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“ You remember SUBSpace? That you did? And then I killed?”

## COUNCIL FORUM

Written by Siwei Chen

Students' Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers in University Hall at 6 p.m. Council meetings are open to all students. The next meeting on Tuesday, April 5, will be the last for the current council members, and free food will be provided.

At the last meeting, the culinary artistes at L'Express provided a scrumptious spread of both vegetarian and meat-filled chili, with scones and salad on the side. So if you're at all interested in student politics, swing by, fill your belly, and get your democracy on.

## BALANCED TO UNDER A DOLLAR

Students' Union Vice President (Operations and Finance) Zach Fentiman gave council a presentation on the final numbers of the 2011/2012 SU budget. After reviewing a number of changes from the budgetary adjustments, Fentiman explained general revenue trends over time. The motion to pass the budget as presented passed, with little debate on the plan.

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE ... REDEVELOP

The Environment Coordination Office of Students (ECOS) spoke to council on a number of changes they planned for the upcoming year, including a new name. They plan on redeveloping their three pillars of sustainability to alleviate some

inconsistencies, and ECOS' development and achievements since its inception in 2003 has prompted the office to refocus their mandate. Although ECOS had contacted Augustana, this redevelopment plan will currently focus only on North Campus as their resources are spread thin. The Students' Union executive will be voting on the changes in the next week or two.

## FUNDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

When Vice President (Academic) James Eastham's presented his Executive Committee report, it indicated that the university has budgeted \$200,000 for undergraduate research for the next academic year.

## QUESTION PERIOD

A question was put to Vice President (Student Life) Rory Tighe concerning the number of faculty associations that had gotten back to him regarding microwave supply and placement on campus. Only two have responded, and Tighe hopes to get feedback at the end of next week after another email.

Tighe also answered a question concerning Week of Welcome volunteering since nothing had been sent out updating students on their applications. Tighe said the deadline had been extended a number of times in order to receive more applications. For facilitators, all of the interviews will occur at the same time.

Vice President (External) Aden Murphy fielded a question concerning the imminent federal elections and what the SU and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) have

planned. Murphy said that because of the upcoming federal election, some of their plans will not pan out. One such idea was the use of a text message database where students would receive election messages on their phones. For now, Murphy hopes to hold events on campus, such as an all-candidates forum. They're looking to hopefully host the candidates in the next couple of weeks. Advance polling dates have been set for April 22, 23, and 25. President Nick Dehod added that the challenge of reaching students in the midst of final exams will hopefully be best mitigated by using social media.

The Faculty of Science is down to two faculty advisors, leading to lengthy wait times during drop-in hours, and schedules booked weeks in advance. A question to find a solution was posed to Eastham, who acknowledged the continuing lack of advisory staff in the Faculty of Science. The university is looking into solutions, but most changes will not be felt in the short term. Eastham regrets that there is really no simple solution.

## HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN CAP

Council voted to approve the new Health and Dental Plan fees, under the conditions that the Health portion will not exceed \$105.99, the Dental Plan portion will not exceed \$107.34, ensuring that the total annual cost will not exceed \$213.33.

## FINANCIAL FAIRNESS

Council passed Bill 52, a political policy on student loans, after amending that parental contributions be removed as a factor in evaluating financial need,

at a point that was previously deleted. Council members did not believe that making parental contributions mandatory allowed all students equal opportunity to student loans, especially since most students would lack control over their familial situations.

## PUBLICLY POSTED

Bill 41 passed in the first reading, stating that minutes of executive, board of directors, council, and general meetings will be made public. Council was specific in requiring that minutes be posted rather than simply available upon request.

## ELECTION MONEY FIX

Bill 43 concerning the standardization of penalties for election candidates failing to submit expense forms was moved through council. Although some were worried about the breadth of this topic in allowing the Chief Returning Officer to decide on specific penalties, council ultimately found that this bill included too many unnecessary regulations, and the motion did not pass.

## PRACTICALLY SPEAKING

Council decided to abolish the existence of slates in elections by passing Bill 44 in the first reading; however, the endorsement of other candidates will be permitted as long as there is no sharing of resources or finances. That means that candidates will be able to use similar colours on posters and recommend that students vote for others running for election, but candidates will not be able to label their posters with a unifying name, share financial resources, or campaign at the same table.

## STREETERS

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Phys Ed III

I guess they've realized that our generation is so into apps and technology and stuff, that it's probably the best way to get our attention.

**Carly Perreux**  
Phys Ed IV

I don't think anyone should tell you who to vote for. It should be your own opinion, not a computer program.

**Steve Lesniak**  
Arts Alumni

I think the questions are really badly crafted. For example, my position on the abolition of the Senate doesn't have anything to do with my social liberalism. It told me to vote liberal, but it put me in a weird quadrant.

**Colten Yamagishi**  
Business III

It probably gives students a better idea than they have right now; I know a lot of my friends don't have a political orientation. I think it's a good start to get people involved. As long as they actually read up and find out what the parties are about.

A federal election is yet again underway. But with students leaving for summer vacation before the May 2 vote, how will it affect the Edmonton-Strathcona riding that so many of us call home?

Check out The Gateway next Thursday for a look at the federal riding that surrounds the University of Alberta.

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