency Unit** 

See SC-2022-12.13

CARRIED 23/01/00, SINGH abstains from voting and recuses from discussion

**HUANG/OJO MOVETO** extend the presentation by ten minutes.

**CARRIED 24/00/00** 

### 2022-12/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

FOGUE - VP Student Life - Report

VILLOSO - VP Operations and Finance - Report

FOTANG - VP External - Report KAUR - VP Academic - Report

MONTEIRO - President - Report

### 2022-12/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Dhillon - Audit Committee - Report

Flaman - Bylaw Committee - Report

Wattamaniuk - Council Administration Committee - Report

Monteiro - Executive Committee - Report

Villoso - Finance Committee - Report

Ali - Nominating Committee - Report

Fotang - Policy Committee - Report

Fogue - ARRC - Report

Brooks - SGC - Report

Steinbusch - Sustainability Committee - Report

Soto - Translation Committee - Report

**ALI/SINGH MOVETO** move agenda item 9b to the top of General Orders. CARRIED 22/00/00

### 2022-12/6 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

POLENCHUK (GATEWAY): Asks about Councilor FLAMAN'S stance on the appeal he made on the DIE Board's decision regarding Councilor ALI'S eligibility when according to DIE Board, Councilor FLAMAN is not a part of HA07 and he is neither an intervener nor a respondent to that hearing.

FLAMAN: States that the appeal he made was based on the standing that is outlined in the DIE Board's protocol and Bylaw.

TEELING (GATEWAY): Asks DUMOUCHEL about the estimated cost of honorariums.

DUMOUCHEL: States that honorariums can cost between \$30,000 - \$35,000 per year based on the time they were implemented.

TEELING (GATEWAY): Asks President MONTEIRO if the SU is planning to consider another Break the Record attempt.

MONTEIRO: States that Break the Record has been done year after year previously. Confirms plans of doing another one for next year.

POLENCHUK (GATEWAY): Asks President Monteiro how he will address student concerns towards money spent on events such as Break the Record when the intended purpose wasn't achieved and that money could have gone elsewhere.

MONTEIRO: States that the approach was to create community once again on campus, especially as the campus community is still in recovery from COVID disruptions.

Adds that the amount spent on the event was roughly half of the money spent on Week of Welcome. Most of the money went towards purchasing dodgeballs and t-shirts.

### 2022-12/7 QUESTION PERIOD

LIU: Asks VP Academic KAUR if there should be a report presented to Council in the future regarding practicums across different faculties.

KAUR: States that practicums are currently widely spread & diverse, thereby, no data is available to complete a report at the moment. Mentions that faculties will be reached out to and that a survey will be conducted to gather information, particularly on issues students face in participating in practicums. This survey will be widely available once completed.

ALI: Comments to Council to not linger on the issue regarding his eligibility to serve on Council and urges Council to focus on other topics concerning the students instead.

DHILLON: Asks Councilor ALI about the timeline suggested on the selection process for Nominating Committee and why candidates for committees were not selected on the typical May-June timeline.

ALI: States that there were not enough interested students that applied for the vacant positions at the time.

HUANG: Comments that the Bylaw review and restructure was a great initiative. Adds that plain language is needed to reach more students.

VILLOSO: Asks Councilor WATTAMANIUK if CAC is looking to get the executives to volunteer as mentors for the Council Mentorship Program.

WATTAMANIUK: States that the program was intended to only include councillors, but because of the lack of sign-ups for mentors, will gladly accept the offer from the Executives.

LIU: Mentions that there were issues advertising the Break the Record event as well as storage for participants' belongings. Asks about President MONTEIRO'S future plans on improving the logistics, storage and advertisement for a future such event.

MONTEIRO: States that part of it was the ambitious timeline that was set for the event. Adds that because of the previous years without students on campus, it was a challenge to reach the new batch of students this year regarding the dodgeball culture of the U of A. Will be discussing these challenges and how to address them properly in the future.

WATTAMANIUK: Questions President MONTEIRO about the timeline for exploration credits and which faculties exploration credits would be implemented in.

MONTEIRO: States that they are yet to meet up with the Registrar's Office and will be following up with them regarding this matter. The timeline has not been established. Adds that the goal is to have exploration credits ready for their previously proposed timeline, which would be having them implemented by next year.

ALI: Asks Councilor FLAMAN about his intention behind filing the appeal he made on the DIE Board's decision regarding Councilor ALI'S eligibility

FLAMAN: States that the appeal was filed because they believed that the DIE Board's decision wasn't correct.

#### 2022-12/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-12/8a **WATTAMANIUK/FLAMAN MOVE THAT** the Tuesday, November 15th

meeting of Council instead occur on Saturday, November 19th, at the Augustana Campus, with the bus departing from North Campus at approximately noon.

See SC-2022-12.14

FLAMAN/FOTANG MOVETO TABLE this motion until the next meeting.

**CARRIED 24/00/00** 

2022-12/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2022-12/9b ALI/ABBASI MOVE THAT Council endorses the Executive Statement on Iran.

See SC-2022-12.19

CARRIED via secret ballot

FOTANG/LIU MOVE TO go in-camera.

**CARRIED 24/00/00** 

**FOTANG/FLAMAN MOVE TO** extend the meeting by fifteen minutes.

CARRIED 24/00/00

WATTAMANIUK/MONTEIRO MOVETO extend the meeting by ten minutes.

CARRIED 23/00/00

**HUANG/FOTANG MOVE TO** extend the meeting by five minutes.

CARRIED 18/00/02

MONTEIRO/FLAMAN MOVE TO amend the motion to read: That Council

endorses the Executive Statement on Iran.

**CARRIED 20/00/00** 

**SINGH/WATTAMANIUK MOVE TO** ex-camera and call to question.

CARRIED 20/00/00

2022-12/9a **SINGH MOVES TO** discuss the remuneration/honorarium report as prepared by

the General Manager.

See SC-2022-12.15

**TABLED** 

2022-12/10 CLOSED SESSIONS

2022-12/11	INFORMATION ITEMS
2022-12/11a	Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-11)
	See SC-2022-12.01
2022-12/11b	Executive Committee Reports
	See SC-2022-12.02-05
2022-12/11c	Board of Governors' Report
	See SC-2022-12.06
2022-12/11d	Students' Council Submissions
	See SC-2022-12.07-16
2022-12/11e	Students' Council - Attendance
	See SC-2022-12.17
2022-12/11f	Executive Committee Reports
	See SC-2022-12.18
2022-12/11g	Students' Council Submissions
	See SC-2022-12.19-20

SPEAKER: Adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM



Council Meeting Date Tuesday, October 18, 2022

**Meeting Schedule** 

**Submitter** Abner Monteiro

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Type of Item Submission Information Item

Is this a Consent Agenda item?

## **Approval/Discussion Items**

Strategic Plan

### **Calls for Nominations**

**Council Committees and Boards** 

## **Written Nominations**

## **Information Items**

Agenda Title President Report #13

### **Description of the Information Item**

President's Bi-Weekly Council Report

**Attachments** 



## **Presentations**

## **Written Questions**

Is there anything else that you would like to include?

Nope



**President** 

**Date**: 10/18/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President 2022/23 Report #13

Dear Council,

I hope all of you are doing well. Below is a report of what I have been up to over the past two weeks.

#### **Board of Governors**

#### **Board Development Session - University Strategic Plan**

The BoG has hired Alex Usher, with Higher Education Strategy Associates (HESA), to help lead the creation of the new University of Alberta Strategic Plan. During our retreat last week, we had a very fulsome discussion as a Board regarding four topics: Growth, Identity, Discovery, and Student Experience. Regarding the student experience, we discussed the pedagogical experience and the experience outside the classroom. I had an excellent opportunity to discuss the student experience in-depth and highlight many of the barriers that students face, which hinder them from having an optimal student experience at the University of Alberta. I also shared many stories that students and student leaders shared regarding their time here. Thank you to all of the Councillors who shared their views at council with me, it was invaluable information to share with the Board, and they were very engaged with reducing the barriers students face.

### **Board Meeting**

At the BoG Meeting, we tabled the Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Policy due to concerns that the UASU raised regarding additions made at the Board Human Resource and Compensation Committee (BHRCC). We felt that the tone of the policy changed in a way that would make students less likely to come forward in instances of SGBV. We successfully got this item tabled and are currently working on revisions with the BoG and Sexual Violence Response Coordinator (SVRC) to ensure the tone of the policy is survivor-centred and trauma-informed.

### Academic Planning Committee (APC)

In APC, we received a presentation from the new Associate Vice President of Online and Continuing Education, Jessica Butts Scott, regarding her plans for developing an online and continuing education strategy for the University of Alberta. In her presentation, she touched on where some of the focus may be surrounding growth using online programming. In that meeting, I raised concerns regarding how we ensure that students are getting a high-quality online programming experience and ensuring that the structure for the course that is online and in-person is similar to ensure that students have an equitable experience across both modalities.

### Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee (MNIF) Joint Oversight Committee

Joannie and I attended this year's first MNIF Joint Oversight Committee meeting, where we approved the MNIF work plan for this year. Part of that work plan will include a discussion around MyCreds and how we remove the burden of students paying to access verification of enrollment.

### **CBC RadioActive Interview about MyCreds**

Last Friday, CBC interviewed me regarding MyCreds and all of the students' frustrations with the move to this new process. If you are interested in listening to the interview, you can check it out here:

https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-52-radio-active/clip/15941898-u-a-students-facing-fee-access-student-academic

### **College Associate Deans Education**

Gurleen and I talked with the College Associate Dean of Education in Social Sciences and Humanities to discuss our UASU priorities for the year. Our discussion focused on a few key areas, most prominently academic advising and the role that the colleges can play in improving advising in all faculties and ensuring that students have a consistent, accessible, and positive experience with advisors.

Cheers,

Abner Monteiro (he/him)

President

University of Alberta Students' Union



Council Meeting Date Tuesday, October 18, 2022

**Meeting Schedule** 

**Submitter** Dorscheid

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Type of Item Submission Information Item

Is this a Consent Agenda item?

## **Approval/Discussion Items**

Strategic Plan

### **Calls for Nominations**

**Council Committees and Boards** 

## **Written Nominations**

## **Information Items**

Agenda Title BoG Representative Report

**Description of the Information Item** 

**BoG Representative Report** 

**Attachments** 



## Presentations

**Written Questions** 





## Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

Date: October 18, 2022 To: Students' Council

Re: Board of Governors Representative Report #13

#### Dear Council,

These past couple weeks have been very eventful with the preparation and attendance for the Board development session and the board meeting that occurred this past Thursday and Friday.

### **Board Development Session**

The board development session was a step towards helping build the strategic plan of the University. This meeting involved the themes of Growth, Identity, Discovery, and Student Experience. During this session, we discussed these aspects of the strategic vision to help guide the strategic planning process. Board members provided responses to questions asked of us to understand their perspectives and vision for this institution.

### **Board Meeting**

The Board of Governors met on October 14 hence why I am providing this update late so that you could all hear what occurred in this meeting. From this meeting, there were two key items that I would like to highlight for council that I think would be of the greatest interest to everyone. Firstly, the "Sexual Violence Policy and new Student Conduct Policy Suite" was tabled. After being approved by GFC, the Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee made a couple of final changes to the document and sent it to the Board for approval. The changes made were within the intent of the new policy however the wording and placement of them made the policy changed the tone. Fortunately, we were able to share our concerns with this before the meeting, and the chair humbly agreed to table this motion to change the wording so that the spirit of the policy has the same intent.

A second highlight of the meeting was the hiring of an AVP for online education. Given that the exploration into online education was a theme of interest in students council I made sure to bring student perspectives into this conversation. I had the opportunity to ask about the future of hybrid learning from their office and I received the response from her that right now they are more looking to explore offering pure online courses for some of the larger undergrad 1st year courses as well as expanding into online Continuing Education courses. I plan to meet with here personally sometiume in the future to further share some of the students vision for hybridizing learning.



**Council Meeting Date** Tuesday, September 20, 2022

**Meeting Schedule** 

Submitter Adrian Wattamaniuk

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Type of Item Submission **Approval** 

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

## **Approval/Discussion Items**

### Motion

MOVES THAT the Tuesday, October 18, meeting of Council instead occur on Saturday, October 15, at the Augustana Campus, with the bus departing from North Campus at approximately noon.

Mover WATTAMANIUK

Seconder **FLAMAN** 

**Presenter (If Not the Mover)** N/A

Does this item require a closed

session discussion?

No

Office of the Speaker of Council; Council Administration Office/Committee Responsible

Committee

### **Purpose**

This motion is to change the Council meeting schedule to allow us to meet at Augustana Campus.

### **Executive Summary**

It was a pre-pandemic convention that Council hold meetings at both Augustana Campus and Campus Saint Jean during each term. The purpose of this motion is to change our meeting schedule in order to hold a Council meeting at Augustana Campus.

The date and time of this meeting were chosen in consultation with members of Council, committee chairs, and representatives from the Augustana Campus. Holding the meeting on a Saturday and departing from North Campus at around noon was chosen to allow Council to properly connect with student representatives while at Augustana. However, please note that the time and date presented today only provide the basic structure of the meeting and additional details will be filled in consultation with Council and the Augustana Students' Association.



### Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders

- Standing Orders s. 2(2)(b): Approval of Meeting Schedule
- General Order 2022-01/9b: Council Meeting Schedule

### **Engagement and Routing**

- August 17, 2022: Abdul Abbasi (Councillor for Augustana)
- August 26, 2022: Students' Council (via Google Form)
- September 9, 2022: Abdul Abbasi (Councillor for Augustana) and Jewel Naicker (Augustana Students' Association President)

### **Approval Routing**

- September 14, 2022: Committee Chairs Recommendation

### **Strategic Alignment**

- "Deepen our relationships with representative associations in order to increase connections with students."
  - This proposal provides Council with the groundwork to build relationships and collaboration between the SU and ASA.
- "Support initiatives that build a unified student voice."
  - The proposal to Augustana Campus provides the SU with the ability to collaborate on shared interests with the ASA.
- "Strengthen our collective voice by engaging students in advocacy."
  - This proposal enables the Students' Union to have a stronger presence on Augustana Campus and engage and consult with students there on advocacy efforts.

### Strategic Plan

## **Calls for Nominations**

**Council Committees and Boards** 

## **Written Nominations**

## **Information Items**

**Attachments** 



# Presentations Written Questions



**Council Meeting Date** Tuesday, October 18, 2022

**Meeting Schedule** 

Submitter Pien Steinbusch

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**Type of Item Submission** Calls for Nomination

Is this a Consent Agenda item? No

## **Approval/Discussion Items**

Strategic Plan

### **Calls for Nominations**

STEINBUSCH moves to nominate one (1) member of Motion

Council to the Ad-hoc Sustainability committee

Steinbusch Mover

Seconder Villoso

**Body Being Nominated To** Ad-Hoc Sustainability

### **Description of the Body**

The SCSC shall:

- 1. Perform annual evaluations of the Students' Union's sustainability practices in the following areas:
- a. governance, operations, services, advocacy, and events.
- 2. Note opportunities for improvement, following an evaluation, and provide practical recommendations for change.
- 3. Ensure that the Students Union adheres to current sustainability standards and follows best practices whenever possible.

### Council Committees and Boards

### **Purpose of Council Representation**

Members are expected to contributed to conversations regarding sustainability recommendations and complete their share of reviewing the recommendations. Some members will be doing consultations regarding the sustainability recommendations.

### **List of Current Members**

Pien Steinbusch Daniela Carbajal Velez Julia Villoso

### **Meeting Schedule**

Councilors who sit on this committee will be expected to attend hybrid meetings every second Wednesday at 4-5pm. The next meeting is October 19th at 4-5pm.

## **Written Nominations**

**Information Items** 

**Presentations** 

**Written Questions**