

#### STUDENTS' COUNCIL

#### November 29th, 2022 6:00 P.M. La Grand Salon (Campus Saint Jean)/Zoom

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłiné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

#### LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2022-17)

- 2022-17/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2022-17/1a Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

- 2022-17/2 CONSENT AGENDA
- 2022-17/3 PRESENTATION
- 2022-17/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2022-17/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2022-17/6 OPEN FORUM
- 2022-17/7 QUESTION PERIOD

- 2022-17/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2022-17/8d **DHILLON/WATTAMANIUK MOVE TO** refer the BSA SRA Fee proposal to the Bylaw Committee to draft a ballot question.

See SC-2022.13

- 2022-17/9 <u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>
- 2022-17/10 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2022-17/11 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2022-17/11d Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-17.10-16



#### **UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission** Form

Council Meeting Date	Tuesday, November 29, 2022	
Meeting Schedule		
Submitter	Abner Monteiro	
Email Address	president@uasu.ca	
Type of Item Submission	Information Itom	

Is this a Consent Agenda item?

#### Information Item

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No

#### **Approval/Discussion Items**

Strategic Plan

#### **Calls for Nominations**

Council Committees and Boards

#### Written Nominations

#### Information Items

**Agenda Title** 

President Report #16

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

Bi-Weekly President Report to Students' Council

#### **Attachments**



#### **Presentations**

#### Written Questions





Date: 11/15/2022 To: Students' Union Council Re: President 2022/23 Report #15

Dear Council,

These last two weeks have been extremely busy, from discussing tuition and fees to heading down to Parliament in Ottawa to advocate for students nationwide. The executive team has been working hard to deliver for the students who elected us. Here are some updates for the week.

#### Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Advocacy Week

Last week, VP Fotang and I attended CASA Advocacy Week, where we, alongside our 23 member schools, met with MPs, Ministers, and Senators to discuss post-secondary student priorities across the country. This year, CASA had nine recommendations that were put forward for consideration relating to undergraduate students. They included

- 1. Eliminating interest on Canada Studnet Loans
- 2. Doubling of the Canada Student Grant Permanently from 3K to 6K
- 3. New \$500 Million fund to hire mental health professionals on campuses
- 4. Modify study permits to also include Co-Op work permits for international students
- 5. Permanently lift the limit on off-campus working hours for international students
- Increase investments into the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and modify ISETs agreements to remove ties of funding PSE to labour outcomes for indigenous students.

Overall, it was a very successful advocacy week with great conversations about supporting post-secondary students!







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

VP Fogue, VP Villoso, and I all attended the MNIF Joint Oversight Committee, where we discussed revisions to the MNIF Agreement. We will continue our conversation around the agreement and have more to share with Council soon.

#### Tuition Budget Advisory Committee (TBAC)

VP Villoso and I attended the Tuition Budget Advisory Committee, where we presented numerous concerns that students have raised regarding a potential tuition increase and how they would be impacted. We discussed the installment fee, late tuition fee interest, the potential of a less volatile measure of CPI to give students more predictability, and the formula for calculating international student cohort tuition. The university has agreed to look into these and has expressed interest in trying to remove some of these barriers that students face as costs rise.

#### Academic Planning Committee (APC)

A few weeks ago, I attended APC, where one of the key discussion items was regarding the Student Financial Support Report 21/22. I asked several questions regarding why some students still have an unfunded shortfall. We will be looking further into how the university calculates a moderate cost of living for needy students. The university also said that a new student awards system will be rolling out that will simplify the awards application process even more.

#### **UASU Awards Night**

I had the privilege of attending the UASU Awards Ceremony, which has not been held in person since 2019. It was so great to celebrate with all of the award winners who have worked extremely hard and given so much back to our campuses. Congratulations to all of the award winners, and I wish you all the best in the future!

Cheers,

**Abner Monteiro (he/him)** President University of Alberta Students' Union





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#### UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

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Tuesday, November 29, 2022	
Gurleen Kaur	
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Information Item	
Yes	
Approval/Discussion Items	

#### **Information Items**

Agenda Title

**VPA** Report

#### **Description of the Information Item** VPA Report

#### Attachments



#### Presentations

#### **Written Questions**





Date: 11/29/2022 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #15

Dear Council,

Hope you are doing well and getting ready for the finals!

Here are some updates from me,

#### **Meeting with Chancellor Garritty**

Julia, Joannie and myself had a meeting with the Chancellor and it was a great discussion on making our campus a better place for everyone and the vision of the university which it stands for. She also mentioned the committee which will be made soon for the selection of the next Chancellor.

#### **Programs Committee**

Had a meeting of the GFC Programs Committee where an idea of a new Business 101 course was discussed which would be a requirement for first year business students. It is currently in the consultation phase and the framework and content regarding the course itself looks good as it includes all different aspects such as EDI training and indigenous content as an orientation for students which I have been advocating for as well. Also, the changes to the BSc Program that I mentioned previously were voted on. These changes will be very beneficial for students giving them a wide range of options as new minors are being added.

#### **Meeting with Vice-Provosts**

We had a brief meeting discussing the University's strategic plan for the future. We also discussed the SPOT (Student Perspectives of Teaching) surveys and the ways to increase the outreach and get more students filling them.

#### **Academic Integrity Policy working Group**

AIP is currently discussing the decision making processes, for instance, who should have the authority and how we can ensure consistency in decisions on different cases. I also raised the importance of transparency in the process so the students are well communicated with and know what to expect throughout the process of decision making.

#### **Program Support Team**

At PST, we discussed embedded certificates and received an update on the work of making them more consistent. Responses have been collected from the students who convocated in spring/summer to know

their experiences with the certificates, sources where they got to know about them etc. Most students indicated that it was easy to complete a certificate and would recommend others to do as well.

We also had a discussion on the program changes that have been made in Augustana. I asked if those changes are being communicated with Augustana students and if their concerns are being addressed. I am glad that the answer was yes and also the student leaders at ASA are in favor of the changes and they would benefit them.

#### **Fall Convocation**

I was able to attend the fall convocation and as always this experience is beyond words where everyone is very happy and enjoying, for students - the success they achieved and for faculties- the fruit of their teachings. It was an honor to congratulate students and see them celebrating with their loved ones.

#### **I-Day**



I attended International Students' Day where people were celebrating their cultures and the diversity we have at the U of A. It was a great event. I want to thank the ISA and our VPSL Joannie Fogue, our events team and others who were involved, for all the work they put into making this event a great experience for students.

#### **SU Awards**

UASU Awards Night was a very fun event. I enjoyed watching the enthusiasm of the recipients and their families and friends. It is a very proud moment for each and every one who received an award. I want to congratulate everyone again for their hard work and great achievements.

#### **ZTC Awareness**

I have been working on planning some awareness spreading strategies for ZTC indicators so the students can benefit from it while registering and finalizing their winter courses. We will be organizing tablings in SUB main floor to give people resources, address their questions and show them the usage of the indicator on Beartracks. I will share the time slots with everyone as soon as we finalize this and if you are willing to help with that, I will be happy to have you there and talk to students.

#### Students' issues

Helped some students in solving the issues that they are facing for example, clarification on tuition assessment, course grading and evaluation, transfer credits etc. by connecting them to the resources and help from the Registrar's Office. Few of them are still in process and I am working with them to get everything settled.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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**Gurleen Kaur** Vice President Academic University of Alberta Students' Union



#### UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council	Meeting	Date
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Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Meeting Schedule

Submitter

**Email Address** 

Type of Item Submission

Is this a Consent Agenda item?

Information Item

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#### **Approval/Discussion Items**

Strategic Plan

#### **Calls for Nominations**

Council Committees and Boards

#### **Written Nominations**

#### **Information Items**

Agenda Title

BoG Representative Report #16

#### Description of the Information Item

BoG Representative Report #16

#### Attachments



#### Presentations

#### **Written Questions**





#### Date: November 29, 2022 To: Students' Council Re: Board of Governors Representative Report #16

#### Dear Council,

As we are approaching finals season I want to wish everyone the best of luck in their upcoming examinations. My time spent in the last couple weeks has been predominantly spent in preparation and participation in the Board Reputation and Public Affairs Committee (BRPAC) meeting, as well as preparation for the governance committee meeting on November 30. I also had the opportunity to meet with a number of people

#### **Board Reputation and Public Affairs (BRPAC)**

We had a very informative meeting at BRPAC on Friday November 25th. Following an in-camera discussion we were briefed by VP External Elan MacDonald on emerging issues and opportunities as they relate to the University of Alberta's strategic priorities. We were also briefed on the Community Engagement Consultation plan from Alexis Ksiazkiewicz AVP Government and Community Relations. Following this we were also briefed on Chancellor Peggy Garrity's engagement since the BRPAC meeting.

Most of this meeting's substance did occur in the closed session and thus I do not have any further updates then what I have provided you with above.



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Council Meeting Date	Tuesday, November 29, 2022
Meeting Schedule	
Submitter	DHILLON
Email Address	sk2@ualberta.ca
Type of Item Submission	Approval
Is this a Consent Agenda item?	No

#### **Approval/Discussion Items**

#### Motion

DHILLON MOVES TO refer the BSA SRA Fee proposal to the Bylaw Committee to draft a ballot question.

Mover	Dhillon
Seconder	WATTAMANIUK
Presenter (If Not the Mover)	BSA
Does this item require a closed session discussion?	No
Office/Committee Responsible	Audit/VPA

#### Purpose

This will allow the BSA an opportunity to gain approval for their fee so they can run in the upcoming referendum

#### **Executive Summary**

This fee will allow the BSA to continue the services they offer students

#### **Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders**

The Bylaw 8000 series!

#### **Engagement and Routing**

Business Students, BSA and Students' Council

#### **Approval Routing**



Council - Bylaw - Referendum vote

#### Strategic Alignment

It allows students to receive much needed supports at the faculty level that are pertinent to their student experience

Strategic Plan

#### **Calls for Nominations**

Council Committees and Boards

**Written Nominations** 

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#### UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Council Meeting Date	Tuesday, November 29, 2022
Meeting Schedule	
Submitter	Christian Zukowski
Email Address	speaker@uasu.ca
Type of Item Submission	Information Item
Is this a Consent Agenda item?	No

#### **Approval/Discussion Items**

Strategic Plan

#### **Calls for Nominations**

Council Committees and Boards

#### **Written Nominations**

#### **Information Items**

Agenda Title

Resignation Letter - Jashan Mahal

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

Per section 4(3) of Bylaw 100, I am providing to Council Jashan Mahal's resignation letter.

#### Attachments



#### **Presentations**

#### **Written Questions**





Christian Zukowski <christian.zukowski@su.ualberta.ca>

#### **Council Attendance**

Jashan Mahal <jashanpr@ualberta.ca> To: Christian Zukowski <christian.zukowski@su.ualberta.ca> Mon, Nov 28, 2022 at 6:40 PM

Hi Christian

Thanks for informing me. I took some time to think about it, but student governance has been a dissapointing experience or I had unrealistic expectations to begin with. The issues that require genuine attention are often sidelined or are unfortunately buried under thousands of rules, the institution is sadly ran under a veil of privilege and ignorance. I dont have a lot of confidence in the council's effectivness or motives and I am not committed to the process at this point. I would like to offer my resignation. Let me know what the process looks like.

On the sidenote, you have been an amazing speaker since day one. I am sure you will do a great job at whatever you decide to pursue in future. Good luck.

[Quoted text hidden]

Jashan Mahal (she/her) VP External - Elect International Students' Association (ISA) The University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Website: isa.ualberta.ca Facebook I Instagram I Twitter We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University is located on Treaty 6 Territory.

University of Alberta INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



#### UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

Tuesday, November 29, 2022
Christian Zukowski
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Information Item
No

#### **Approval/Discussion Items**

Strategic Plan

#### **Calls for Nominations**

Council Committees and Boards

#### **Written Nominations**

#### **Information Items**

Agenda Title

Resignation Letter - Mobashhir Khan

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

Per section 4(3) of Bylaw 100, I am providing to Council Mobashhir Khan's resignation letter.

#### Attachments



#### **Presentations**

#### **Written Questions**





Christian Zukowski <christian.zukowski@su.ualberta.ca>

#### **Resignation from Students Council**

**Mobashhir Khan** <mobashhi@ualberta.ca> To: speaker@su.ualberta.ca Mon, Nov 28, 2022 at 4:23 PM

Hey Christian

Based on our previous conversation, I have concluded that I have not been able to devote enough time to the Students Council. To be fair to everyone and myself, I would like to resign from the position with immediate effect. Please let me know about the next steps.

Thank you Mobashhir Khan



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Is this a Consent Agenda item?	No
Approval/Discussion Items	
Strategic Plan	
Calls for Nominations	
Council Committtees and Boards	
Written Nominations	

#### **Information Items**

#### **Presentations**

Motion	DHILLON moves to allow a representative from LSA to present their FAMF Renewal Proposal
Mover	DHILLON
Seconder	WATTAMANIUK
Presenter	DHILLON
Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session?	No
Office/Committee Responsible	Audit committee/VPA
Abstract	

This is the LSA's proposal for FAMF renewal

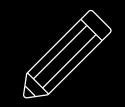




LSA FAMF Presentation.pdf

#### **Written Questions**





# LSA FAMF Renewal



November 29, 2022

## Outline

Introduction to the LSA & FAMF fee Fee Proposal Financial Structure Consultation Overview Surplus Comments





# The LSA & FAMF



Condensed Annotated Notes, Locker Rentals, Weekly Blast, PASS Sessions, Who's Who, Mentorship Programs, Club Grants, Events, Intramurals

### **LSA Mandate**

#### Advocacy

Communicate on behalf of students with the faculty and external firm sponsors on interests and stances on all matters

#### Representation

Oversee and fund over 15 clubs with various initiative such as sports, entertainment, EDI, human rights, etc. Create an environment where students can learn, interact and collaborate with ease.

Service



#### History:

One of the oldest law schools in the country, with an LSA present for over 40 years.

### LSA FAMF

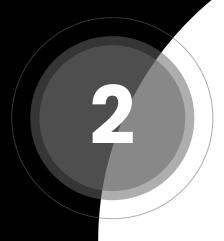
Current fee of 50\$ per student, collected once in the fall semester

Has been successfully renewed at least twice.

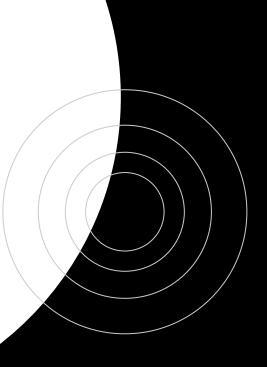
Ensure a steady and consistent stream of revenue. Allows us to offer several diverse and high-quality events and initiatives

Accounts for one third of our annual budget, needed to offset the required funds after law firm sponsorship opportunities have been exhausted.





# FAMF Fee Proposal



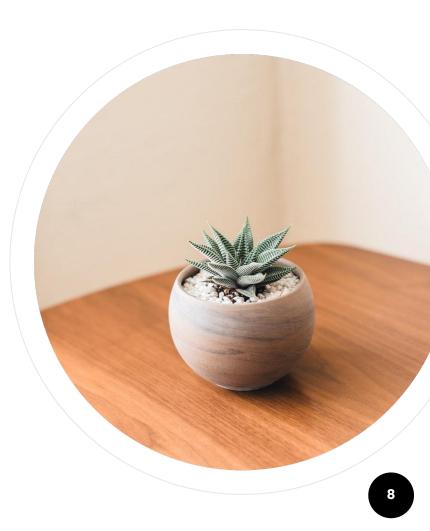
# **The Proposal**

Renew the 50\$ annual FAMF fee

To be Charged to all undergraduate students in the faculty of Law

Divided into two payments of 25\$ (Fall & Winter)

To take effect for a four year term, ending on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2027



# Justifications

Term: Proposed period allows for the carrying out of the three year plan to use surplus, and two years thereafter to incrementally adjust our services and events back to a relatively normal budget, where the fee can be fully assessed and modified accordingly.

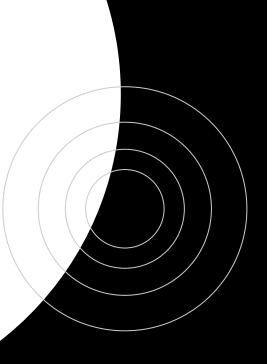
**Opt-Out:** two-week window available to student to opt out of the fee, no questions asked, by completing and submitting the appropriate reimbursement form (schedule IV of our report)

**Scope:** Students outside the faculty cannot take courses within the faculty. The scope of students the fee is easily defined, that being full-time students in a Juris Doctor program at the faculty.





# Financial Structure



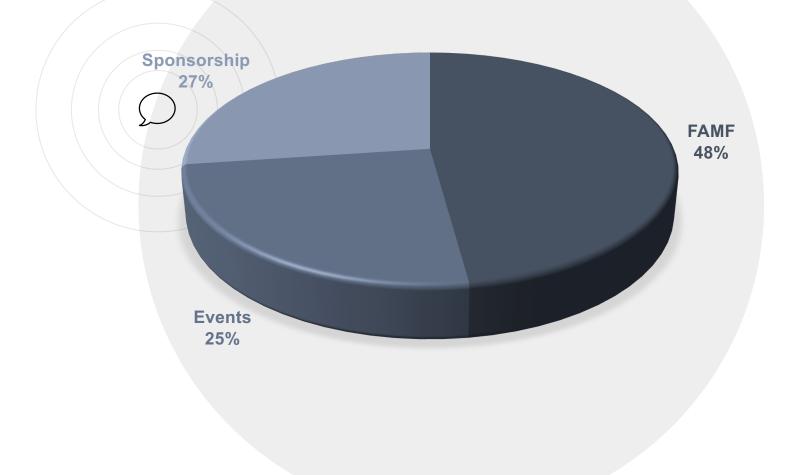
# **Budget Allocations**

As the LSA plans to renew the amount of the FAMF, we do not anticipate to differ from the budget allocation structure that has been adopted by past executives

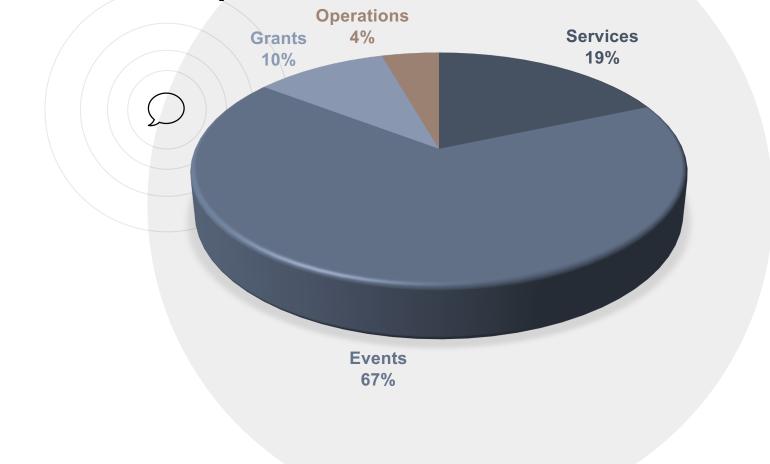
Due to the aforementioned surplus, the amounts of expenditures within schedule II of our report may be inflated, however the portions of each item with respect to the budget are unchanged and will remain this way after the surplus is depleted



#### 2022-2023 LSA Revenues



#### 2022-2023 LSA Expenditures



# Consultation Process

### **Process**

• Google form made public to students on Nov. 14.

- · Published in newsletter, media forums and weekly blast email
- Allowed the students to give anonymous feedback and preferences on FAMF

#### Tabling

Google

Form

• For two weeks starting Nov.14, LSA members held tabling sessions during lunch to answer question and encourage students to fill out engagement form

Internal Discussion

For 1.5 months, LSA executive held internal discussions regarding FAMF, its term, the amount, and effects on students
Nov. 26 – LSA voted unanimously in favor of 50\$ FAMF based on form results.



### **Consultation Results**

<u>Question 1</u>. Rank the options from first to third choice for what you would want on the ballot for the FAMF referendum?

First choice means that you are most in favour of that options to be on the ballot, and third choice means you are least in favour of that option to be on the ballot.



Note: based on 108 responses (19.6% of the student population)

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# Comments

### **Surplus Comments**

#### COVID-19

Created a \$65,000 surplus for the LSA, due to cancelled events and unused budget amounts

#### 3-year plan

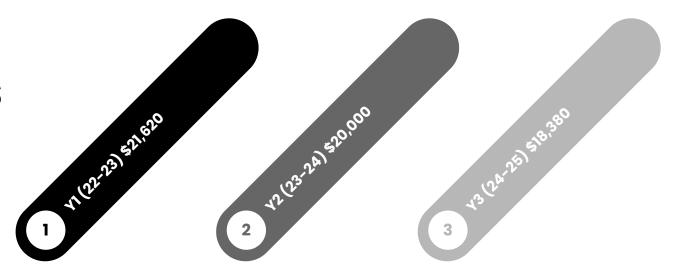
To optimize the use of the surplus and prevent a drastic change in services provided year over year

#### Discrepancy Fund

Constitutional Amendment requiring future LSA executives to leave a min of \$5,000 in bank accounts



# 3-year Surplus Plan



# THANK YOU