

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 8, 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-2020-10)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

2020-10/I SPEAKERS BUSINESS

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

September, 22 2020 at 6:00PM via Zoom.

2020-10/1a BID/KONRAD MOVED TO approve Robert Bilak as Speaker for Meeting #10,

September 8, 2020, Students' Council Meeting.

17/1/0 - CARRIED

BILAK led the Students' Union Oath for all Councillors given the new Fall 2020 trimester.

Registered Guests

Chanpreet Singh - UAISA President Amy Visscher - Guest, CMP Mentee

2020-10/2 PRESENTATIONS

2020-10/2a AGARWAL/BOSE MOVED TO allow the International Students' Association

(ISA) to present on the proposal to become an SRA as per Bylaw 8100.

See SC-2020-10.10

AGARWAL introduced the motion.

SINGH delivered the presentation.

KONRAD/AGARWAL MOVED TO extend until the end of the presentation, leaving an additional 10 minutes for questions.

CARRIED (Noted abstention from Cllr. Marques)

BOSE commended the efforts of the UAISA.

DHILLON asked for clarification on the concept of the UAISA regarding refugee student inclusion in the structure and advocacy of the UAISA.

SINGH responded with reasoning regarding concerns in being able to properly represent refugee students.

AGARWAL inquired about election procedures for the UAISA Council and the Executives.

SINGH responded by outlining the issues that would be posed if the representative seat allocation would be changed and explained the elections processes further.

LEY inquired about where UAISA finances would be collected from.

DRAPER/BID MOVED TO suspend standing orders to extend until the exhaustion of the speaking list

CARRIED

CARBAJAL shared concerns regarding the UAISA's position on refugees and asked that the UAISA's position should be reviewed.

SINGH acknowledged concerns and invited this concern to be brought forward for further discussion with the UAISA.

VILLOSO inquired about whether the UAISA intends to collect fees from students as a long-term goal.

SINGH stated that the idea would be explored further by the UAISA for future terms.

OLIVEIRA echoed concerns regarding refugee students not being incorporated into the UAISA structure and clarified details regarding refugee student status.

SINGH stated that the UAISA would need to discuss these concerns further.

KIDD shared concerns with the exclusion of refugee students and suggested changes that could be implemented in regards to representation and effective governance by the UAISA.

SINGH responded with concerns regarding the concerns that might arise with incorporating refugee student representation into the structure without the appropriate structure to represent them in the best way and suggested ways to move forward.

MARQUES inquired about how representation on UAISA will be theoretically proportioned across faculties, would the UAISA be interested in running a referendum in the upcoming By-Election, and asked about the indirect election procedures of UAISA.

SINGH responded to the questions by explaining that the UAISA will be reflecting on proportions of representation in the coming years, the UAISA would consider running a referendum in the future, and also provided justification behind election procedures.

2020-10/3 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.

2020-10/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

BADESHA, Audit Committee - Report
DHILLON, ARRC - Report
FOTANG, Bylaw Committee - Report
BID, CAC - Report
AGARWAL, Executive Committee - Report
KRAHN, Finance Committee - Report
DRAPER, Nominating Committee - Report
MONTEIRO, Policy Committee Report
KRAHN, Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee
DIXON, Sustainability Committee Report
EINARSON, Translation Committee - Report
KIDD, Student Group Committee

2020-10/5 OPEN FORUM

VISSCHER to DRAPER: Inquired about university course structure at Canadian universities and how it rushes students in their degree and makes limitations for them.

KONRAD, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative - Report

BUCHANAN made a Point of Information asking for clarification on the question being asked by Visscher.

VISSCHER to KIDD and KRAHN: Inquired about the fee assessment for the athletic and recreation fee and asked about the fee breakdown for Students' Union fees.

VISSCHER to KIDD: Followed up on the athletic fee given that free sessions are available.

2020-10/6 QUESTION PERIOD

KONRAD to KRAHN: Asked for more context on the transit update from ETS.

LEY to KIDD: Gave the floor Kidd to complete her report update.

DHILLON to AGARWAL: Inquired about a response to the tragedy of Flight PS752 and whether it would be possible to encourage the creation of a research bursary.

BOSE: Made a statement asking councillors to reach out to him if they wanted to chat at any time, especially during the stressful start of the semester.

MONTEIRO to AGARWAL: Inquired about a recommendation regarding the creation of smudging policy and whether this policy has already been dealt with.

KIMANI to KIDD: Asked for an update on the EDI Task Force regarding goals and initiatives.

BID: Thanked VP Ley and VP Krahn for their work with the ETS update.

BID to DRAPER: Inquired about whether the online capacity of student learning sites have been improved.

BADESHA to AGARWAL: Inquired about an update on the situation regarding the most recent audit of the Business Students' Association.

DHILLON to AGARWAL: Following up on the previous question, inquired about whether it would be possible to get a more specific research scholarship for the undergraduate community.

(Question period extended by fifteen minutes)

BADESHA to KIDD: Inquired about whether VP Kidd would be willing to come speak with the Audit Committee about why the Business Students Association failed their last audit.

BOSE to MONTEIRO: Inquired about whether he could attend the next meeting to ask questions about certain online lecture policy.

BUCHANAN: Stated that there have been no updates on Google Drive regarding information from the Financial Committee.

DHILLON to KRAHN: Asked for more information regarding the UASU Access Fund.

BID to SPEAKER: Inquired about whether it would be allowed to bring a motion to the floor during the meeting.

KRAHN: Made a statement regarding the Business Students' Association and their failed audit and the way that the Students' Union manages finances through relegated associations, such as Student Representative Associations. Spoke to the current prioritization on how student associations need to meet their mandates.

KIDD to BID: Made a statement regarding whether CAC would be willing to move their proposed motion to the next meeting rather than bringing it to this one so that there will be enough time to discuss the motion within General Orders.

FOTANG to KRAHN: Inquired about whether there will be more updates provided to students regarding the formation of a mail collecting system by the UASU for ETS Ride Transit Program applications processing.

2020-10/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2020-10/7a **FOTANG/OLIVEIRA MOVED TO** approve the first reading of Bill #5, according to these second principles.

See SC-2020-10.05

OLIVEIRA introduced the motion.

20/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-10/7b **FOTANG/EINARSON MOVED TO** approve the second reading of Bill #6, according to these second principles.

See SC-2020-10.06

EINARSON introduced the motion.

AGARWAL inquired about whether the timeline set for translations currently are the most feasible and whether there were other discussions around this process.

KIDD echoed Pres. Agarwal's concerns and inquired about whether these processes were led last year.

EINARSON clarified the process that will be occurring with the translation based on the current goals of the Translation Committee.

OLIVEIRA agreed with Cllr. Einarson's comments and provided additional justification for the current timeline and procedures.

20/0/0 - CARRIED

2020-10/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2020-10/8a KIDD/BOSE MOVED TO Committee of the Whole to discuss Campus Sexual

Violence.

See SC-2020-10.13

CARRIED

BOSE made a Point of Information on whether the intent was to move into in-camera as of now.

KIDD mentioned that the beginning of the discussion might be best if it were not to be in-camera.

DIXON agreed to not go in-camera at the current time.

AGARWAL provided some context on the current discussion prompt, hoping to create a safe and open environment where experiences could be heard respectfully and asked for Councillors to present themselves empathetically. Provided premise on the advocacy currently occurring within the UASU with the University of Alberta and asked that this time should be used to collect meaningful feedback.

KIDD provided additional information on the discussion prompt and shared an update on the work currently being done. Provided information on the Committee being developed in the Office of the Dean of Students regarding addressing campus sexual violence that hopes to be running by the end of September. Spoke on the discussions occurring with University partner organizations to make progress at this time. Informed Council about the social media account that will be run to process survivor testimonies, raise awareness, and share resources.

KIDD/BOSE MOVED to an in-camera session.

CARRIED

AGARWAL/BID MOVED TO exit the in-camera session.

CARRIED

AGARWAL/BID MOVED TO leave the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

2020-10/9a Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2020-10.01-04.11

2020-10/9b Board of Governors Representative Report

See SC-2020-10.12

2020-10/9c Council Submissions.

See SC-2020-10.05-06

2020-10/9d Addressing Sexual Violence and Harrassment at the University of Alberta

See SC-2020-10.13

2020-10/9e Students' Council - Motion Tracking

See SC-2020-10.07

2020-10/9f Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2020-10.08

2020-10/9g Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2020-08) - Tuesday, August 11, 2020

See SC-2020-10.09

2020-10/9h Presentations

See SC-2020-10.10

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:24PM