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COUNCIL FORUM

By Ryan Heise

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, 4 December.

THE BIG KIDS CAME TO PLAY

Council opened with a presentation from University brass on student fees, with specific attention paid to next year's increases. In attendance from the University was Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Carl Amrhein, VP (Facilities & Operations) Don Hickey, VP (Finance & Administration) Phyllis Clark, interim registrar Jerry Kendal, executive director of Ancillary Services Doug Dawson, and committee initiatives manager Von Whiting. The presentation, which was given by Amrhein, began by looking at the increase in tuition fees for the next academic year.

Amrhein explained that the province has linked tuition increases to Alberta's consumer price index (CPI), which is 4.6 per cent, and that the University has made the suggestion to increase tuition by this effective 1 September, 2008.

The presentation then moved to talking about residences and deferred maintenance. Amrhein said that residence fees would be increasing by 8.75 per cent, down from a ten per cent increase last year. He explained that this increase was a combination of CPI and an another 4.15 per cent to cover maintenance costs. He added that the University continues to fall behind in deferred maintenance costs and that these increases are necessary to

“ The one thing VPSL does aside from WoW and make paperclip animals.

CHRIS LE
VP (Student Life)

—On organizing the team-based winter festival Anti-Freeze

attempt to keep up.

Before taking questions, Amrhein ran through some of the pressures—as well as some of the promising projects—the University is currently dealing with. Recruitment, information technology deficits, deferred maintenance costs, a lack of base grants, and political uncertainty were included in the former, while Cameron Library renovations, new wireless internet service, the wealth of new buildings being constructed, and a proposed writing centre were part of the latter.

During questions, many councillors raised concerns about housing and deferred maintenance. Hickey explained that more residence space is an important initiative, and the University hopes to have as many as 370 more beds by September 2009, some of which would be at South Campus. He added that deferred maintenance is an ongoing issue and that more money is needed, but that the money they are spending is being spent well.

Following the presentation, Council went *in camera* for about 15 minutes to go over the SU's 2007 audited financial statements.

OPTING IN TO OPT-OUT EASIER

Once Council went *ex camera*, Business councillor Scott Nicol motioned that Bill 6 should undergo a first reading. The bill proposed an SU-run central location that would allow students to easily opt out of certain dedicated fee units. Though no specifics of how such a

system would work were provided, Nicol suggested that an online form would be the easiest and most economical. He also explained that this system doesn't affect the operation of DFUs in any way, but instead simply allows students to do something that they have a right to do in a more efficient manner. He also noted that there are many barriers for students to opt out of DFUs, including intimidation from physically having to opt out at some organizations' offices.

However, SU President Michael Janz was concerned that a centralized location would be difficult to set up and manage, as well as being unfair to DFUs such as APIRG who weren't consulted prior to the bill being introduced. He urged Council to vote to table the bill until the next meeting.

VP (External) Dollansky agreed with the bill, citing that it was simply a good first step and that its wording would still allow them to consider the timeline, cost, and implementation in the future.

The debate went on for quite some time, with many councillors siding with Janz about not consulting the DFUs. But others countered that it's the sole role of the SU to collect these fees, and that it should be in their interest to help students get them back if they so desire.

A motion to table the bill until the 4 December meeting failed by a narrow margin, by which time Council needed to vacate University Hall. Because no decision had been made, Council took a 15-minute recess and reconvened in SUB 3-06. At this time, Council dis-

cussed what actions they could take in regards to dealing with the bill. After a bit of deliberation on the matter, the vote was called and the first reading of Bill 6 passed by a vote of 23-15.

QUESTION PERIOD

In an apparent planted question—which the President later confessed to—Janz was asked what he was working on so diligently that he couldn't pay attention during the meeting. He explained that he's signing letters of reference for attendees of the Student Group Summit that the SU is hosting this weekend.

Le was asked about the location of VP (Academic) Bobby Samuel. Samuel was supposed to be flying to Toronto to attend a conference on academic materials. However, no one had heard from him in some time. In a run-in with the President Wednesday morning, the Gateway was informed that Samuel had arrived safely in Toronto.

VP (Operations & Finance) Eamon Gamble was asked about Dewey's financial status. He said that the results had been lower than expected, but it's looking like the bar lost approximately \$4000 during the month of October. He concluded that they need to look into controlling costs better.

ATTENDANCE

The following councillors were absent for the 6 November meeting: Janz (President), Dollansky (VP External), Stedman (Law), Farhat (Science).

STREETERS

Compiled and photographed by
Kelsey Tanasiuk and Krystina Sulatycki*At last night's Student Council meeting, the SU passed the first reading of a bill that would establish a centralized system for students to opt out of certain dedicated fee units (DFUs). If such a system were implemented, would you use it to get your few dollars back? Why or why not?***Brody Irvine**
Bio-Chem IV**Ben Luu**
Civil Engineering IV**Sara Syed**
Science I**Kim Stauffer**
Arts IV

Not really; it's a good service. It's ten bucks; ten bucks is ten bucks.

Ten bucks compared to what we're paying for fees isn't a big deal.

Depends on the service.

I don't have an answer. I didn't know these services were available or where to ask [about them].

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