



SUSK MEDIA PACKAGE 2010

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SUSK CONGRESS IN EDMONTON: STUDENTS RISE AGAIN

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The 52nd National Congress of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK) occurred in Edmonton, Alberta on the weekend of February 12-14, 2010. This gathering brought together delegates representing student organizations from the U of Alberta, U of Calgary, U of Manitoba, U of Western Ontario, McMaster U, U of Toronto, York U, Ontario College of Arts and Design, Carleton U, U of Ottawa, McGill U, U de Monreal, and Concordia. Ryerson and Guelph, although not present in person, did contribute to the special Congress edition of *Student*, our newsmag.

The first evening (on Friday) of the Congress was an informal gathering at the participating Campus Tour Hotel, on the University of Alberta campus. Each delegation had a chance to introduce themselves and show off the successes that their club had enjoyed in the previous year. Saturday morning, we ate a hearty breakfast, efficiently steamed through the points of order and constitutional amendments, then moved onto nominations for the 2010-2011 executive and the new candidates speeches. The delegations then voted, and as the ballots were being counted, we broke out into focus groups that tackled the question: "What can SUSK do for you?" At the satisfactory conclusion of these activities, the delegates headed back to their hotel rooms to prepare for the Alumni Banquet at the Faculty Club.

After a nice dinner, Dr. Richard Hareychuk performed a keynote address regarding the sustainability (or not) of the allocation of the Ukrainian Canadian Diaspora's resources. The address was certainly effective at provoking discussions and controversy throughout the evening and following day. Next came the announcement of election results. The new executive is: Danylo Korbabicz (president), Zenon Ciz (executive vice president), Maryana Zayats (regional VP west), Olena Kit (regional VP central), Marta Cybulsky (regional VP east), Christine Bajus (secretary), Andrew Wodoslawsky (external relations director), Adia Sirsky (internal relations director), Anda Hirceaga (project director), Adia Luhovy (media director), Roman Storoshchuk (alumni director), and Marko Jacuta (immediate past president). The zabava after the banquet brought in yet more students from Edmonton, and we danced and sang the night away to the tune of *Euphoria*, a local student-run band.

On Sunday (mid) morning, we woke again to a hearty meal, then listened to Daria Luciw as she presented an inklet of her knowledge on fundraising. Her presentation was followed by a session to generate and discuss resolutions (or goals) for the next year. We took a break from this to listen to Andy Hladyshevsky

discuss the context and origins of the Ukrainian Canadian community, and the origins, goals and projects of the Shevchenko Foundation.

We concluded that day by deciding on our resolutions for the coming year, and by holding a quick meeting for the new executive. Those that could, would stay in Alberta for another 3 days of skiing and snowboarding, but otherwise, we parted ways – until next time...

A successful Congress cannot run smoothly and efficiently without a skilled organizer and dedicated volunteers: we would like to thank Roman Soltykevych, President of the University of Alberta Ukrainian Students' Society and his diligent Executive for exceptional execution of the Congress.

But even with the best help, this Congress would not have been possible without our sponsors. A special thank you to the **Ukrainian Credit Union Ltd** of Toronto, our Host Sponsor, for their very generous support. We would like to also thank the Shevchenko Foundation, Multicultural Marketing, Hudson's Tap House, Rosewood Estates Winery and Meadery, Fraser Minler Casgrain law firm, the Zaraska Family, Clarkson Sports & Physiotherapy Clinic, the University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Ukrainian Students' Society for their material support.

Please visit us online at www.susk.ca for a calendar of Ukrainian Student Organization events, for information about clubs, help for new clubs, alumni support, and much more!

CONGRESS SCHEDULE

Friday Feb 12, 2010

- Registration
- Club Presentations
- "Horilka Hoedown"

Saturday Feb 13, 2010

- Opening Ceremonies
- SUSK Executive Elections
- Professional Development Seminars
- SUSK Alumni Banquet & Congress Zabava

Sunday Feb 14, 2010

- Professional Development Seminars
- Resolutions

EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHIES



Name: Danylo Korbabicz

Position: President

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario

University: Carleton University

Year and Field of Study: 4th year Political Science and Public Policy

Contact: president@susk.ca

Currently in his final year of university, Danylo has always been an active member of his community. Having served as a school board trustee, as president of a university students' union, and as a board member for various non-profit organizations, Danylo hopes to use his experience to build a stronger SUSK. An ardent musician, Danylo performs with the Canadian Bandurist Capella and has served as a music teacher for the Canadian Bandura Foundation; teaching vocal, bandura and music theory to younger children. Upon completion of his degree Danylo wishes to pursue further graduate work or law school.



Name: Zenon Ciz
Position: Executive Vice-President
Hometown: Toronto, Ontario
University: University of Toronto
Year and Field of Study: 4th year Commerce and Finance, Rotman Commerce, Accounting Specialist
Contact:vp@susk.ca

With an education in commerce and business, as well as an extensive involvement in the Ukrainian community, Zenon is proud to boast a well-rounded background. In addition to having served on the SUSK executive in the previous term, he currently holds the position of treasurer of the Ukrainian Student's Club at U of T, the Program Co-ordinator of the Ukrainian Youth Association – Etobicoke Branch, as well as the President of the Baturyn Concert Marching Band, among other roles. In the future, Zenon hopes to extend his reach to the broader community, but always retain a familial tie to the organizations that fostered his character.



Name: Maryana Zayats
Position: Vice President West
Hometown: Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
University: University of Manitoba
Faculty: Management / Asper School of Business
Major: Actuarial Math and International Business
Contact:vp-west@susk.ca

Maryana is a team player with a strong work ethic and commitment to task completion. She is known as a reliable individual with an ability to interact effectively with people from a diversity of backgrounds. She is confident, not afraid to take on new responsibilities and tackles challenges with enthusiasm. She has great management and interpersonal skills. While enrolled in a full-time university program, Maryana also works as a teacher's assistant at the university, tutors Ukrainian to other students outside work hours, is an active member of AIESEC and AIMS (the Association of International Management Students) and working part-time as a senior tax specialist, preparing individual tax returns.



Name: Olena Kit
Position: Vice-President Central
Hometown: Hamilton, Ontario
University: McMaster University
Year and Field of Study: 2nd year – Arts and Science Programme
Contact:vp-central@susk.ca

Olena is in her second year and enjoys the balance of studying both arts and sciences. Being actively involved with the McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association (MUSA) she has helped organize the annual Golden Horseshoe Volleyball tournament, Pangaea – a multicultural day at McMaster, and many other events. With a great passion for dance, Olena has performed with local Ukrainian dance ensembles. This year, Olena hopes to bring her enthusiasm to SUSK by making stronger connections with Ukrainian Canadian students and their organizations on a national level.



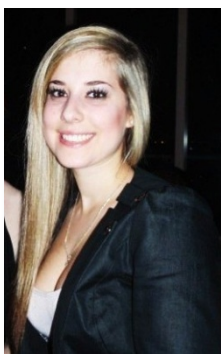
Name: Marta Cybulsky
Position: Vice-President East
Hometown: Montreal, Quebec
University: McGill University
Year and Field of Study: 2nd year Physiology
Contact:vp-east@susk.ca

Marta has been involved with the McGill Ukrainian Student Association since she started university. This year, the club held a Holodomor exhibit, a pub-night featuring the band Ukrainia, and finished planning Hip Hop Hopak, an evening where Ukrainian dancers performed with hip hop dancers. Marta also takes dance classes at McGill and has been involved with Plast, a Ukrainian youth organization her whole life, as a weekly counsellor and summer camp counsellor. This year with SUSK, Marta hopes to strengthen connections between Ukrainian clubs in Montreal and Ontario, and work closely with CEGEPs. Marta also wants to introduce Ukrainian university and CEGEP students to SUSK, and encourage them to attend and participate in Ukrainian events. This summer, she will be doing research studying genetic diseases that affect kidney development, and also plans to be a counsellor at Help Us Help the Children summer camp for orphans in Ukraine.



Name: Christina Bajus
Position: Secretary
Hometown: Mississauga, Ontario
University: McMaster University
Year and Field of Study: 3rd year Biology and Environmental Science
Contact:secretary@susk.ca

As a President of the McMaster Ukrainian Student's Association, along with her supportive exec, Christina organized events such as Pangea and MUSA's Annual Golden Horseshoe Volleyball Tournament, which are well recognized in both the McMaster and the Ukrainian community. Christina has always been an active member in the Ukrainian community. With her many years of Ukrainian dancing, proudly selling one of Ukraine's finest vodkas and beers through Bevco Multiculture and as a member and camp counsellor in Plast Ukrainian Youth Organization, there is no doubt that she appreciates her Ukrainian culture and her community. After Christina receives her degree, she hopes to pursue graduate work in climate change research.



Name: Adriana Sirskyj
Position: Internal Relations Director
Hometown: Ottawa, Ontario
University: University of Ottawa
Year and Field of Study: 2nd Year Criminology
Contact:internal@susk.ca

Adriana has made continuous efforts to maintain her active involvement throughout the Ukrainian community in Ottawa, through Plast and recently the Ukrainian students' club. As the first official President of the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club, Adriana is exceptionally eager to build a solid base for both the short and long term growth of the club. Adriana hopes to promote strong social networking among Ukrainian students in Ottawa, and various neighbouring Ukrainian organizations. She is strongly looking forward to working on the SUSK executive committee for 2010/2011. She is enthusiastic in completing her degree and pursuing her future career with young offenders and youth justice.



Name: Andrew Wodoslawsky
Position: External Relations Director
Hometown: Toronto, Ontario
University: University of Toronto
Year and Field of Study: 1st year Master of Engineering (Mechanical)
Contact: external@susk.ca

This is Andrew's third term on the SUSK executive, having been the VP East (when it included Ontario as well), and VP Great Lakes. He joins the exec again with additional responsibilities with content management for Student newsmag, website content, preparation of some internal protocols, and others. Andrew brings to the SUSK executive many years of experience with activities at the University of Toronto Ukrainian Students' Club, Plast and his entrepreneurial and professional activities.



Name: Anda Hirceaga
Position: Project Director
Hometown: Windsor, Ontario
University: University of Ottawa
Year and Field of Study: 2nd year Communication and Business
Contact: projects@susk.ca

Having only moved to the city of Ottawa two years ago, Anda quickly became adjusted to Ottawa life and found many ways to be involved in the community and network with a variety of people. She is currently in second year of university, works at the National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA in membership sales and service, as well as a Building Representative for the Residents' Association of the University of Ottawa. Furthermore, she holds the position of Vice-President for the University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club. The club is the newest addition to SUSK. Anda has an enthusiasm for everything she does and looks forward to contribute her positive and proactive attitude in helping SUSK grow. Anda has an ambivalent point of view when it comes to the future; however she sees the possibility of pursuing a career in business management, public relations, or law.



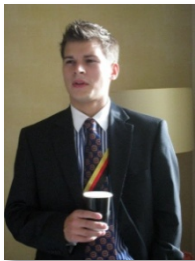
Name: Adriana Luhovy
Position: Media Director
Hometown: Montreal, Quebec (La Belle Province)
University: Concordia University
Year and Field of Study: 3rd year – Communication Studies
Contact: media@susk.ca

Adriana Luhovy has been active on the SUSK executive and this year will mark her 3rd on board as Media Director. With fresh new ideas and a stockpile of creative energy, she is very excited to work with the many talented Ukrainian-Canadian student artists out there. Her aim is to organize an ongoing SUSK-Art exhibit across Canada. She was the main camera operator for the documentary film Okradena Zemlya / Genocide Revealed (on the 1932-33 Famine-Genocide), filming throughout Eastern Ukraine. She loves photography, filmmaking and writing. Adriana has attended the University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy summer school and volunteered for Help Us Help The Children in Yaremche, Ukraine. A prime mover on the Concordia Ukrainian Student Union (CUSU) executive, she was the main organizer for many CUSU events, including the fundraiser event - Hip Hop Hopak in Montreal. She will be preparing the next SUSK Congress issue of "Student".



Name: Roman Storoshchuk
Position: Alumni director
Hometown: Calgary, Alberta
University: University of Calgary
Year and Field of Study: 3rd year Political Science completed
Contact: alumni@susk.ca

This will be Roman's second year serving on the SUSK national executive. He held the position of Regional Vice-president West on the 2009-2010 executive. Roman has also been active at a local club level with the University of Calgary Ukrainian Students' Society for the past two years, holding the positions of president and secretary. Also an active member of Plast Ukrainian Scouting organization Roman has been a scout leader in Calgary as well as at numerous summer camps. As Alumni Director Roman hopes to strengthen ties between SUSK's alumni and the current SUSK community.



Name: Marco Jacuta
Position: Immediate Past President
Hometown: Edmonton, Alberta
University: University of Alberta
Year and Field of Study: 4th Year Sociology
Contact: pastpresident@susk.ca

Has been significantly involved with SUSK since its revival in 2007, Marco has been active with the organization and taking on several roles on the national Executive. Marco has been heavily involved in his community having served as a volunteer for several political campaigns as well as serve on several executive committees for political parties. He also contributes his time to various non-profit organizations. Upon completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Alberta, Marco aspires to pursue further studies in Law.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1 -CARRIED

- WHEREAS the 52nd National SUSK Congress sees it important to maintaining the long term continuity of SUSK
- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive continue using the UCC National address in Winnipeg, Manitoba as a central mailing address and have any SUSK mail/correspondence forwarded to the concerned individual;

RESOLUTION 2 - CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive maintain as a priority communication between representatives of Ukrainian Student Organizations and facilitate outside SUSK Executive Meetings;
 1. Regional Conferences
 2. Open meetings with USO Representatives

RESOLUTION 3 -CARRIED

- WHEREAS the 52nd National SUSK Congress sees it importance of maintaining its history
- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive continue with the SUSK's "Student" digitization project.

RESOLUTION 4 - CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive hold the 53rd National SUSK Congress in the months from May-October, 2011.

RESOLUTION 5- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED that the 52nd National SUSK Congress acknowledge the hard work of the 52ND SUSK National Congress committee, and its host the Ukrainian Students' Society at the University of Alberta.

RESOLUTION 6 - DEFEATED

- WHEREAS the 52nd National SUSK Congress sees SUSK as a constituted federation, and shall remain so;
- AND WHEREAS SUSK recognizes the identification of all Ukrainian Student Organizations with the objectives of the SUSK constitution, and;
- AND WHEREAS SUSK endeavours to promote a sense of unity and solidarity between local Ukrainian Student Organizations across Canada.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive recommend to all Member Organization USO's within SUSK to adopt the name "SUSK" in conjunction with their local name as the official name of their Ukrainian Student Organization (Club, Society, Association, Union, Federation)

RESOLUTION 7- CARRIED

- WHEREAS the 52nd National SUSK Congress sees it importance of Ukrainian Courses at post-secondary institutions across Canada.
- AND WHEREAS Ukrainian courses/departments are in a situation of dropping enrolment and potential threat of funding cuts
- BE IT RESOLVED that the SUSK National Executive encourage each Member Organization to distribute information regarding available courses in Ukrainian Studies by outlining the benefits of these courses to students.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUSK National Executive encourage each Member Organization to petition their concerned post-secondary institution to increase Ukrainian courses available to students.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive encourage each Member Organization USO to distribute information regarding available courses in Ukrainian Studies to support and promote Ukrainian Studies by outlining the benefits of these courses to students
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in those post-secondary institutions where no Ukrainian courses exist, that the SUSK National Executive encourage Member Organization USO's to undertake to promote interest in Ukrainian studies through the organization of seminars, lectures, panels, and by other means available to them.

RESOLUTION 8- CARRIED

- WHEREAS local USO activity is enhanced by delegate participation in SUSK conferences and the SUSK Congress, and;
- AND WHEREAS smaller USO's may not always be able to afford the costs associated with travel in sending delegates to distant cities, and;
- AND WHEREAS inter-city travel costs are high enough on a students' budget
- BE IT RESOLVED that the SUSK National Executive make travel subsidies available for certain official SUSK Delegates for conferences and the Congress, and take into account special consideration for USO's from Western Canada.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any application for travel subsidy either be offered by the SUSK National Executive, or be applied for no less than two weeks prior to the Delegates departure to the concerned event.

RESOLUTION 9- CARRIED

- WHEREAS the 52nd National SUSK Congress sees it importance of an international organization of Ukrainian Students' is needed to facilitate communication among Ukrainian students worldwide.
- AND WHEREAS the Central Union of Ukrainian Students (CeSUS) has fallen inactive and not fulfilled its mandate in recent years.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive contact the former Member Organizations of CeSUS about the possibility of reorganizing an International Ukrainian Students' Union and make CeSUS a viable organization in the future.

RESOLUTION 10- CARRIED

- WHEREAS the 52nd National SUSK Congress sees the financial longevity of SUSK crucial to its long term continuity and suffers shortages in operating funds;
- BE IT RESOLVED that SUSK in cooperation with the Taras Shevchenko Foundation create a managed Contingency Reserve Fund to sustain the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union;

RESOLUTION 11- CARRIED

- WHEREAS the 52nd National SUSK Congress sees it important to maintain financial integrity at any level of organization;
- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive use widely accepted financial procedures

RESOLUTION 12- CARRIED

- WHEREAS the 52nd National SUSK Congress sees it importance of financial accountability
- BE IT RESOLVED that the incoming SUSK National Executive enforce the payment of membership dues from Member Organizations;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only fund transferred to SUSK by constituent Member Organization USO's that will be considered as 'Membership dues' as outlined in the SUSK Constitution be those funds explicitly designated as dues at the time of transfer of said funds.

** N.B: Resolutions 13-22 Proposed by the 52nd National SUSK Congress Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 13- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED national improve communication between the SUSK Executive and member clubs, and among SUSK member clubs (by updating the website, including links to other clubs and a blog, distributing minutes and/or allowing auditing of executive meetings, and developing a national online calendar.

RESOLUTION 14- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED a standard operating procedure be developed for SUSK Regional Vice-Presidents, including how to organize a regional congress

RESOLUTION 15- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED the February 2009 SUSK congress resolutions be reviewed by the National Executive and approved where applicable

RESOLUTION 16

- BE IT RESOLVED SUSK coordinate a Holodomor awareness nationally with SUSK Member Organizations

RESOLUTION 17- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED SUSK National consider a limit to the number of votes for each Ukrainian Student Organization during a Congress

RESOLUTION 18- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED the next Congress be considered in Ottawa

RESOLUTION 19- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED SUSK integrate recruitment with Ukrainian Youth Organizations (presentations, joint events, etc)

RESOLUTION 20- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED SUSK develop a leadership program (possibly via Regional SUSK Conferences)

RESOLUTION 21- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED SUSK National publish a list of fundraising ideas, and events including contact information of the organizer of such events.

RESOLUTION 22- CARRIED

- BE IT RESOLVED a start up package (including information, flyers and a financial incentive) be prepared for new Ukrainian Student Organizations

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