

**MINUTES OF THE
7th MEETING OF THE 2005/2006
STUDENTS' UNION GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY 13, 2006 AT 5:00 PM
STUDENTS' UNION BALLROOM 300A**

ATTENDANCE: Tyler Tanner - Chair, Jason Blades, Andrew Lunn, Dustin Fuller, Grant Paul, Nic Barker, Gaurav Singh, Suzanne Olchoweki, Ben Hart, Talis Jacobsen, Stephen Higham, Kelly Kennedy, Charlotte Kingston, JJ Machalski, Kent Betts, Jon Oxley - GM, Susan Curtis - EA.

ABSENT: Mark Hudson, Jason Rumer, Nafisa Jadavji

GUESTS: Landon Festes, Darren Perizzolo, Ken Aitkens

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1 AGENDA OF JANUARY 13, 2006.

MOTION [16904GA] MSC: B. Hart/A. Lunn
_____ BIMT Council adopt the agenda of January 13, 2006.
Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION [16905GA] MSC: S. Higham/B. Hart
_____ BIMT Council approve the Minutes of December 2, 2006.
Carried

3. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None at this time.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

5. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

None at this time.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Insert 6, pg 6-8) - Tyler

Tyler - There has been some confusion at to Robert's Rules of Order. If there are any amendments I will ask for a mover. If it isn't friendly then there will be a debate and will vote on it.

7. COUNCIL REPORTS (Insert 7, pg 9-15)

December Reports: Jason Blades, Dustin Fuller, Ben Hart, Nafisa Jadavji, Stephen Higham, JJ Machalski.

Missing December Reports: Andrew Lunn, Kent Betts, Talis Jacobsen, Gaurav Singh, Mark Hudson, Jason Rumer, Charlotte Kingston, Nic Barker, Grant Paul, Suzanne Olchawecki, Kelly Kennedy.

Overdue Reports - Oct & Nov: Kent Betts and Mark Hudson.

Tyler - Please submit your reports.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE - Tyler

Tyler - We are in the process of setting goals. After we finish goal settings we will be working on strategies.

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION, CLUBS, AND INDIVIDUALS

9.1 MATCHING GRANT - JAMS (Insert 9.1) - Andrew

No discussion

MOTION [16905GA]

MSC: B. Hart/A. Lunn

BIMT the General Assembly approve a Matching Grant in the amount of \$200.00 for the Japanese Anime Manga Society. Monies to come from Club Funding.

Carried

9.2 MATCHING GRANT - LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS FOR LIFE (Insert 9.2, pg 18-19) -

Andrew

No discussion

MOTION [16906GA]

MSC: B. Hart/C. Kingston

BIMT the General Assembly approve a Matching Grant in the amount of \$150.00 for the Campus Students for life. Monies to come from Club Funding.

Carried

9.3 MATCHING GRANT - IVCF (Insert 9.3, pg 20) - Andrew
No Discussion

MOTION [16907GA] MSC: S. Olchaweski
BIMT the General Assembly approve a Matching Grant in the amount of \$200.00 for Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship. Monies to come from Club Funding.
Carried

9.4 START UP GRANT - PHYSICAL THEATRE SOCIETY (Insert 9., pg 21) - Andrew
No discussion

MOTION [16908GA] MSC: A. Lunn/G. Singh
BIMT the General Assembly approve a Start-up Grant in the amount of \$200.00 for the U of L Physical Theatre Society. Monies to come from Club Funding.
Carried - Ben abstained

9.5 CLUB RATIFICATION
Kent - What is Essingan?
Andrew - I think it's an African Dance Club.

MOTION [16909GA] **ESSINGAN DANCE CLUB**
MSC: S. Higham/S. Olchawecki
BIMT the General Assembly ratify the Essingan Dance Club for the 2005/2006 academic year.
Carried

MOTION [16910GA] **SPANISH CLUB**
MSC: A. Lunn/N. Barker
BIMT the General Assembly ratify the Spanish Club for the 2005/2006 academic year.
Carried

MOTION [16911GA] **PHILOSOPHY CLUB**
MSC: N. Barker/S. Higham
BIMT the General Assembly ratify the Philosophy Club for the 2005/2006 academic year.
Carried

MOTION [16912GA] **ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB**
MSC: T. Jacobsen/G. Singh
BIMT the General Assembly ratify the University of Lethbridge Anthropology Club for the 2005/2006 academic year.
Carried

9.6 TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE GRANT - PHILOSOPHY CLUB (Insert 9.6, pg 22) - *Andrew*

- Jon - We are over budget in the Student Assistance Travel and Conference line.
Andrew - Everything is in order for this Club.
Ben - Can we move money from the Coca Cola fund to this line?
Jason - We could if the General Assembly wants to. We have set aside an amount to be used for this and we have used it up.
Andrew - We have the largest amount of clubs this year than we have ever had. We have over 50. There are a lot of clubs using the SU's funding now. The amount was set when we had around 30 clubs.
Stephen - We shouldn't cut them off when our budget runs out.
Jason - The Coca Cola is basically a special projects line.

MOTION [16913GA] MSC: J. Blades/A. Lunn
BIMT the General Assembly transfer \$2,500.00 from the Coca Cola budget line to the Student Assistance Travel and Conference budget line.
Carried

MOTION [16914GA] MSC: A. Lunn/S. Higham
BIMT the General Assembly approve a Travel and Conference Grant in the amount of \$300.00 for the Philosophy Club to attend the Prairie Provinces Undergraduate Philosophy Association conference in Edmonton Alberta during January 27, 2006 - 29, 2006. Monies to come from Student Assistance, Travel and Conference.
Carried

9.7 TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE GRANT - ULCC (Insert 9.7, pg 23) - *Andrew*

- Jason - I recommend we don't pass this because policy states the application has to be submitted prior to the conference.
Ben - The motion should have died right there since it is in violation of policy.
Tyler - We will let it go to merit.
Andrew - It was a grey area because of when the date or the event happened.
Nic - If there are a lot of clubs maybe we should crack down on it.
Tyler - Should we not allow the late applications to get on the agenda?
Ben - Other than violation of policy, I don't have a problem with this.
Charlotte - If it's an extenuating circumstance then we should look at it.
Tyler - We will let Andrew decide if it's extenuating circumstances and therefore should be added to the agenda.

The General Assembly agree to leave it up the Andrew to decide whether or not a Travel and Conference grant should be included in the agenda.

MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION [16915GA] MSD: B. Hart/A. Lunn
BIMT the General Assembly approve a Travel and Conference Grant in the amount of \$300.00 for the University of Lethbridge Catholic Community to attend Rise up in Vancouver during December 28, 2005 to January 1, 2006. Monies to come from Student Assistance, Travel and Conference.

2/10/1 DEFEATED

9.8 VERUSUM COLLECTUM - CLUB RATIFICATION

- Club - We will be having some bands play and get to know kids and help them feel welcome to the shows. We are promoting outside the U of L to use the musical talent. I want to be more open for people to be involved with the U of L to help out organizations who need a hand.
- Ben - Are you saying the purpose of your club is to promote?
- Club - Yes.

The General Assembly passed a motion to table this club ratification to mailbox ballot as to give Andrew time to review their constitution.

10. ITEMS FOR ACTION

10.1 NAMING OF THE FITNESS CENTRE IN THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE

Motion to name the space Westbridge Fitness Centre failed.
Motion to name the space Witness the Fitness failed.

- Ben - It shouldn't rhyme.
- Nic - I think it's cheesy
- Grant - We have a responsibility here and it should be more inspirational.
- Kelly - I like ULSU Fitness Centre
- Talis - I like Vitality Fitness Centre
- Suzanne - I like Fiat Salis.

Motion to name it Bridge to Longevity Fitness Centre failed.

- JJ & Ben - That is too long of a name.

Motion to name it The Southern Sky Fitness Centre failed.

- Tyler - Let's send this back to the Spirit Committee and have them bring one suggestion back.

Motion to name it the Darwin Dome failed.

- JJ - Anyone who believes in creation might have a problem with this name.
- Grant - We are in a bible belt and people might be offended.
- Kent - We are a university and Professors teach about Darwin.
- Grant - The city is a lot paying for this, we have to be mindful of them.

The General Assembly passed a motion to table this to the next General Assembly meeting.

10.2 NAMING OF THE NEW LEVEL 2 SPACE

Motion to name the space Galilao's failed.

- Andrew - The second choice was "Student Quarters". Galilao's was a selection because of the telescope.
- Ben - We can't postpone this to next meeting because of the Grand Opening.
- Grant - I recommend we change it to "The Vu".

Motion to name it The Vu failed.

- Ben - There is a talk show called The View.
- Jason - I don't like that name.

Motion to name it Anova failed.

- Grant - It's more of a mathematical term.

General Assembly passed a motion to table this to mailbox ballot in time for the Grand Opening.

General Assembly passed a motion for a 7.75 minute recess.

11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

11.1 COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING - Ben

The General Assembly passed a motion to suspend Roberts Rules of Order.

PRESENTATION ON RESTRUCTURING OPTIONS / Q & A - Ben

- Ben - It takes 6 weeks to get a Bylaw and Policy in place. The Committee had me draft these up.
- Diversity has to be an issue. There should be some diversity in place. These 4 positions would be run for on merit.
- Charlotte - Another option we talked about was to change the class cap for Executive Council members.
- Jason - Ben you have done a fantastic job. This is not set in stone and we will have more information for GA to be debating on.
- Ben - The Notice of Motion is to get notice out so students know we are debating the issues.
- Gaurav - How many universities have you contacted?
- Charlotte - We have contacted 3 or 4. Most universities the student body votes on the diversity positions.
- Kent - How many universities have Diversity positions?
- Ben - It's about 50/50.

11.2 DAYCARE ACTION COMMITTEE

- Charlotte - The rally was a huge success. There has been a turn for support from the university Administration. A lot of Faculty Association members have given support as well. In the beginning of February the report will be finished, and at that time Bill Cade will present it to the Board of Governors.
- Would the SU draft up a letter of support so that it could be sent to the B of G too?

There we no opposition from the GA to writing a letter of support.

- Tyler - Have the Committee draft up a letter and the Executive Council can look at it.
Kelly - I applaud your committee for their efforts.

The General Assembly applauds Nafisa.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 SPEAKER SERIES - AVI LEWIS - *Dustin*

- Dustin - February 14th at 7pm in the Ballrooms - Theme is "Sustainable Communities".

12.2 FEDERAL ELECTIONS UPDATE - *Dustin*

- Dustin - Polling booths are just for residence students.

12.3 FEDERAL DEBATE - *Dustin*

- Dustin - If you want to hand out posters it will be this Thursday, please come and see me.

12.4 AB LANDLORDS ACT - *Dustin*

- Dustin - There are a lot of students getting taken advantage of by their landlords keeping there security deposit. (mostly International students). We have information on this at the front of the office for students to pick up.

12.5 GENERAL ASSEMBLY & STAFF PARTY AT JJ'S - *JJ*

- Tyler - There will be a party at JJ's on February 4th.

Stephen left

12.6 SURVEY RESULTS WITH DR. HADI KHARAGHANI OF PE250 (Insert 12.7, pg 24)- *Tyler*

- Tyler - We conducted a survey as to how students liked the large class. Most of them don't mind it.

12.7 LAURENCE DECORE AWARDS - *Tyler*

- Tyler - This is a student leadership award. You can nominate anyone. Six students on this campus will be awarded.

12.8 STUDENTS' UNION BYLAWS AND POLICIES - NOTICE OF MOTIONS - *Ben Hart*

The General Assembly passed a motion to limit the debate to 5 minutes per motion.

A. CONSTITUTION

BIMT the Students' Union amend the Constitution as per Insert 12.8 (A)

- Ben - This is just a Constitution clean up.

- Talis - It's a good idea to look at it.

B. THE STUDENTS' UNION STRATEGIC PLAN

BIMT the Students' Union amend the Policies to include "Policy XXXI - The Students' Union Strategic Plan" as per handout.

Ben - This is a Strategic Plan Committee initiative. It entails keeping the SPC as a standing committee.

C. THE STUDENTS' UNION POLITICAL POLICIES MANUAL

BIMT the Students' Union amend the Policies to include "Policy XXXII - The Students' Union Political Policies Manual" as per handout.

Ben - This is so we have a committee from year to year to help for political initiatives and policy review - universities policy, government policy etc.

Kent - Making a policy about a policy manual is stupid.

Jason - This will be good for next year's council to look at.

D. CO-OPERATIVE EVENTS POLICY

BIMT the Students' Union amend the policies to include "Policy XXXIII - Co-operative events Policy" as per insert 12.8K.

Ben - So we can co-operate with some organizations that are non profit and that fix our organization.

JJ - What's wrong with SU organizing something and all clubs get on board?

Ben - If we are the primary organizer we don't need an exchange of funds.

Jason - Canada World Youth came to the Anti Racism event and we were the primary organizers. This is formalizing anything that doesn't fall under our umbrella.

Kent - We will be restricting ourselves and if we don't leave #5 in I think it's pointless.

Talis - It could be worded to say "not intended to be" instead of "cannot".

Kent - #7 - I don't like the idea of counting volunteer time and people won't follow it anyway.

Charlotte - It's the same as any other thing - to be accountable to the hours put in.

Talis - I think it's a good idea to count hours, but not strictly. It would be more motivation to put in time.

Stephen - #6 - I don't like how it gives the option, it's too vague.

Jason - #6 - does n't need to be in here, I find it redundant.

E. DIVERSITY POSITIONS AND THE VP EXTERNAL

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw I - Definitions" to include Diversity positions and the Vice President External as per insert 12.8I, pg 48 of the agenda.

Ben - The only changes are on the last pages - Diversity Reps name changes - Abbreviations and the SU General Assembly.

F. STUDENT'S COUNCIL

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw III - the Student's Council" as per insert

12.8H, pg 46 of the agenda.

Ben - This is to include the Diversity Reps if we put them in.

G. **PRESIDENT**

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw VI - the President" as per insert 12.8A, pg 25.

Ben - We added a clause near the end on #11 - this is on all the Executives as well.

Stephen - Is it possible for us to accept this notice of motion and then look over it through the weekend and then let Ben know of our ideas?

Tyler - It's important to read this. We can't take these changes lightly.

Nic - If we agree as a General Assembly maybe we could meet Friday and have a discussion on it.

Tyler - GA meetings have to be at least 2 weeks apart.

Jason - We could give ourselves 2 weeks and then have constructive conversations.

Charlotte - It's definitely a good idea to go over it better, the committee is meeting tomorrow.

Kent - If we don't go over each one we could overlook what Ben has done here.

Charlotte - In #11, is it suppose to say VP Academic?

Ben - No it's suppose to say "President", it's a typo.

H. **VP ACADEMIC**

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw VII - the Vice President Academic" as per insert 12.8B, pg 28.

I. **VP ADMINISTRATION**

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw VIII - the Vice President Administration as per insert 12.8I.

J. **VP INTERNAL**

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw IX - the Vice President Internal" as per insert 12.8J.

K. **DIRECTORS**

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw XI - Directors" as per insert 12.8K)

Ben - Changes responsibility of the Directors around a bit.

Andrew - Does that include the Diversity Reps?

Ben - I'll make a not to include the entire General Assembly.

L. **DIRECTORS - REMOVAL OF BYLAW**

BIMT the Students' Union remove "Bylaw XI - Directors", eliminating the Director positions.

Ben - There is no insert for this one, it's just removing the Bylaw of Directors. It is nice to have a GA eye in the Executive Council meetings, as a fail safe.

Stephen - I think the Directors are very important and could be utilized more.

M. **HONORARIA**

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw XVII - Honoraria", as per insert 12.8M, pg 58

Ben - This is one that offers a small raise and one that has no raise but a reduction of role. There will be an honoraria increase if we pass it.

Kent - Should there be a point in there to include cost of living inflation?

N. **DIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES**

BIMT the Students' Union amend the bylaws to include "Bylaw XXX - the Diversity Representatives", as per insert 12.8H, pg 31.

(N1) Ben - Even if these positions don't get filled, at least they will be open. They will be expected to sit on university things too.

Nic - I totally disagree with this. I'm worried there will be special interest all over the place. They can be on the General Assembly already. We already have a problem filling positions.

Kent - I like Nic's point. They can come in themselves and speak to us as is.

Andrew - I think we should keep the General Diversity Rep only. That one person could represent everyone.

Ben - Disabled students have an office on campus.

Kent - I'm not saying I dislike the Diversity position, I think it would be useless to have one for each group. I agree with Andrew.

Jason - I think we should save qualitative debate for later.

(N2) Ben - This is saying that anyone can vote for these positions.

O. **ELECTION, REFERENDUM, AND PLEBISCITE BYLAW**

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Bylaw XXIV - Election, Referendum and Plebiscite Bylaw" as per insert 12.8F, pg 31.

Ben - The change is changing it to 40 hours.

Stephen - I think 1 hr/day for Directors is small.

Ben - Give them an honoraria increase and tuition allowance.

Jason - I take it as an insult that we are increasing the honoraria and working longer when we already work longer than 35 hours per week. There really wouldn't be any financial increase if more hours are required.

Andrew - Taking one course really isn't going to school. I really think if they want to work and go to school they should have that option.

Kelly - What do other universities do?

- Ben - One, is that the more courses you are enrolled in, the better student perspective you have. Two, is that the less courses you are enrolled in the more work you can get done.
- Kelly - I don't know how you have three classes and do all the work you do. I don't think there should be a course load difference between the President and the VP's. It should be the same across the board.
- Kent - Lowering it to 2 from 3 you are encouraging students to stay with the SU longer.
- Gaurav - If you are serious about your job there is good and bad to it. Depends who gets voted in.
- Jon - Tuition allowance would be taxed and the elective would be eligible for the Health and Dental plan.

P. **COUNCIL OBLIGATIONS**

BIMT the Students' Union amend "Policy III - Council Obligations" as per insert 12.8O, pg 33.

Q. **TUITION ALLOWANCE**

BIMT the Students' Union amend the Bylaws to include "Bylaw XXIX - Tuition Allowance" as per insert 12.8P, pg 40.

- Ben - The reflects some of the above Bylaw. No student fees just tuition.
- Tyler - ICI typo - Not change credit hours.

R. **VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL**

BIMT the Students' Union amend the Bylaws to include "Bylaw XXX - the Vice President External" as per insert 12.8Q, pg 76.

- Ben - This is for a possible VP External.

S. **MOTIONS WHICH OVERLAP RECOMMENDING GROUPS**

BIMT the Students' Union amend the Internal Committees Policy to include the Strategic Planning Committee, the Political Initiatives Committee, and the Diversity Initiatives Committee.

- Ben - Standing Committees - draft guideline book. If the External position is added he could quite possibly be the chair.
- Jason - I recommend we divide the Committees in two groups as some are qualitatively different.
- Jon - If you implement all the financial benefits it is going to cost about \$29,600 in operating budget. This is about a 10% increase in operating costs.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 SU's DODGEBALL TEAM

Tyler - We play Thursday nights and our first game will be this Thursday.

14. NEXT MEETING

Friday February 17, 2006 at 5:00 pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION [16916GA] MSC: B. Hart/S. Olchaweski
BIMT Council adjourn the meeting of January 11, 2006.
Carried
