

Stamp picks fight in almost peaceful Council powwow

Council is almost productive

by Bill Doskoch

The Student Council meeting on Tuesday night was peaceful and productive — well, almost.

There was conflict over conflict-of-interest guidelines, VP Internal Gord Stamp managed to pick a fight regarding the absent Don Millar and \$3,492 of SU money was disbursed.

The approach to be taken in negotiations on conflict-of-interest with CUPE local 1368 provided for emotional debate.

Science rep. Ken Bosman said, "You don't negotiate over civil rights," adding, "Does the act of being an employee render a person *persona non grata* politically?"

After various parliamentary manoeuvres, an amended motion was presented stratifying CUPE employees into SU and non-SU members and describing conflict-of-interest guidelines for both.

External VP Paul Alpern wanted the amendment tabled to provide an opportunity to "look at it rationally and fully without any time pressures."

The attempt to table was defeated but quorum was lost before a vote could be held. (Note: because of the complexity and importance of the conflict-of-interest issue, a full article on its implications will be in the Feb. 11, Gateway).

Another disruption, in what had been a smooth-running meeting, occurred when Stamp, in his report, accused Arts rep and presidential candidate Don Millar of having "caused most of the conflict on council this year."

Proxy Robert Greenhill, the 82-84 SU president, said reports to council should maintain "a certain element of decorum" and told Stamp, "one of you is nitro and the other is glycerin."

He then asked Stamp if he would withdraw his remark.

Stamp concisely replied "No." Millar's proxy Bryan Becker introduced a motion to have Stamp's remarks stricken from the record. The flap ended with Stamp withdrawing his comments voluntarily, but refusing to apologize.

Besides the bickering, 17 motions were passed. Six of these motions required the directors and other paid staff of various SU organizations to be registered in at least one full course in the winter term of their time in office.

A motion was passed giving explicitly worded referendums the

power to amend the constitution. It also set rules and constraints for Students Council to amend the constitution.

The grants to clubs were as follows: Womens Centre, \$950; Nigerian Union of Students, \$843 and the Undergrad Psychology Students Association, \$300.

One thousand dollars was donated to the Grant Notley Memorial Fund and council agreed to join the Association of College Unions International at a cost of \$399.

The next meeting will be on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers, second floor University Hall.

Pamphlet withdrawn

by Kent Cochrane

The Initiatives '85 slate has been forced to withdraw one of their pamphlets because of an error it contained.

Chief Returning Officer Michael Brings ruled that Initiatives '85 should stop distributing and withdraw a pamphlet which they had issued on Monday.

The pamphlet stated that Sarah Wright, the Board of Governors candidate for the Progressive Alternative slate, abstained on giving a \$100,000 donation to the U of A library.

However, Wright had in fact voted against this motion.

The pamphlet also stated that David Kuefler, the VP Finance candidate for the Progressive Alternative slate, had quit his job as Deputy Returning Officer after only two days.

Kuefler actually had worked his full-term at the job.

"I took extreme offence to that

statement," said Kuefler. "It questions my reliability and dedication." Kuefler said that he had asked for a written apology from David Koch, the Campaign spokesman for Initiatives '85.

He added that he was considering legal action over "that lie" if he did not receive an apology from Initiatives '85.

"SU election shouldn't be slime campaigns," said Kuefler.

Koch told the Gateway that he regretted printing the statements about Wright and Kuefler.

"It was unfortunate that I printed those things," said Koch.

Koch also noted that the Initiatives '85 slate had pulled all of the pamphlets in question.

Don Millar, presidential candidate for the Progressive Alternative slate, said that his slate was addressing issues, while the Initiatives '85 slate was only talking about personalities.

Yard Apes

by Hans Beckers



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