

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:00PM Zoom

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.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2020-05)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01PM

2020-05/I SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2020-05/Ia Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday**,

July 14, 2020 at 6:00PM via Zoom.

Registered Guests

Zach Craig - Business Students Association Khadra Ahmed - News Editor for The Gateway Rachel Narvey - Staff Writer for The Gateway Mitchell Pawluk - Opinion Editor for The Gateway

2020-05/2 PRESENTATIONS

2020-05/2a KRAHN/DRAPER MOVED to allow for a presentation from the Business

Students' Association.

Business Students' Association New Club Funding Proposal Presentation

See SC-2020-05.13

CRAIG began the first portion of the presentation.

KONRAD asked if the BSA has consulted with other clubs on the viability and need for these proposed changes.

CRAIG stated that these changes have been discussed and multiple clubs have shown their support for these changes.

AGARWAL inquired about the allocation of funds and asked for more detail on criteria on the distribution of funds and how EDI priorities would be implemented.

CRAIG responded by stating that more information on the maintenance of EDI factors will be presented in the following slides and clarified the allocation criteria and process.

DRAPER/EINARSON MOVED to extend the presentation time limit by fifteen minutes.

CARRIED

KRAHN asked about whether the fund adjudication committee will be creating guiding documents.

CRAIG responded by stating that guiding documents will be created.

KRAHN inquired about whether anti-bias measures or training had been considered for Committee members to prevent prejudice barriers.

CRAIG stated that anti-measures have not been considered but BSA has consulted with potential diversity training.

AGARWAL inquired about what the mental health and wellness initiative allocation would go towards and what was the intent behind this.

CRAIG responded by providing examples of where the mental health and wellness funding could be used.

DRAPER asked if the presentation could be completed.

CRAIG completed the presentation.

KRAHN stated agreement with the facets spoken of in the presentation.

2020-05/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

David DRAPER, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Rowan LEY, Vice President (External) - Report.
Alana KRAHN, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.
Katie KIDD, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Joel AGARWAL, President - Report.

2020-05/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

KIDD, ARRC - Report AKKERMAN, Audit Committee - Report FOTANG, Bylaw Committee - Report BID, CAC - Report

AGARWAL, Executive Committee - Report

KRAHN, Finance Committee - Report

DRAPER, Nominating Committee - Report

MONTEIRO, Policy Committee Report

KIDD, Student Group Committee - Report

EINARSON, Translation Committee - Report

KONRAD, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative - Report

BOSE, Sustainability Committee - Report

2020-05/5 OPEN FORUM

AHMED to LEY: "I was just wondering if you could further elaborate on the CSJ bridge plan and what it currently consists of?"

PAWLUK to KRAHN: "Based on the current negotiations with ETS, what can students currently expect for their UPass this fall?"

PAWLUCK to KRAHN: "Can you expand on the mandate on the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee Oversight Committee?"

2020-05/6 QUESTION PERIOD

FILIPOVIC to KRAHN: Asked for clarification on how much the PAW fee would be reduced by and if there was any information on whether gyms would be accessible for students in the Fall semester.

KRAHN stated that the website provided has more information on the PAW fee and also stated that there is a chance that students may not pay the fee due to gym access but programs are pivoting to online models that students can access.

BID: Asked whether the Translation Committee was a standing Committee and where documentation could be found on the Committee.

OLIVEIRA responded stating that standing orders are being edited and being formed

EINARSON responded to BID stating that there is difficulty in finding copies of standing orders for the Translation Committee

BOSE to LEY: Expressed concern from international students who have difficulties returning to classes in the Fall and asked whether the UASU will be advocating to the provincial government on the behalf of international students.

LEY responded stating that issues in this vein are currently being entered with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and more updates will follow.

FOTANG to DRAPER: Asked if DRAPER could speak more on the Public Health

Response Team and any discussions coming out of this Committee.

DRAPER clarified the structure of these University of Alberta Teams and explained some discussions occurring regarding the Fall semester and COVID-19 considerations.

HARIHARAN to KRAHN: Inquired about what current discussions with ETS are regarding how students can apply to their programs.

KRAHN responded to clarify the current situation and the present program and process to ride transit from the ETS.

HARIHARAN to KRAHN: stated that an inquiry was made and the approval process was occurring on a difficult case-by-case basis.

KRAHN stated that there will be a commitment made to push for clarity and greater accountability from ETS.

BID to EINARSON: Inquired about whether staff were consulted to find the standing orders and if there does not seem to be any standing orders, what actions will be taken.

EINARSON responded by stating that more outreach will be done and that the Translation Committee's current goal will be to revitalize the goals of the Translation Committee.

FOTANG to KIDD: Inquired about who would be making up the EDI Task Force in addition to the SALs.

KIDD explained the breakdown of who would be on the EDI Task Force.

AGARWAL stated that if there are no Standing Orders existing for the Translation Committee they will have to be created under the scope of Bylaw 100.

FOTANG to KIDD: Asked for clarification on whether those who have been nominated to be on the Committee will be fixed members or not.

KIDD responded that they will be fixed for this year and that different voices will be considered depending on the perspective of the EDI Task Force and what it decides.

HARIHARAN to KRAHN: Asked for clarification on whether the PAW fee will be optional for students in the Fall semester.

KRAHN stated that the fee has not been optional in the past, barring specific cases, and therefore would not be currently considered.

KORDE to DRAPER: Inquired about the Student Life Group and what is currently

being considered by the group.

DRAPER briefly described the group and handed off the time to another Executive member who could respond.

KIDD provided clarity on the Student Life Group.

DE GRANO to KIDD: Inquired about whether there would be compensation for Focus Groups on the EDI Task Force.

KIDD responded stating that the current idea is that the Focus Groups will be compensated but exact amounts have not been decided.

2020-05/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-05/7a **BOSE/BID MOVED** to, on behalf of Council Administration Committee, discuss whether voting results should be made public in council.

See SC-2020-05.14

BOSE introduced the motion.

DRAPER provided an explanation of the privileges available for councillors to call for voting to be publicly available and some of the issues that may arise for voting if all votes are publicly shared.

BRANDWEIN agreed with VP DRAPER and expressed support for action accountability but worries about voting bias caused by silencing and censoring that sets an unhealthy precedent that leads people to vote contrary to their own views.

BUCHANAN referenced different language present in the Standing Orders in 17(3) in regard to confidential and secret ballots, stating that confusing language could be clarified. Stated that there could be greater accountability merit that is more beneficial than concerns of group thinking.

YABUT echoed the perspective of VP DRAPER and stated that there is an opportunity to further this discussion at an additional time.

BOSE stated the benefits of using the tools present, such as the Call for Division.

AGARWAL echoes the concerns of bias in voting due to controversial items if this motion were to be formalized.

KONRAD expressed that echoing EDI, particularly Inclusion, that this change may not allow for Council to be the most inclusive of spaces.

2020-05/7b **DRAPER/MONTEIRO MOVED** to appoint Alessandra Argandona, Anirban Mistry, Janice Ngo, Safwan, and Sezvo-ndinemwi M'pfunya to the Student Group Committee on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

See SC-2020-05.06

DRAPER introduced the motion.

24/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-05/7c **DRAPER/BRANDWEIN MOVED** to appoint Shenin Mehnaj, Subhana Tazrian, Raya Najiba, and Prabhjyot Arora to the Sustainability Committee on behalf of the

Nominating Committee.

See SC-2020-05.07

DRAPER introduced the motion.

BUCHANAN asked for clarification on the composition of this Committee in addition to the Student-At-Large positions.

DRAPER stated that they did not have enough information to provide clarification at this time but directed to information currently available in Standing Orders.

LEY stated support for the current appointments and asked for any questions regarding any EDI concerns that may be present.

20/1/0 - CARRIED (noted abstention from Cllr. BOSE)

2020-05/7d **AGARWAL/SARETZSKY MOVED** to ratify the appointment of ALANA KRAHN to the Advisory Search Committee for VP (Finance and Administration).

See SC-2020-05.08

PRES. AGARWAL introduced the motion.

KRAHN provided additional clarification on the motion.

24/1/0 - CARRIED (noted abstention from VP KRAHN)

2020-05/7e **MONTEIRO/DRAPER MOVED**, on Behalf of Policy Committee, to approve Second Principles of the Academic Materials Political Policy.

See SC-2020-05.09

MONTEIRO introduced the motion.

DRAPER stated that before a full decision could be made regarding citations, the current motion document is consistent with the current citation style. Also noting that Cllr. FOTANG was instrumental in this process as well.

AGARWAL made a Point of Information on the fact that the motion was not attached to the Order Papers or the Late Additions.

MONTERIO/YABUT MOVED to table the motion to the next meeting to ensure that Students' Council has enough time to review the motion thoroughly.

CARRIED

2020-05/8	GENERAL ORDERS
2020-05/9	INFORMATION ITEMS
2020-05/9a	Executive Committee Reports
	See SC-2020-05.01-05
2020-05/9b	Board of Governors Report.
	See SC-2020-05.15
2020-05/9c	Council Submissions.
	See SC-2020-05.06-09.14
2020-05/9d	Students' Council - Motion Tracking.
	See SC-2020-05.10
2020-05/9e	Students' Council - Attendance.
	See SC-2020-05.11
2020-05/9f	Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2020-04) - Tuesday, June 16, 2020.
	See SC-2020-05.12

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30PM