



Report of the Presidential Affairs Committee

November 26th, 2009

The Presidential Affairs Committee (lovingly referred to as PAC), has now met several times this semester. So far, we have created a working membership, established priorities, reviewed research, and set a rough work plan for the year.

Membership 09-10:

Councilors	Members at large
Ivan Neilson (Chair)	Marion Fyshe
Joshua Abaki	Steve Hwang
Mitran Mehta	Queen Arsem-O'Malley
(vacant)	Maude Woods
(vacant)	Renee Jiang

Currently, I am serving as chair, but I would like to eventually pass on the responsibility if possible.

Priorities:

1. Clearly define the role of committees
2. Increase Accountability
3. Reduce number of committees for optimal function
4. Define appropriate size of membership
5. Determine proper ratio of Councilors to SSMU Members

Research:

Much of the work already done has been analyzing the committee structures in other Student Unions across Canada. We have started analyzing trends, and documenting the most effective features. Right now, we have mostly seen schools from Western Canada. Namely, UVic, UBC, Simon Fraser, UAb, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Brock University.

Approximate Timeline:

December: Develop rough framework, give individual assignments to members

January: Meet with Executives and other stakeholders, develop revised committee structure

February: Determine what Constitutional and Bylaw Changes need to be made, Bring the first draft to Council for Consultation

March: Final Draft of plan, Bring to Council for Final Approval