



PLENARY MINUTES:

Policy and Strategy Conference

June 7th, 9th, 10th & 11th

Opening Session of Plenary – Monday June 7th, 2010

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm

2. Call of the Roll

Chair: Calls the roll.

Members Present:

Brock University Students' Union (BUSU)

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU)

Graduate Student Association – University of Waterloo (GSAUW)

La Fédération des Étudiantes and Étudiants du Centre Universitaire de Moncton (FÉÉCUM)

Mount Allison Students' Union (SACMAUSU)

Red River College Students' Association (RRCSA)

St. Francis Xavier University Students' Union (STFXSU)

St. Thomas University Students' Union (STUSU)

Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA)

University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU)

University of Calgary Students' Union (UCSU)

University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society (UFVSUS)

University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU)

University of New Brunswick Student Union (Fredericton) (UNBSU-F)

University of Prince Edward Island Student Union (UPEISU)

University of Waterloo Federation of Students (UWFOS)

University Students' Council at the University of Western Ontario (UWOUSC)

Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU)

Members Absent:

University of New Brunswick Saint John Student Representative Council (UNBSRC)

Associate Members Present:

Acadia Students' Union (ASU)

Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver (UBC-AMS)

Kwantlen Student Association (KSA)

McMaster Student Union (MSU)

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Student Association (SAITSA)

Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU)

Associate Members Absent:

None

3. Appointment of Chair and Recording Secretary

BIRT Timothy Cullen is appointed Speaker and Rick Theis is appointed Recording Secretary for the first plenary session of the 2010 Policy and Strategy General Meeting of CASA.

Moved by, DSU, seconded by AMSUBC

Motion passes

4. Call for Proxy Votes

No proxy votes

5. Appointment of Code of Conduct Officer

BIRT Jeremy McElroy, Mary Koziol, & Shannon Carmont-McKinley be appointed the Code of Conduct Officers for the duration of the 2010 Policy and Strategy General Meeting of CASA.

Moved by SAMRU, seconded by UFVSUS

Motion passes

6. Adoption of Agenda

BIRT the agenda for the Plenary Session of the 2010 Policy and Strategy Conference of CASA is adopted.

Moved by DSU, seconded by GSAUW

Motion passes

7. Approval of Minutes

BIRT the minutes of the Plenary Session proceedings at the Lobby Conference Meeting of CASA, from March 8-12, 2010, and of the Special General Meeting held on April 1st, 2010 are approved for the record.

BIFRT the minutes from the Special General Meeting held May 13th be approved for the record.

Moved by UWFOS, seconded by BUSU

Motion passes

8. CASA 2010-2011 Annual Budget

BIRT CASA adopts the 2010 – 2011 Budget as presented.

Moved by UASU, seconded by UCSU

SAMRU: POI. Are there actuals from the year that will be presented? I think we should have the actuals from each year in future budgets to make more informed decision. It is hard to see as presented.

BUSU: I have an amendment. I motion to create a contingency fund of \$10,000.

Seconded by FÉÉCUM

Speaker: Is there language?

BUSU: I will draft now.

BIRT the Alliance establish a contingency fund of \$10,000

BUSU: It is a fiscally responsible thing to do, given that we were in a deficit last year, and given that we may loose members this year.

FÉÉCUM: We were looking to make the same motion.

STUSU: We think that the funds for contingency should be larger. The funds for campus tours are too large. We support. There would be better ways to spend money.

UASU: Fully support. Perhaps we could talk at the next AGM about what to do with the money.

DSU: POI. Is this a year to year expense or a one time expense?

BUSU: Year to year.

SAMRU: For the contingency fund, given that we have reserves, if we have a contingency fund, does this encourage overspending? Should we make it clearer what this should be used for, because it is currently written as a blank check.

UWGSA: Would you feel more comfortable if there were specific labels?

Motion to amend passes 17-1-0

Speaker: Back to main motion.

STUSU: One thing that concerns us is that last year about \$53,000 was spent on translation and yet this year only \$15,000 is budgeted for that same purpose. We are not sure we can be bilingual at that amount. We motion to amend to move \$5000 from the PR line to the translation line.

Seconded by SACMAUSU

SACMAUSU: We seconded to open up discussion. Perhaps someone can explain the difference in the budgeted sums.

National Director: Last year at Policy and Strategy we had a surplus, and the members wanted to see whether we could do full translation during our meetings. The members voted to assign more money to the translation budget to do this. The money came out of contingency reserves. We don't have that surplus anymore, and so the members decided in March to reduce that line to \$15,000.

SACMAUSU: So in terms of clarity, Home Office is comfortable with that amount of money allocated in the budget, that that would be enough?

National Director: We are making do with the resources we have, and looking at different options to keep a high level of translation with the resources we have.

WLUSU: What would the extra money get us?

National Director: Well, the whisper translator for this conference is \$3000, but that is cheap given the location. We could get another whisperer for another conference with that money.

DSU: Would this new money be helpful, and will we run out without that money?

National Director: Well, we try to incorporate into the conference fees.

FÉECUM: Why are we adding \$5000 to the PR line?

National Director: To better reflect the reality of what we actually are spending based on the past few years. The line is for changes to the website, releases and translation for releases.

UASU: 2 questions. First with the current amount of money we currently have in translation, will it be sufficient to translate all of our documents for our conferences and for things like the lobby documents in a timely way.

National Director: Yes. Official documents will all be translated. Some things will not.

STUSU: If someone wants to make an amendment to the amendment, I would be fine with that.

DSU: I think it is hard for me to make this decision; PR is vital to what we do, and is a big priority. In future budgets, it would be helpful to break out costs in the budget for things like translation and PR so that we can see what each kind of translation costs.

WLUSU: Question for the mover. We still have a surplus in the budget; why not take that money instead of money we wanted to reserve just in case.

STUSU: Just from the uncertainty that arises from potential loss of membership, and wanting to move money we felt comfortable spending.

UASU: What is FÉECUM's position on this motion?

FÉECUM: \$15,000 is not a lot for translation, but PR is immensely important and it scares me to take money from that budget.

AMSUBC: POI – I think I can clarify that we can guarantee that UBC will be there in a year. Also PR and funds for campaigns is really important. Also, for budget purposes, is the regular needs we have for translation factored into this budget?

National Director: Things like translating the survey were not moved forward because it wasn't deemed essential based on our budget. There is always room for more.

AMSUBC: My question is as to whether this amount of resourcing is enough?

National Director: Yes, we have enough.

GSAUW: Move to amend BIRT \$5000 be added to the translation line WLUSU

SMUSA: Is the surplus guaranteed?

National Director: Yes.

UWGSA: It seems like there is discomfort with moving the money out of PR, and so this motion would add money without threatening that. This initial proposal was decided upon while facing a deficit this year. This would allow us to increase translation and still run a surplus.

National Director: I would like to motion for a 5 minute recess. The translator has arrived and members can go pick up headsets.

Moved by UFVSUS, seconded by UWGSA

Meeting in recess at 2:36 pm

Meeting called back to order at 2:42 pm

SAMRU: I would just throw this out there. We have a \$10,000 contingency fund already. We are making decisions based on what we value, but I would ask that people take a step back and make this decision at a later date based on better information than what we have on hand right now. We should be having this discussion at a later date.

UWGSA: Just a point. We are amending the motion made by STUSU.

DSU: Agree with the amendment.

Motion to amend passes 17-0-1

Speaker: Back to the main motion.

UASU: I motion to table until the next AGM in November.

Seconded by SAMRU

UASU: If we delay in making this decision, we can make this decision at a later point.

Motion fails 9-7

Speaker: Back to main motion.

UWFOS: I move to amend to change end of each fiscal year to beginning of fiscal year on top-up provision. I agree with Mount Royal that there needs to be greater detail guiding how this contingency fund works.

Seconded by BUSU

BUSU: This was my intent, and I am happy to support this.

SAMRU: POI. Is this a change to bylaws or procedures?

Recording Secretary: It would be a change to the procedures.

Motion to amend passes

Speaker: Back to main motion.

Motion passes

9. Internal Operational Update

National Director: For this piece of business, I am requesting that someone motion to go in camera, with primary and secondary delegates stay in along with Spencer, Rick, Jillian and the translator

Motion to move in camera.

Moved by UFVSUS, seconded by ULSU

Motion passes

Speaker: That brings us to the end of our agenda. Is there someone wishing to move a motion to recess until the next session of plenary?

Motion to recess until Wednesday June 9th

Moved by UASU, seconded by UCSU

Motion passes

Second Session of Plenary – Wednesday June 9th, 2010

Meeting called to order at 12:49pm

Members Present:

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Dalhousie Student Union (DSU)
Graduate Student Association – University of Waterloo (GSAUW)
La Fédération des Étudiantes and Étudiants du Centre Universitaire de Moncton (FÉÉCUM)
Mount Allison Students' Union (SACMAUSU)
Red River College Students' Association (RRCSA)
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Kwantlen Student Association (KSA)
McMaster Student Union (MSU)
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Student Association (SAITSA)
Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU)

Associate Members Absent:

None

10. Appointment of Chair and Recording Secretary

BIRT Rob Lanteigne is appointed Speaker and Rick Theis is appointed Recording Secretary for the remaining plenary sessions of the 2010 Policy and Strategy General Meeting of CASA.

Moved by SAMRU, seconded by UCSU

Motion passes

Speaker: Before we get started, a quick couple of rules: 2nd speaker, get my attention, Calling the Q will be ruled out of order if it occurs before 4 speaking turns, 3 speaking turns per person, add new facts, in-camera sessions must be limited to primary and secondary delegates allowed. Associate members have rights to move and second but not vote. Certain items under Roberts rules will be under new voting structure if they are significant, but other simple motions will be majority opinion only.

UWFOS: Clarification. If a school is not present at roll call but arrives during the session, can they vote?

Speaker: Yes

11. Approval of Membership Priorities for 2010/11

BIRT the issue advocacy and development framework as presented be approved for 2010/11.

Moved by DSU, seconded by SMUSA

DSU: I am in favour of moving this as.

STUSU: Move to add 'Restore FNU funding' to the red category.

Seconded by DSU

STUSU: I know we discussed this yesterday but I wanted to discuss this within a plenary. This is a unique and important issue given FNU's role in providing education to FN.

DSU: I would agree about its importance as a gesture to Aboriginal students from this organization.

GSAUW: I just want to know how this policy would work, but I don't see this as a 'save at all costs' kind of priority. I would also like to hear the dissenting views on this issue, because I found the discussion remarkably brief.

KSA (Derek Robertson): This is not an issue of FN rights, but of corruption within the university administration. This is why funding was cut, and when the University of Regina took over admin for the funding, why funding was restored. I think it would be improper to make this a priority; this is not a FN issue, but an accountability issue, and funding was cut to allow FNU to get their house in order.

AMSUBC: The funding was pulled, and administrators and the board of governor have resigned, with new people taking charge, and new procedures in place. I think CASA should take a policy stance on this and this is an area for us to investigate and built upon our existing FMNI policy, but also to talk about how the federal government should interact with institutions

UCSU: I would like to echo my comments from yesterday. Within CASA we should not be lobbying on institution-specific issues, but national issues. We also have policy on FMNI issues as a key priority. If members want to bring this forward individually, they can, but we should be focusing on aboriginal access

SAMRU: POI. Is this a motion to change our existing FMNI policy or add something new to our priorities?

Speaker: The first.

SAMRU: Then I would suggest that this issue should be referred to the Policy Committee to review as it pertains to our existing policy without encumbrance.

MSU: I don't agree with that it should be a red issue.

STFXSU: POI. Funding has returned, and will be sustained for a period. Will it be reviewed, and should we be waiting until it has been reviewed?

STUSU: What has happened is that they have said they would put off closing it so students can finish. There are certainly concerns about accountability, but since the province and federal government cut funding, CAUT dropped a censure motion, and the Province restored funding with the agreement in place with the University of Regina. I believe that the federal government's stance is a political one and that they have concluded that the school should close. I believe that this body needs to take a stand, and that this is time sensitive. Students need to know that they will be able to finish their degrees, and I encourage us to take a strong stand on it.

UASU: This is a complicated issue, and I agree and disagree. FNU is important, and despite improprieties, is a valuable resource. If I would propose a way to move this forward, I would choose to amend our existing FMNI policy to include policy on funding

for FNU. Then we can advocate on it in Feb/March. Would like to hear what members think about this.

GSAUW: I also would like to see this move forward, but through the policy committee.

FÉÉCUM – If the Acadian community were to lose their university, this would be catastrophic, and thus similarly, I am concerned about the loss of FNU. I understand however that there are serious issues with FNU and I don't want to see us move in to drastic a direction.

Motion to amend fails 3-14-1

BUSU: Motion to amend international students from yellow to red. Brock moved this yesterday, and after discussing this with Rick, I believe this should be moved to the red section.

Seconded by AMSUBC

AMSUBC: We can put this off, but I think in the immediate future, it would be important to collate them for further consideration by November.

SAMRU: I would just like to remind people that the Policy Committee has a lot of work to do, and this might break the camel's back.

UASU: Speaking against. I completely agree with Jeremy that it is good that we have it on our list, but I don't see opportunities to lobby on this. I am happy with it where it is right now.

UWGSA: I do think that this does fit into the current government climate, but more importantly, the matrix is about what we think is important, and I don't think it is harmful to move it.

UCSU: If there is opportunity, then I think that we can move it.

Speaker: Yes.

SMUSA: The term international student issues is too broad an issue; can we define it?

BUSU: We do have policy on the topic; we see an opportunity to both broaden and consolidate the policy, but I would leave it to the Policy Committee to decide.

Motion to amend passes

STUSU: I just want to say that I am upset with the process that we have gone with for developing our advocacy priorities. We have not had an opportunity to develop issues that our students might be facing, and so we are not arriving at our priorities appropriately. I just wanted to this out.

Main motion passes 17-0-1 (STUSU)

12. Adoption of CASA Board Regulations and Operational Procedures

Motion to split the question

Moved by UWFOS, seconded by FÉECUM

Motion passes

Motion to consider Board Regulations by division

Moved by STUSU, seconded by UWGSA

Motion passes

Speaker: Is there someone who would be willing to act as an both omnibus movers and seconders for the Board Regulation motions?

Moved by BUSU, seconded by UCSU

a. Board Regulations

Speaker: Ok, then we will start with Board Regulations

***BIRT** the Board Regulation entitled "Interpretation" be adopted as presented.*

Motion passes

***BIRT** the Board Regulation entitled "Board Regulations" be adopted as presented.*

Motion passes

***BIRT** the Board Regulation entitled "Board of Director Meetings" be adopted as presented.*

STUSU: Move to amend 6c. Would like to change the wording to read "Upon approval, non-confidential minutes that convey the nature of the discussion shall be circulated electronically to members."

Seconded by RRCSU

BUSU: POI. What is the section?

Speaker: 6.c

FÉÉCUM: Is this a striking or an amendment.

Speaker: Amendment.

Motion to amend passes

Main motion as amended passes

BIRT the Board Regulation entitled "Budget Procedure" be adopted as presented.

UWFOS: Amend 5.c Any budget revision shall be passed by special resolution of the General Assembly.

Seconded by UWGSA

STUSU: My question is that because this empowers the Board is there a specific 'special resolution' section for the Board? Or is that the right interpretation.

Recording Secretary: This conditions what the Board must do for the General Assembly regarding amendments to the budget, and what thresholds those amendments must face by the GA. Perhaps it would be friendly to add "of the General Assembly" to the end of the amendment.

UASU: Sorry. To clarify, do we need a special resolution or an extraordinary resolution?

Spencer: Just a special resolution.

Motion passes

UWFOS – I would like to add in section 7.

7. Historical Budget Data

- a. Within 30 days of the end of the fiscal year, actual income and expenditures shall be provided to all member associations in a format similar to audited financial statements.

- b. At minimum 4 years of historical budget data shall be included with the current budget

Seconded by SAMRU

UWFOS: Reason for 'a' is context, and b is about context of years past.

GSAUW: I would like to amend the amendment, change 7. B from 4 years to 2 years. We lose historical memory after 2 years.

Seconded by STFXSU

UASU: POI. We have the data to fulfill the requirement?

Treasurer: Yes, but I do want to say that the format of the budget has changed in the last year, so you are going to be viewing different things.

UASU – I will speak against the amendment. I would like to see 4 years.

UBC – I agree, 4 years is appropriate.

Amendment Fails 1-17-0

SACMAUSU: Point of privilege – Can the screen be moved up?

Motion to amendment passes

Main motion as amended passes

***BIRT** the Board Regulation entitled “Financial Accountability” be adopted as presented.*

GSAUW: Amend item 3.e. Change “first have of the year’ to the “first 8 months’. It makes sure that we meet the November deadline.

Seconded by STFXSU

Motion to amend passes

Main motion as amended passes

***BIRT** the Board Regulation entitled “Expense Claims and Reimbursements be adopted as presented.*

STUSU: POI. This references an Accounts and Offices manager. Is this one person or two?

National Director: It is one person, and it should read Office manager.

Speaker: This is a friendly clerical amendment applicable to all references that might occur as such.

Motion passes

BIRT the Board Regulation entitled "Travel Procedure" be adopted as presented.

Motion passes

BIRT the Board Regulation entitled "CASA Credit Cards" be adopted as presented.

STUSU: Motion to amend 2.a to strike the words "to the National Director". I think it makes sense to have one credit card for the office to cover expenses. I don't see a reason to give a reason to give personal cards to our staff.

Seconded by STUSU

AMSUBC: As evidenced, it is not a good idea to give individual cards. This way, you can control what is and is not legitimate expenses.

WLUSU: My only comment is that if something happened while staff were on the road, they would not have ready access to credit, given that the Office Manager does not travel with the staff.

UCSU: I would echo those comments, and would add that our ND might not have either personal funds or a personal credit card to use. Our Board has oversight which should protect against abuse.

STFXSU: Would one credit card inhibit Home Office function?

Chair: If we had one card, it would add challenges to how we do things.

UFVSUS: We get advanced per diem first, with approval at the end.

UASU: To clarify, are there any other amendments to credit card accountability?

Speaker: Looks like no.

STUSU: Many around the table don't have personal cards, which as Tina mentioned does take advance planning, but that means you just need to plan in advance.

WLUSU: I don't think it is fair to expect our staff to have to plan their own finances around travel on behalf of the organization.

AMSUBC: The people we bring in to be the ND should have foresight to plan their trips and they are also making a decent wage.

UCSU: Given that the Office Manager is not around, and given that things happen like missed flights we should trust the ND. We ask the ND to deal with so much more responsibility beyond credit card responsibility. This and the fact that we have policy on accountability should mean that we should be providing the ND with a card.

National Director: Just to remind everyone that our Office Manager is only in the office 3 days a week, arranging financial matters sometimes conflicts with this.

FÉÉCUM (Ghislan LeBlanc): At FÉÉCUM we issue cheques to pay for credit card expenses which requires 2 signatures, and thus review. I would encourage us to look at this. So just look at the way the expenses are paid.

AMSUBC: I recognize that there are ways to deal with this, but given what has happened, the idea of a corporate credit card bothers me. I think it is reasonable to expect the organization to plan better.

GSAUW: There are a lot of things to consider. The ND will show up in may and book a lot of expenses for the June conference and they do not have the personal expenses to pay for that. We are limiting personal choices by making them assume responsibilities for corporate expenses. We have mechanisms to remove people who abuse this.

BUSU: Without access to capital, you cannot deal with unanticipated expenses. Why wouldn't we give the card to the ND over the Office Manager. I am also strongly against the amendment.

DSU: I agree with that point. This is not a solution to our problem. We should table this until closing plenary until we can come up with a mechanism of accountability for an ND card.

UPEISU: The way this works at UPEI, only the GM has the credit card for a majority of the time.

UCSU: I don't think we need to table this. We have a process right in front of us that provides accountability. We trust these people with our image and to be our

spokesperson. If we trust them with that we can trust them with a credit card. The process in front of us has ...

WLUSU: Call the question.

Motion to call the question passes

Motion to amend fails

Main motion passes

***BIRT** the Board Regulation entitled "Signing Authority" be adopted as presented.*

Motion passes

***BIRT** the Board Regulation entitled "Accounts Payable & Receivable" be adopted as presented.*

UWFOS – Motion to amend:

2.b All invoices should be sent to member schools at least 30 days prior to when payment is due.

Seconded by BUSU

UWFOS: Falling in line with a change to be made to 2.c. if we are going to have to pay on time, we should be billed on time.

Motion to amend passes

UWFOS: Motion to amend

2.c All invoices will be due within thirty (30) days of billing event.

Seconded by STUSU

UWFOS: This cleans up the procedure and guides what 30 days from is linked to.

Motion to amend passes

UWFOS (Bradley Moggach): Move to amend 2.d Interest Rates. I would be interested in finding out if there was support for a change to the interest rate?

No seconder. Motion fails.

Main motion as amended passes

BIRT the Board Regulation entitled "Human Resources" be adopted as presented.

Motion passes

BIRT the Board Regulation entitled "National Director Selection" be adopted as presented.

Motion passes

UWGSA: Motion for a 5 minute recess.

Seconded by RRCSA

Motion passes

Meeting in recess at 2:33 pm

Meeting reconvenes at 2:43 pm

Speaker: Ok, we are moving on to the Operational Procedures

National Director: I just wanted to remind everyone to be careful about any examples you might use in discussing these new procedures.

b. Operational Procedures

Speaker: Is there any opposition to consider this by division?

Motion to consider by division

Moved by GSAUW, seconded by FÉÉCUM

Motion passes

Speaker: Are there two members able to sponsor these motions in omnibus fashion for the entire series?

Motions to be sponsored by GSAUW, seconded by UFVSUS

BIRT the Operational procedure entitled "General Meetings" be adopted as presented.

DSU (Eric Snow): I would move to amend and add a section 9. In-Camera meetings:

- a. Primary and secondary delegates from Full member or Associate Member schools may be present for in-camera sessions
- b. Any additional delegates from Full Member or Associate Member Schools may be present for in-camera sessions
- c. For matters relating to human resources with the exception

Seconded by GSAUW

STUSU: Not sure why we are getting so specific in b. Should we articulate this in a policy or in a motion every time we go in camera?

Speaker: Usually in the motion, but could be in the policy.

RRCSA: This just puts into wording what is our practice for CASA right now.

Treasurer: Would governance officers be allowed to be present?

STUSU: Move to strike b. This way we can do this on a case-by-case basis.

Seconded by GSAUW

DSU (Eric): I support the spirit of the motion but not the wording. I brought this clause forward so that the assembly could approve tertiary delegates such as myself to in-camera sessions. In past, people in my position have been excluded.

GSAUW: Perhaps we should simply reword b. to say any delegates or persons at the discretion of the GA?

SAMRU: I am in support. We need a cold hard formula that we can stick to.

UASU: Point of parliamentary inquiry. The comments made by the GSAUW was not a motion correct?

Speaker: Yes.

RRCSA: Would be possible to amend the motion to read ' the mover of the motion'. That way the person moving would be able to include relevant people into the motion.

Speaker: yes, but that would be an amendment to an amendment and that would be out of order.

DSU: I don't think we should provide power to that person.

UWFOS: I would like to sponsor Spencer.

Spencer: As it stands here, there is no provision for the board member, lawyer, ND, or anyone else other than the primary and secondary delegates.

Speaker: This would become the de-facto motion to cover in-camera motions.

STUSU: I don't think we have ever had a problem getting the wrong people into the session through a motion.

SAMRU: I would like to retract my previous statement, and I don't think we would even need a particular statement of how to do this as the St. Thomas delegate noted. We could have a provision to cover every conceivable angle, but that would be an incredibly complicated procedure.

UASU: I would like to throw a question down on the floor for Eric – do you think that discretion is enough to include you or do you need a special exception.

DSU (Eric Snow): I am a little worried that not having an exception would lead to exclusion. I am not sure what the best decision is, but I would like some kind of exception to ensure we are included.

UWFOS: I would like to amend the amendment to the amendment...

Speaker: You cannot do that until the amendment to the amendment is handled.

BUSU: Perhaps we can amend...

Speaker: If there are amendments to be issued, we first must deal with this amendment.

STUSU: I would like to move to go into committee of the whole.

Seconded by DSU

GSAUW: POI. Since we are going into the Committee of the Whole, what are we going to discuss?

Speaker: We can cover anything within the motion.

Motion to move into Committee of the Whole passes

UWFOS: POI. Can we go in-camera, and decide who should be in the session, then exit and add those people?

Spencer: You cannot move motions other than to go ex-camera while in-camera.

DSU: Withdrawn.

GSAUW: My suggestion is to change 'any additional delegates' to "any additional persons'.

DSU: I agree with that, and would move to strike 'c' as well.

STUSU: So we would vote down my motion, then address two further amendments?

Speaker: Yes.

WLUSU: Would we want it to read "only primary and secondary delegates"?

UCSU: Motion to move out of Committee of the Whole

Seconded by GSAUW

Motion passes

Speaker: Back to regular session.

Motion to amend fails

Speaker: Back to the main motion.

DSU: Move to amend the motion as follows:

b. Any additional persons may be present for in-camera sessions of the general assembly

c. Stricken

Seconded by UASU

Main motion as amended passes

BIRT the Operational procedure entitled "Membership Fee" be adopted as presented.

Motion passes

BIRT the Operational procedure entitled "Grievance Process" be adopted as presented.

UWFOS: Typo, "grievances submitted by member associations".

Motion passes

BIRT the Operational procedure entitled "Code of Conduct" be adopted as presented.

Motion passes

BIRT the Operational procedure entitled "Policy Committee" be adopted as presented.

BUSU: I would like to amend 3a to change quorum from 3 members to 4. There are 7 members on the committee and this would establish quorum as a majority of members.

Seconded by UWOU SC

Secretary: I wasn't a member of the committee, so I am wondering how often you had four members present.

Spencer: If you have a full committee this isn't a problem, however if you do not, getting four might be tough. 50% of the committee might be better.

STUSU: Amend the amendment to read "a majority of the permanent members of the committee."

BUSU – Friendly.

Motion to amend passes

Main motion as amended passes

BIRT the Operational procedure entitled "Political Policies" be adopted as presented.

UWFOS: Amend 5 interpretation:

In the event that two (2) or more active policy statements are in conflict, and the policies in question address an issue of pressing concern, the Policy Committee, in consultation with the Graduate Students Committee if appropriate shall give priority to resolving this conflict

Seconded by UASU

UWFOS: This will make sense in junction with my next amendment, but the whole thing is designed to keep students in charge of resolving conflict.

Motion passes

UWFOS: Amend to add 5. B

In the exceptional circumstance where time does not allow for deliberation of the Policy Committee and Graduate Student Issues Committee, the National Director may reconcile the policy statements at his or her discretion and inform the chairpersons of the Policy Committee and the Graduate Student Issues Committee of his or her decisions

Seconded by UASU

UWFOS: This allows for decisions during tight timelines.

Motion to amend passes

Main motion as amended passes

BIRT the Operational procedure entitled "Graduate Student Issues Committee" be adopted as presented.

DSU: Move to amend. This amendment provides for a vice-chair or interim chair in case of a vacancy.

2.c. In the event of a vacancy in the position of chair or vice-chair, of the committee, the committee may appoint an interim chair or vice-chair whose appointment must be ratified at the next general meeting.

Seconded by GSAUW

Motion to amend passes

Main motion as amended passes

BIRT the Operational procedure entitled "Interpretation" be adopted as presented.

UWFOS: Motion to amend, add part iii. to Operating Procedure 1:

Article 1b (See Bylaws (2002); Article 13.4 and 13.5)

UWFOS: This allows us to elect our board. And sincere thanks to Jon, Brad and Spencer for working on these items with us.

Seconded by WLUSU

Motion to amend passes

Main motion as amended passes

SAMRU: I would like to note how pleased at how pleased we are that these items have been moved forward.

WLUSU: Motion for a 5 min recess.

Seconded by UWGSA

Motion passes

13. Fee structure (Moved by WLUSU)

Whereas the current fee structure of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations makes unfounded assumptions about the financial stability of member associations; and

Whereas the current fee structure of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations does not increase to compensate for inflation; and

Whereas the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is a member driven organization that values equality and democracy, and

Whereas the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations relies solely on the fees it collects from the student association members to fund its operations,

Be it resolved that the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations adopt a strictly per full-time equivalent fee structure; and

Be it resolved that the fee per full-time equivalent be set at \$2.79; and

Be it further resolved that the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations apply a minimum fee of \$3672 and a maximum fee of \$46446; and

Be it further resolved that the per full-time equivalent fee, as well as the minimum and maximum limits of the fee structure of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations increase at the rate of inflation; and

Be it further resolved that this fee structure come into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Seconded by SMUSA

WLUSU: This was tabled back in March, and so there has been time to look over it and it is time to discuss.

GSAUW: I would amend the BIRT of FTE equiv be set at \$2.48 and the max cap BIRT change to \$60,000.

Seconded by RRCSA

GSAUW: The motion as it currently stands provides a large increase to some schools. While I appreciate the need to move away from the TAGR model, this would provide better balance. By putting the FTE rate down and the cap up, if we move to an FTE model, this would provide a smoother transition financially.

SMUSA: Speaking against the amendment. The motion indicates a poor assumption of revenues; I think we should do this from student fee revenues. The current model was build around a lack of trust of members, but now we bring audited statements, which brings transparency.

UCSU: By mitigating the effect on small schools, we are dramatically raising the cost to larger schools. We would have to find \$13,000 in extra fees, cuts or both. This would be a very serious conversation and I can tell you we would not support this at our council.

SAMRU: POI. Is the cap \$46,446?

Treasurer: Yes.

DSU: Speaking in favour. When I saw the distribution as percentages it is clear we need a better model to distribute the impact on members. This is in essence the best of both worlds, and I think that Graeme is right in his amendment.

Treasurer: I would strongly recommend that if we want to do this, we defeat this motion and move this to a committee to review, in order to deal with the potential impact to the larger schools.

UWO: POI. What would Western face?

GSAUW: 15% or \$7000.

UWOUSC: At that price I can tell you we could not support this motion.

UASU: Taking into consideration what our Treasurer just said, this is a very delicate discussion and this debate needs more thought than I believe we can have right now in plenary. We have paid our fees already, and so we have until next year to deal with this.

AMSUBC: I can say that if amounts change, UBC will have to leave. This fee change will not be palatable to our council. We will always be a cap school and we realize that, but there is a limit to what we are physically able to contribute.

BUSU: This should be a principled discussion on what is more equitable.

STUSU: I don't know where I stand on this amendment, but generally on the motion, I sympathize with the bigger schools, but imagine going back to your council with a 50% increase.

SACMAUSU: Withdrawn.

UPEISU: Can the 45 day period be revised?

Speaker: It can be revised down, but not up.

GSAUW: I definitely hear the cap school argument, but with my model, STUSU would still be paying 40% more. You shouldn't think of it as a dollar value because that has shock value. Think about it as sharing the responsibility without severely hampering big or small institutions. We mentioned last year that a compromise is something that may not fully satisfy one side or the other completely, but rather is something that everyone can live with.

UCSU: Two things we would like to see. Why don't we leave things as is. Second, if you want to have a principled discussion of fair, fine. FTEs don't take into consideration context. Two schools with 10,000 students don't make the same amount of revenue. My constituents don't want to talk about internal issues, they want us working on lobbying the government. The number of FTEs do not give you a snapshot of what a school can afford.

RRCSA: While I don't agree with the size of the increase proposed, I do believe that an increase is important. Also there is no cap on voting power, which is important.

UASU: Straight up, Alberta is not voting in favour of changing the fee structure today. I am not making monumental decisions like this after 30 minutes of conversation today. Let's have detailed discussions this year, but not after one day. After we vote this down, let's strike a committee to deal with this.

Speaker: Let's keep comments germane to the motion.

UPEISU: We support Brock's comments about the need for a principled debate. We need to move this to a committee and have that discussion, but let's not have that debate today. Also, UPEISU will not have a council meeting until September, so there is no way to vote on this

DSU: Call the question.

Motion passes 16-1-0

Motion to amend fails

SAMRU: There has been a lot of work on this, and so moving this back to a committee is a little redundant, although clearly there are sentiments to the contrary.

SACMAUSU: I would speak to the Treasurer's work which seems to be overlooked. I will speak in favour of the spirit of the amendment; we will be voting against this motion, but we do need to have a discussion around the principle of this motion.

UCSU: Completely opposed to the FTE model, but we can't talk about this issue until we resolve this model. So lets pass or fail this model and move from there, but I don't support moving this to the committee.

WLUSU: Just to cover what has taken place, as SAMRU mentioned there has been a lot of discussion about this issue over the last year, and there is a flaw in how we calculated this. This is something that we as a body have to deal with. So whether we move to discuss this throughout the year or vote on it now, we need to resolve this issue this year.

GSAUW: Motion to amend. BIRT a Fee Structure Committee be struck at the 3rd Session of the GA, and that the terms of reference and membership be decided during that session. BIFRT this question be referred to that committee.

Seconded by UPEISU

STUSU: I would much prefer that we decide this today. If it is the will of the GA to move this to a committee, we will support it, but we would rather get started with planning if this motion passes and look for where we would generate revenue to pay for this change.

GSAUW: A compromise might be to grandfather the new structure in to 2012-2013

UPEISU: Move to amend the motion to include language around bringing in a graduated structure.

Speaker: Things like this are best dealt with in terms of reference for that committee.

UPEISU: Withdrawn.

UCSU: POI. Wouldn't this amendment change the intent of the motion?

Speaker: There is no intent change, and referring to a committee is always in order.

UCSU: Thanks. Calgary sends us here to deal with external issues, not internal ones. That is not to say that these issues aren't important, but it is not the goal of CASA. We keep talking about internal issues without dealing with them. Voting structure is still ongoing. Lets deal with this now.

UASU: In favour. As much as I hate putting these things off, I think we need to. I know that is frustrating for returning members, I apologize, but it is what I feel we need to do this.

SAMRU: I hear that this and voting are being lumped together as issues, and I am concerned with that. These are two separate issues and to keep them separate and distinct, and so I believe we should vote on this today.

WLUSU: As a mover of the motion, I support the amendment if that is the will of the assembly. I can understand new members wanting information. I ask simply that if this goes to committee, please participate and give honest feedback.

SAITSA: POI. Is there more information a committee member about the FTE equivalent number was created?

Treasurer: The number was brought forward by WLU to replicate the TAGR model

FÉÉCUM: I would like for us to complete the discussion not refer, so I call the question.

Motion passes 15-1-2

Motion to amend fails 10-7-1

RRCSA: Motion to postpone consideration of the Fee structure motion until the next General Meeting of CASA. I think this gives time for information and deliberation to avoid tabling another time.

Seconded by GSAUW

GSAUW: I would rather this at AGM but I will support this motion.

WLUSU: If we defer, my concern is that because we all have our own issues at stake, I am concerned that we will get a flood of amendments coming in at once.

DSU: I don't think that we need a committee, but to put this vote to another time is a better way to proceed. We can conduct sessions on options on fee structure then.

Motion to postpone fails 8-10-0

UBC: I would like for us to return to full member status. We have spent a lot of time working on this and why TAGR is unfair, and while we need to work on this, this model is not the answer. We need to work on how we determine TAGR.

DSU: I will speak against the FTE model.

STUSU: Withdrawn.

UASU: Apologizes to WLU, I am going to have to speak against. It is bad that we have to continue a model that has distortions in it, but the burden this would place on schools is intolerable.

RRCSA: POI. Can this motion be reintroduced at the next GA?

Speaker: Yes.

WLUSU: POI. If this assembly makes a decision, and another plenary wants to make the opposite decision, wouldn't we have to have a motion to reconsider.

Spencer: It would also take an extraordinary resolution with proper notice.

Main motion fails 4-14-0

Speaker: That ends scheduled business. I am under the understanding that there is a motion to reconsider Board Regulation 7.

FÉÉCUM: Motion to reconsider Board Regulation 7.

Seconded by DSU

FÉÉCUM: What we intend given that there were concerns about the use of the credit card, we have created language to create better checks and balances to the regulation

GSAUW: POI. Didn't you just say that we could not reconsider a motion that had been amended?

Speaker: No.

UASU: POI. What is required to reconsider?

Speaker: Simple majority.

Motion to reconsider passes 17-0-1

FÉÉCUM: We would like to add an amendment that would add section 6, called credit card payment.

Credit Card Payment

- a. All credit card payments must be made by check

FÉÉCUM (Ghislan LeBlanc): This is focused on creating more accountability, by replacing direct payment by check payment, so no one person can charge and pay.

WLUSU: POI. Would this change our ability to change our credit card limit or our ability to open up credit on the card?

Chair: Yes. The change to internet banking was made for these reasons.

Motion to amend fails 7-11-0

Speaker: Back to re-adoption of the motion

Motion passes

Speaker: Is there a motion to recess until the next session of plenary?

UASU: Move to recess until the next session of plenary.

Seconded by UCSU

Motion passes

Closing Session of Plenary – Friday June 12th, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm

Members Present:

Brock University Students' Union (BUSU)
Dalhousie Student Union (DSU)
Graduate Student Association – University of Waterloo (GSAUW)
La Fédération des Étudiantes and Étudiants du Centre Universitaire de Moncton (FÉÉCUM)
Mount Allison Students' Union (SACMAUSU)
Red River College Students' Association (RRCSA)
St. Francis Xavier University Students' Union (STFXSU)
St. Thomas University Students' Union (STUSU)
Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA)
University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU)
University of Calgary Students' Union (UCSU)
University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society (UFVSUS)
University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU)
University of New Brunswick Student Union (Fredericton) (UNBSU-F)
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union (UPEISU)
University of Waterloo Federation of Students (UWFOS)
University Students' Council at the University of Western Ontario (UWOUSC)
Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU)

Members Absent:

University of New Brunswick Saint John Student Representative Council (UNBSRC)

Associate Members Present:

Acadia Students' Union (ASU)
Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver (UBC-AMS)
Kwantlen Student Association (KSA)
McMaster Student Union (MSU)
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Student Association (SAITSA)
Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU)

Associate Members Absent:

None

Speaker: There has been a request to flip item 13 and 14 around on the agenda. We can make a formal motion if there is not unanimous consent. Is there any opposition to moving AGM meeting ratification to the top of the agenda? Seeing none, we will flip those items around, and will proceed with nominations for a host for the CASA AGM.

14. Approval of Host school for 2010 Annual General Meeting

Speaker: Are there any nominations?

UCSU: I nominate the Alma Mater Society in Vancouver, B.C., the best place on earth.

AMSUBC: We accept.

GSAUW: I nominate Red River College.

RRCSA: We accept.

Speaker: Seeing no other nominations, we will consider nominations closed, and shall move to speeches and an election for the host job.

AMSUBC (Bijan Ahmadian): Thank you to the UPEISU for being a gracious host. We have a big building and karaoke.

AMSUBC: We have bids for hotels in downtown Vancouver and we haven't hosted anything since spring 2007 and we look forward to inviting you to March 7th to 11th, 2011.

RRCSA (Stephen Pratt): I know Vancouver is a tough opponent, but we're bidding anyway, mainly because our executive is excited to do so. If we do not win today, we will be putting a bid forward in the future because we'd love to have you to Winnipeg.

GSAUW: What are your proposed accommodation plans?

RRCSA (Stephen Pratt): It would be held on our Princess Street campus, which is in the Exchange District and has a lot of hotels nearby in the downtown area.

Speaker: Thank you to both members. We will move to a vote on the host school.

Speaker: By my count of the votes, UBC has won.

BIRT the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2010/2011 will be hosted by the Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia, and that the dates proposed shall be ratified by the Board of Directors.

Moved by UCSU, seconded by UFVSUS

Motion passes

15. National Director Election

Chair of the Search Committee: All candidates have been contacted and the successful candidate has accepted.

Whereas the hiring of a National Director, as per our By-Laws, requires the passing of an extraordinary resolution, and the passing of this motion will constitute the first step towards the extraordinary resolution process; and

Whereas a consensus regarding the selection of a National Director hiring has been reached in camera on June, 11th 2010 at the CASA annual Policy and Strategy Conference; and

Whereas the current ND contract is set at a base salary of \$37,500; and

Whereas the membership has determined a confidential maximum compensation level with an in-camera consensus

BIRT *CASA empower the incoming chair to provide a letter of engagement into the negotiations for the National Director of CASA to Zachary Dayler; and BIFRT CASA offer a 45 day probationary period employment, beginning on the negotiated start date at the discretion of the incoming chair, and will receive base salary compensation; and*

BIFRT *the negotiating of the ND contract begin on the start date of the probationary period and both commence and take effect upon the conclusion of the 45 day probationary period, provided that an appropriate contract can be negotiated; and*

BIFRT *the incoming chair of CASA, charged with negotiating the ND contract, be given a range of salary negotiation between \$37,500 and a confidential amount previously referred to in this motion.*

Moved by GSAUW, seconded by STUSU

Motion passes

16. Reports

- a. Interim National Director Report

National Director: *Gives report, including a reminder that auditors for the fiscal year have already been appointed during the March 2010 GM.*

17. Motions Arising from the Reports

18. Regional Caucus Meetings

***BIRT** the General Assembly ratify the election of Michael Mercer (Atlantic), Aden Murphy (Northwest), Stephen Pratt (Prairie), and Daud Grewal (Ontario) as regional directors of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, for 2010-2011.*

Moved by SAMRU, seconded by AMSUBC

Motion passes 17-0-1

19. Elections

- a. Election of the Treasurer:

BIRT _____ is ratified as Treasurer of CASA for 2010/11

Moved by UNBSU-F, seconded by DSU

UNBSU-F (Shannon Carmont-McKinley): Ghislain from Moncton has volunteered and provided a letter motivating his nomination.

Speaker: Seeing no other nominations, they are closed.

UNBSU-F (Shannon Carmont-McKinley): Ghislain is an undergraduate accounting student, and is on the dean's list. His objectives are to continue to the evaluation of the fee structure, financial accountability, and develop a financial planning model.

***BIRT** Ghislain LeBlanc is ratified as Treasurer of CASA for 2010/11*

Motion passes

***BIRT** the General Assembly appoint _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____ and _____ as permanent members of the Policy Committee for 2010-2011.*

Moved by UFVSUS, seconded by UCSU

ULSU: Nominate Lauren Webber

Lauren: Accept

UASU: John Rodger

John: Accept

SACMAUSU: Mark Kroeker

Mark: Accept

BUSU: POI. Can staff do it?

Spencer: Yes, if so appointed by the member school that employs the staff member. Each member has the right to assign delegates however they choose, including their staff members.

UNBSU-F (Shannon Carmont-McKinley): Brad McKinney

Brad: Accept

UWOUSC: Can an Associate Member be one?

Spencer: No, not a full member, which is what we are electing.

BUSU: Jon from Brock

Jon: Accept

BUSU: Nick Soave

Nick: Declined.

UWFOS: Brad from Waterloo.

Brad: Accept.

UCSU: Nick Dehod.

Nick: No

Laurier: Allan Hall

Allan: Accepted

***BIRT** the General Assembly appoint Lauren Webber, John Rodger, Mark Kroeker, Brad McKinney, Jon Bervoets, Brad Moggach, and Allan Hall as permanent members of the Policy Committee for 2010*

Motion passes 17-0-1

***BIRT** the General Assembly appoint _____ as Chair and _____ as Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee for 2010-2011.*

Moved by UCSU, seconded by WLUSU

Speaker: Please note that this is open to only full members.

UWOUSC: Jon from Brock for Chair.

Jon: Accept

UWFOS: Brad from Waterloo for vice-chair.

Brad: Accept

***BIRT** the General Assembly appoint Jon Bervoets as Chair and Brad Moggach as Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee for 2010-2011.*

Motion passes

***BIRT** the General Assembly appoint _____ as Chair of the Graduate Student Issues Committee for 2010-2011.*

Moved by DSU, seconded by UNBSU-F

DSU: Graeme Turner

Graeme: Accept

***BIRT** the General Assembly appoint Graeme Turner as Chair of the Graduate Student Issues Committee for 2010-2011.*

Motion passes

***BIRT** the General Assembly appoint _____, _____, _____, and _____ as non-board members of the Bylaw Committee for 2010-2011.*

Moved by GSAUW, seconded by DSU

Speaker: Note, the Board will appoint a fifth member who shall be chair.

UCSU: Allan Hall

Allan: Accept

UNBSU-F: Nick from Feds

Nick: Accept

SMUSA: Derek from Kwantlen

Derek: Accept

ULSU: Robert Jones

Robert: Accept

UFVSUS: Meaghan from MRU

Meaghan: Decline

DSU: Eric Snow

Eric: Accept

UWFOS: Stephen Pratt

Stephen: Decline

MSU: Huzaiifa Saeed

Huzaiifa: Accepted

Motion carries with two abstentions.

BIRT the General Assembly appoint Allan Hall, Nick Soave Derek Robertson, Robert Jones, Eric Snow, and Huzaifa Saeed as non-board members of the Bylaw Committee for 2010-2011.

Motion passes 16-0-2

b. Pan Canadian Accord Committee (Moved by DSU)

BIRT CASA strike a Pan Canadian Accord Committee.

BIFRT _____ be elected as chair of the Pan-Canadian Accord Committee , and _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ be appointed members of this committee.

Seconded GSAUW

DSU: Mark Kroeker

Mark: Accept

UWFO: Matt Anderson

Matt: Accept

SMUSA: Rob LeForte

Rob: Accept

SACMAUSU: Hardave

Hardave: Accept

UWOUSC: Nick Dehod

Nick: Accept

DSU: Sam Gregg Wallace

Sam: Accept

MSU: Megan Coker

Megan: Accept

Mark: I withdraw.

UFVSUS: Ashley

Ashley: Accept

SAMRU: Courtney

Accept

SAITSA: Meaghan Melnyk

Meaghan: Accept

UWOUSC: Joe Finkle

Joe: Accept

DSU: Nikki

Nikki: Decline

Speaker: Let's open nominations for a chairperson for the committee.

UNB: Rob LeForte

Rob: Accept

BIRT CASA strike a Pan Canadian Accord Committee.

BIFRT Rob LeForte be elected as chair of the Pan-Canadian Accord Committee , and Matt Anderson, Hardave Birk, Nick Dehod, Sam Gregg-Wallace, Ashley Rose, Courtney Garlough, Meaghan Melnyk, and Joe Finkle be appointed members of this committee.

Motion passes

c. National Director Selection Process Best Practices Caucus (Moved by SAMRU)

Whereas the position of National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is integral towards ensuring that success of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

***Whereas** the 2010 Canadian Alliance of Student Association National Director Selection Committee conducted its important work with a perceived lack of material to reference with respect to relevant processes and procedures to guide the work of that Committee*

***Whereas** the membership has identified the 2010 National Director selection process as a learning experience in which to codify best practices for future National Director selection processes*

***Be it resolved that** the membership of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations strike a National Director Selection Process Best Practices Caucus (NDSPBPC) as a forum to discuss best practices which the Alliance could implement in future National Director selection processes*

***Be it further resolved that** the NDSPBPC be formed of members of the 2010 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations National Director Selection Committee and any member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations be encouraged to participate in the work of the Caucus, up to a maximum of 9 total members*

***Be it further resolved that** the NDSPBPC be mandated with providing a list of recommendations to the Board of Directors to consider as means towards ensuring continually improving National Director selection processes*

***Be it further resolved that** these recommendations of the NDSPBPC also be presented to the membership of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations in the November 2010 General Meeting of the Alliance*

Seconded by GSAUW

UCSU: Jeremy from UBC

Jeremy: Agreed

BUSU: Mike Tithicott

Mike: Accept

UCSU: Aden Murphy

Aden: Accept

UFVSUS: Luis

Luis: Accept

***BIRT** Jeremy McElroy, Mike Tithicott, Aden Murphy, and Luis Alves be elected as the non-National Director Selection Committee members of the National Director Selection Process Best Practices Caucus*

Motion passes

20. Conference Costs (Moved by STUSU)

Whereas CASA conference fees are currently between \$350 and \$400 not including travel or accommodation; and

Whereas the STUSU budgets approximately twice as much to attend CASA conferences as we spend on membership fees; and

Whereas CASA membership fees are based on the number of FTE students represented and the total annual gross revenue of the organization, while costs to send representatives to the conference are roughly the same for each member association; and

Whereas this results in small students' unions spending significantly more per student to send representatives to CASA conferences; therefore

***Be it resolved that** CASA provide transportation and accommodation and cover delegate fees for two representatives from each member association; and*

***Be it further resolved that** CASA increase membership fees to cover this cost.*

Seconded by UWGSA

STUSU: This motion came about when discussing the fee structure. The discussion does not take into account the entire picture of the cost of being in CASA. We actually budget about twice as much as we pay in membership fees. It's a conversation we need to have to look more holistically at our fee structure and to determine whether it makes sense to include in the fees. I recognize that we've been in the room for twelve hours, so I am going to suggest that someone after me suggest sending this to the board and suggest bringing it back in November.

KSA: I move to refer the motion to the board and to be reported back to the membership in November.

GSAUW: I think this is a good idea. UNB-SJ, for instance, is a voting member but often absent due to cost.

BUSU: Are we looking for different options?

STUSU: Something similar to the fee structure document would be good.

AMSUBC: We don't want to be here for 17 hours and it's worth looking into.

DSU: I think the committee should look at the budget for travel assistance as well.

SACMAUSU: Travel assistance is marketed heavily to prospective schools and should be examined as well.

Motion to refer passes

21. Bilingualism (Moved by STUSU)

Whereas CASA strives to be a bilingual organization; and

Whereas CASA often sends out the English version of a press release before the French version; and

Whereas timely press releases in French will allow CASA to increase its French media coverage; therefore

Be it resolved that *CASA ensure media releases are sent out simultaneously in French and English.*

Seconded by UWGSA

STUSU: I think the motion is self-explanatory but suggest that somebody move to postpone consideration until the November meeting.

Alberta: I move to postpone consideration until November.

Seconded by UNBSU-F

Motion to postpone passes

22. First Nations University of Canada (Moved by STUSU)

Whereas the First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) has the largest concentration of Indigenous programs in the world; and

Whereas FNUniv provides the opportunity for Aboriginal students to study in the context of their culture and values; and

Whereas any withdrawal of funding will prevent thousands of Aboriginal students from across the country from accessing an education that is uniquely rooted in Indigenous knowledge; and

Whereas the government of Saskatchewan has reversed their decision to cut funding to FNUniv and the Canadian Association of University Teachers voted unanimously to lift their censure of the university; and

Whereas students have been living in the University for over two months in protest of the proposed closure; and

Whereas pressure from students, faculty and Aboriginal communities has lead to the federal government extending funding first until August 31st, and subsequently for an additional year; therefore

Be it resolved that *CASA launch a campaign to restore long-term funding to First Nations University of Canada to ensure continued access to post secondary education for Aboriginal Peoples in the province of Saskatchewan and across Canada.*

Speaker: This does not actually require an extraordinary resolution as it is not a policy statement.

STUSU: We put this motion together with our Native Student Council at STU because this is an urgent issue that we, as a national student organization, need to take a strong stand on. This is unique and not something we have a lot of time to act on. We can't wait months or until the second semester to work on extending funding for FNUC.

MSU: We have discussed this twice already this week and it was already voted down. We don't speak to individual campus issues and there have been so many problems with this university that we should wait to determine whether anything has changed given the history of problems at FNUC.

GSAUW: We could work on our aboriginal policy to include this.

UPEISU: I would like to reiterate what Waterloo Grads said. We need to act but under the auspices of the aboriginal policy.

UCSU: Campaigns aren't something we do well or have money budgeted for campaigns. I also wouldn't say it's clear that this university has proven to increase access for First Nations in Canada.

STUSU: We've voted twice not to work on this under the policy priorities and the aboriginal policy is one that's being advocated on now without amendment. So I don't think his suggestion would actually happen. As to the concerns about a campaign, I'm

not suggesting that CASA needs to organize rallies in every city. We can interpret it very loosely, such as an open letter or optional activities. I don't think it requires CASA to stray from the tactics that the table is comfortable with.

AMSUBC: Things in the green zone mean we think it's appropriately developed, though that doesn't mean all green issues are perfect. So I would support further amendment. We have historically not taken action on First Nations issues in ways we could have, however we have policy on FNMI access in the green zone and should spread awareness on this issue.

UASU: I agree with Calgary.

SAMRU: We feel that, according to our processes, we can't launch a campaign on something where we don't have a policy but our processes can't support this.

KSA: I don't see why we can't include something about FNUC under advocacy on FNMI access. This is about general well-being for First Nations.

GSAUW: Motion to refer to Policy Committee.

Seconded by MSU

GSAUW: I firmly believe this isn't a stretch for CASA to support this. It falls under the "access agenda" and encouraging PSE for FNMI. The policy is good but not perfect.

BUSU: I think the campaign aspect is separate from policy and the campaign part should be dealt with by this body.

STUSU: We need to have the capacity to take stances at our conferences on urgent issues. This is very timely and I think that November is too late to do anything. This is a very straight forward stance. This was voted twice to not be sent to policy committee so it clearly isn't covered by FNMI access.

UWOUSC: Ella, could you define what you mean by a campaign? Would it include media releases or something more coordinated than that?

STUSU: The implementation would be up to the board. If you want specifics, it could include anything from a media release to an open letter to resources to lobby your local MP to something to engage the students on your campus.

SACMAUSU: This holds a lot of value for students across the country, and should not be referred.

KSA: Motion to amend to add:

“BIFRT until the FNMI Access policy include FNUC, CASA is urged to lobby on behalf of FNU within the current FNMI Access policy.”

Seconded by GSAUW

UWFOS: This would allow us to move with both directions at the same time.

SAMRU: We’ve talked about this twice already and it circumvents our policy creation process. I don’t want to set the precedent that we talk about issues again and again.

MSU (Mary Koziol): I was very much in favour, but the sense I get in this room is there’s a lack of research leading to an impossibility to reach to consensus. I’m proud that we respect community autonomy for fund distribution and that distribution of funds empowers communities. So there’s extreme value to autonomy, and I’d argue that means it is a more general access program. However, given the lack of research, I don’t see this assembly reading a consensus.

UASU: Well said, Mary. With respect to Mount Royal’s concerns, I will be speaking against the amendment but in favour of referring to committee. When we failed the earlier motions, there was a lot of talk about putting this issue under the FNMI Access policy and with a minor amount of additional research, we could include this in the policy.

GSAUW: I will vote against the amendment but still support the motion to refer.

UWOUSC: Call the question

Speaker: No speakers left on the list, so we can just move to a vote.

Motion to amend motion to refer fails 8-8-2

UWOUSC: Motion to amend to the motion to refer that the Policy Committee report back to the members by the November 2010 General Meeting.

Seconded by KSA

UWOUSC: Seems reasonable to establish a timeline.

ASU: Can we mandate that the policy committee looks at multiple strategies for looking at the word campaigning?

UWOUSC: That’s friendly.

GSAUW: You could do a call to pass the policy more quickly than normal.

UASU: The research on this issue doesn't have to be intense. Pass it and move on.

DSU: All research should be intense.

MSU (Mary Koziol): I think the current policy is fairly good, but to some degree it's necessary to accommodate a special learning style. This is an exciting direction.

GSAUW: Call the question.

Speaker: No need for a vote due to no opposition.

Motion to refer (included report back to the General Assembly by November, including a definition of a "campaign") **passes 15-2-1 (STUSU)**

No speakers on the main motion list

23. Any Other Business

a. FTE Calculations (Moved by UWFOS)

BIRT the Bylaw Committee shall review the procedure for soliciting FTE values from member schools; and

BIFRT that a criteria be established for the definition of FTE values.

BIFRT the work of this committee shall be completed by the next meeting of the general assembly.

Seconded by UFVSUS

UWFOS: There was a communication on the process for communicating FTE values. We were under the impression that our FTE value was for fees only. We found it confusing and would like to investigate this further.

Motion passes 17-0-1

b. Chair and Interim National Director Review

Whereas Tina Robichaud is currently the Chair of CASA, and currently also the Interim National Director of CASA; and

Whereas there is no mechanism in place to provide a fair and accurate reference for either of these positions within the circumstances.

***BIRT** a committee of three returning primary delegates from the 2009-2010 CASA year, consisting of _____, _____, and _____ be struck to provide a review of both positions so that a written reference may be provided upon request*

***BIFRT** a chair be nominated from within the committee.*

Moved by GSAUW, seconded by RRCSU

GSAUW: Defer to Red River.

RRCSA: I think Tina deserves an opportunity to be fairly evaluated and to receive a reference.

Speaker: We have at least 3 blanks that nominations are needed for.

WLUSU: Allan Hall

Allan: Accept

BUSU: Rob Lanteigne

Speaker: I decline.

UFVSUS: Saad

Saad: Decline

DSU: Matt Anderson

Matt: Accept

SACMAUSU: Stephen Pratt

Stephen: Accept.

UWOUSC: Graeme Turner

Graeme: Accept

UASU: Jeremy McElroy

Jeremy: Accept

SMUSA: Derek Robertson

Derek: Accept

***BIRT** a committee of three returning primary delegates from the 2009-2010 CASA year, consisting of Allan Hall, Matt Anderson, Stephen Pratt, Graeme Turner, Jeremy McElroy, and Derek Robertson be struck to provide a review of both positions so that a written reference may be provided upon request.*

Motion passes

Speaker: Many thanks and Huzzahs! were given in thanks for a number of excellent contributors to the day.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by UPEISU, seconded by AMSUBC

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 pm