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COUNCIL FORUM

Ryan Heise
Deputy News Editor

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, 29 May.

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS

The only major matter of business that came out of the 15 May council meeting was the passing of a policy regarding deferred maintenance. President Michael Janz and Vice-President (External) Steven Dollansky moved that council lobby the Government of Alberta to commit immediate one-time funding to deal with deferred maintenance at the University of Alberta, along with providing funding for maintenance on an ongoing basis. However, they said they would also pressure the University administration to avoid shifting the cost of covering maintenance costs onto students' fees.

Previously, the University has raised residence rent by ten per cent and increased parking prices to help cover the cost of deferred maintenance.

Janz said that the current bill for deferred maintenance at the University is between \$600-900 million.

While not much debate surrounded the policy, the issue of whether or not

“It absolutely astounds me that the Strathcona County people, St Albert people, and Edmonton people have such a hard time working together. I can't wait to sign [the U-Pass contract] so I never have to go back there again.

STEVEN DOLLANSKY
SU VP (External)

on attending a U-Pass meeting

deferred maintenance was a legitimate issue for the SU to lobby on came up, as it's not something directly tied to students. However, the idea that the cost of maintenance must not fall to students took precedence, and the motion to adopt the policy was passed and referred to the External Policy Committee for drafting.

Following the meeting, Dollansky explained that the policy will help the SU gain a level of clarity for the situation.

“It provides direction for the Executive to lobby on the issue and to establish a strategy to work with the University to try and improve the deferred maintenance deficit on campus.”

GREASING THE INVISIBLE SKY-TUBES

While not an item listed on the standing orders, President Janz briefly spoke with the Gateway following the meeting regarding the current state of wireless internet access in SUB.

Towards the end of their term, last year's SU recognized that there were serious issues affecting the reliability of

SUB's WiFi and were taking measures to address it. Janz was quick to assure that this year's executive is already looking into the problems.

“It's definitely something we're working on,” he stated, continuing that it's hard to diagnose the specific issues in the summer when there is significantly lighter usage of the system.

“Our goal is that the wireless should be working on the main level, at all times, in all the spaces,” Janz explained. “It may mean that we need to buy a couple of access points or that we need to review some of the protocol.”

While the issue of wireless internet on the main floor was being addressed, it was discovered that RATT had an inactive access point. Janz said that getting it up and running was a priority for the SU.

“RATT is open for the summer, and we're trying to sell it. What better way than having functional wireless so students and professors who want to have a drink on a summer afternoon can go up and chill out and have access to the Internet?”

QUESTION PERIOD

Janz was asked a question regarding campus security in the wake of the shooting at Virginia Tech. He explained that the University needed to take preventative measures in dealing with student safety and not just be reactive. This doesn't just entail acts of violence, he continued, but also health issues, citing last year's Norwalk virus outbreak. Janz concluded that, while it isn't the SU's direct responsibility to deal with safety issues, the Executive will work closely with the University to ensure students have a safe environment on campus.

A question regarding what exactly the University Senate does was posed. VP Dollansky, who sits on the Senate, fielded it, explaining that the Senate's main roll is in community relations. They deal with things such as high-school recruitment and alumni relations. When asked a follow-up about whether having an SU representative sit on the Senate was a waste of resources, Dollansky said that having influence at any level is good for Council.

STREETERS

Some professors have started podcasting lectures.

If your professors uploaded audio versions of lectures to the Internet, would you take advantage of it?



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Yes I would. Then I wouldn't have to go to class as much. Some profs just take their questions right out of their notes.

I'd totally use the podcasts. And if [the profs] are technologically un-handicapped, they could be video podcasts and you wouldn't miss anything at all. But the best would be for classes where the profs just dictate to you anyway. If they're doing that, why not just listen to it on your iPod?

I think it's a good idea. It's going to be more convenient for students.

That would be fun. Actually, that's great. I'd still go to class, but it's a chance to hear it more than once. One of my profs actually had his own recorded lecture on his website, and I listened to that. I found it very helpful.

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