



December 6, 2017 - March 6, 2018

We are pleased to submit this update on the SU's governance, programs and advocacy.

SU Governance

2018 SU General Election

Following Nomination Days, there are 46 candidates in the 2018 SU General Election.

- Only one of the Schulich School of Engineering representative positions and the Werklund School of Education representative position are vacant. The SU's Nominations Committee will strike a subcommittee to find students to be appointed to fill the roles until the fall by-election.
- There are acclamations for the position of President and faculty representative positions in the Faculties of Law, Nursing, Science, Schulich School of Engineering, Social Work and Veterinary Medicine.

Online campaigning for the election began Feb. 16 and poster campaigning began Feb. 26. Voting days are Mar. 6 - 8 and unofficial results will be announced at the Den at 5:30pm on Mar. 8.

SU Programs and Services

Calgary Leaders Dinner

The SU hosted the 7th annual Calgary Leaders Dinner. Premier Rachel Notley, Minister of Advanced Education Marlin Schmidt, MP Len Webber and Mayor Naheed Nenshi spoke about the importance of student advocacy and engagement in the political process. The event was attended by 21 municipal, provincial, and federal politicians, and was an excellent opportunity for student leaders to gain insight from political leaders.

Student Clubs

Winter Clubs Week was held the week of Jan. 15. 165 registered clubs participated, plus six prospective clubs. There are currently 332 student organizations registered with the SU.

Teaching Excellence Awards

1,146 students submitted nominations for the SU's Teaching Excellence Awards this year. This marks a significant increase over 2017 when 568 nominations were submitted. The SU has been administering its Teaching Excellence Awards program, in its current form, since 1984 to recognize University of Calgary instructors and teaching assistants who have had a positive impact on the undergraduate student learning experience.

Quality Money

The deadline for project submissions was Nov. 24. The SU received 36 project proposals totaling approximately \$6.9M. The Quality Money Committee approved 12 projects totaling \$1.83M. The full Quality Money Funding Allocation Report for 2018-19 can be found appended to this report

SU Campus Food Bank

The SU Campus Food Bank provides emergency food hampers to current undergraduate and graduate students, staff members and alumni who have graduated less than two years ago.

	January/February 2017	January/February 2018
Number of Hampers	93	95
Number of Adults Fed	144	133
Number of Children Fed	61	66
Total Fed	205	199

Information Centre/Lost and Found

During the fall and winter semesters, the Information Centre/Lost and Found is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It provides visitors with directions and information about on campus resources and events. It also stores lost items, returning them to their owners.

	January/February 2017	January/February 2018
Items handed in	938	858
Items returned to owner	352	333
On campus directions	917	1,046
Campus services questions	288	345
Total number of clients	2,660	3,112

Advocacy and Representation

Mac Hall Dispute

On Feb. 6 SU President Branden Cave and Vice President Operations and Finance, Ryan Wallace, after getting support from the 75th Students' Legislative Council, signed off on the resolution of the Mac Hall dispute. After years of hard work by SU executives and staff, past and present, the SU is very excited to have negotiated a solution with the university, one that protects students' rights and recognizes students' investments in Mac Hall.

The settlement consists of two agreements. The first agreement is the Stakeholder Rights Agreement (SRA) which is unlike anything previously signed between the SU and the university. The SRA grants the SU rights, including the rights to manage Mac Hall, occupy their current space within the building, and run their businesses. These rights are perpetual for the life of the building and may be extended to any mutually agreed upon expansion of Mac Hall or future student centre.

The Management and Use of Space Agreement (MUSA) is an operational agreement that outlines the details of how the building will be managed and used by the SU.

The agreements resolve the issues that were the basis of the Mac Hall lawsuit that the SU filed against the university in 2015. The SU is expected to be fully managing Mac Hall by May 1, 2018.

Conclusion

The Students' Union is proud to serve and represent undergraduate students in nearly every aspect of their experience at the University of Calgary.



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