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COUNCIL FORUM

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Students' Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers in University Hall at 6pm. Council meetings are open to all students. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 October.

RESIGNATIONS

Council opened last night with the news that two councillors, John Chandler representing Arts and Greg German representing science, were resigning from their posts in Council. A motion was brought forward to retroactively remove German from his seat on the Council Advisory Committee (CAC). The motion would prevent the councillor from collecting remuneration for the first trimester of the year. The motion passed, and German was removed from the CAC.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL PRESENTS ...

Presentations were next for the evening, with Students' Union President Samantha Power stepping up to speak on a number of issues. Power updated Council on the ongoing negotiations among the City of Edmonton, the University of Alberta Administration and the SU regarding the U-Pass. She explained that there would have to be a referendum before students on the issue and, depending on the outcome, the project could begin as early as Fall semester 2007.

She then stated that the SU should

lobby to make undergraduate issues a greater budget priority for the U of A.

Power went on to stress the need for a firm process when it came to reviewing and administering mandatory fees charged to students. She finished up by urging Council to focus more on external matters that affected students as a whole, instead of spending meetings debating internal policy and bylaw matters.

Councillor Chris Samuel was up next, with a speech on the importance of political policies voted on by Council. Amid automotive metaphors and quoting Jean-Luc Picard, Samuel argued that policy should be seen as representing the will of U of A's student body.

The final presentation was put on by the Audit Committee, on ideas for restructuring the way that the committee reviewed dedicated fee units. A couple of recommendations were made to make the committee more efficient in its task.

NOMINATIONS

After the presentations, Council moved on to nominations, looking to fill open seats on a variety of committees. During the first round of nominations, for the University Policy Committee (UPC), a motion was brought up to postpone appointed members until after the upcoming by-election, to allow new councillors a chance to fill the seats. After lengthy debate, the motion was defeated, and the nominations continued.

Members were appointed to the UPC, the Grant Advisory Council and

the CAC. With the addition of new members, the CAC once again reached enough councillors to continue meetings, which had been put on hold since the resignations during the summer months caused the group's membership to plummet. (Earlier in the meeting, the Speaker told Council that he found the number of empty seats on the CAC to be an embarrassment.)

MUCH ADO ABOUT TOBACCO

When nominations finished, Council considered a motion to donate the proceeds of tobacco sales from the Powerplant to the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. This was following a letter written by former science councillor Stephen Kirkham, who requested that the total revenues from tobacco sales in the 'Plant after the ban on selling cigarettes in SU-run businesses came into effect.

An amendment was quickly brought forward, suggesting that the money instead be donated to a relevant, on-campus cause, such as the Cross Cancer Institute. After debating the usefulness of a \$64 donation to such a group, and the amendment was withdrawn.

Another amendment was offered, one that would instead donate the total revenue gained from the sales, a total of over \$300, to AADAC. Supporters argued that it would be more principled to donate the entire amount, while critics felt it would not accomplish much more. The amendments were eventually defeated, and the main motion to give the \$64 to AADAC was passed.

QUESTION PERIOD

After the nominations were finished, Council moved on to Question Period.

A question directed at Power asked why there were no poster around campus to promote the upcoming by-election to fill empty seats on Council. Power responded that she didn't know why there was a lack in promotion, but she would refer the question to Chief Returning Officer Rachel Woynorowski and provide an answer at a later date.

Another question asked about the state of the computer lab in the basement of the Students' Union Building, as there were concerns about the quality of the machines. Vice-President (Operations and Finance) Chris Cunningham said that the question hadn't been brought before Council before, but he would look into it.

Another question was sent Cunningham's way, this time about if the redesign of the Powerplant into a buffet and coffee shop was making any difference in the business's finances. Cunningham noted that the buffet seemed to be quite busy over the day, he added that the month's financial statements wouldn't be released until the end of September, and even then, it would be too early to see any real trend in patronage.

A question about Council's stance on business dealings with Coca-Cola was asked of Power. She said that a new proposal had been brought forward by the company over the summer. It had been reviewed by the SU Executive, and the matter would be brought forward to Council at the next meeting.

STREETERS

Toronto Pearson Airport has raised their airport fees by five dollars to fund renovations.

Will this affect your willingness to travel to Toronto?



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Well, I guess if they need upgrading, \$5 isn't all that much.

Probably not. Asking customers to subsidize the cost of renovations—there's nothing wrong with that. \$5 to buy a prettier airport isn't all that much, especially with the cost of air travel right now, where it can be near \$400 for a trip. I mean, if you were flying Jetsgo when it was still around, and tickets were \$40, then \$5 could make a difference.

Not really. I mean, I avoid Toronto airport at all costs, because it's pretty much the worst airport in Canada. But when you're paying \$700 to fly, then no, it's not that much.

No, because my mother used to work for Air Canada. We still have to pay taxes, but a lot of it's a lot cheaper, so I'm not too worried about it.

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