



Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Meeting: # 12

Date: February 27, 2019 - 6:30pm

Speaker: Niveditha Manju Sethumadhavan

Deputy Speaker: James Hall

Recording Secretary: Emma Evans

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Call to Order

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Territorial Recognition

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Adoption of the February Election Results

BIRT BUSAC adopts the February 2019 Election results.

Mover: Bathish Secunder: Gilhula

Motion Passed

Yes: 12

No: 0

Abstentions: 2 (noted Khan and Jalib)

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Approval of the Agenda

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the February 27 th meeting.

Mover: Bedawed Secunder: Jalib

Motion Passed by Consensus

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Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes from February 13th, 2019 (Meeting 11).
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Mover: Wright Secunder: Gabriel

Motion Passed

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstentions: 1

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Open Questions Period

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Notes from the Speaker

Total Voting Members = 17

Quorum:

- 50%+1= 10
- 2/3 Majority= 11

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Club Funding Request – Brock ESports

Gilhula: Is there prize money associated with winning and how is that split up if yes?

Brock ESports: Most of the events if we go to have prize pools put up and we have a discretion to take back whatever the registration cost was. Most of the online stuff does not have costs associated.

Gabriel: Do you have a fee to enter this club?

Brock ESports: Yes I believe our fee is the \$5 minimum fee and all of our players have to purchase a jersey as well.

Hilson: Who is the leader among ESports for students?

Brock ESports: Currently the best school in terms of what they provide is St. Clair College but Waterloo and Ryerson are among the better teams.

Hilson: Better players but not better infrastructure?

Brock ESports: Yes.

Gilhula: For curiosity sake would it impact the tournaments if the funding wasn't to be given in full?

Brock ESports: Yes without the funding there is a chance we would not be able to enter in most of the tournaments.

Hilson: Are there any schools that you are aware of that are competing through the athletics and recreations sector of the school? As a varsity program?

Brock ESports: St. Clair Colelge does have an actual varsity program and I think plenty of other schools are working on getting there, it is our goal too.

Jalib: Thank you for the presentation. Given you are ahead of Saints gaming do you feel you could beat them?

Brock ESports: Absolutely. After last year, our players are significantly better I am very confident we can get first.

Hibma: Thank you for coming back. I was one of the founders of this club and it is amazing to see you constantly in the halls advertising. I think we can note this is a growing sector across North America with universities offering scholarships. How long do you think it will take before institutions start to realize the potential of these teams?

Brock ESports: For us or other schools?

Hibma: For Brock or the province of Ontario?

Brock ESports: I am really not sure I would like to see it in the past year or two with these prize pools being put up by the companies who run the games. It shouldn't be all that long before a school like Toronto have scholarships etc.

Hibma: If that were to be the case at our institution then would you suspect you would have enough capital to bolster the reputation of the school by traveling to other countries. If the institution started funding it like a varsity team. Would you expand internationally?

Brock ESports: I think it would be a bit of both with competitions at the Canadian level but also national and international events. I am very sure we would have players ready to go to events in Europe and other places too.

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Club Funding Request – Geology

Presented by Joseph Tello, President and James Winnett, Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion to extend the presentation by 5 minutes
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Mover: Hibma

Secunder: Wright

<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>

Hibma: Thank you for your amazing presentation. I think the strategies you've taken to build a community environment would resonate with many other clubs but through your involvement in other clubs. That you are gaining an international attention. My question to you is next year is it reasonable to have the anticipated costs with such a large event like PDAC to come to BUSU earlier?

Brock Geology: What happened this year is that we didn't expect to have the amount of people who came which impacted the costs. Next year we are anticipated a larger number of students and will plan to be here earlier.

Gilhula: I noticed you didn't have the access passes?

Brock Geology: There was a volunteer opportunity that about 80% of us did where you work 2 days for 4 hours which lets you get a free pass. If you didn't want to volunteer they paid out of pocket.

Beaupre: Out of curiosity how much is the convention pass?

Brock Geology: For a single day pass it is only \$25 per day. But there is an all access pass that volunteers get which is \$79.99. We were pushing people to volunteer however because you meet a lot of people there and it looks great on a resume.

Beaupre: You said you expect your membership to grow, I'm assuming it is quite a large conference, would there be enough volunteer positions available?

Brock Geology: Certainly there are a lot of spaces to fill as the volunteering program expects students from across the country to join. We have to make sure that we encourage people to sign up earlier. We are going to try to make a joint volunteer event for next year.

Gilhula: For the Air BnB reimbursement are students available to pay a portion as I believe BUSU clubs are not allowed to request funding for it?

Rossetto: There is nothing that restricts people from requesting housing for accommodation.

Johnson: We had a different budget that we discussed at our meeting. We had for PDAC a \$2500 cost.

Brock Geology: When we first came to the meeting we hit our budget for people who we knew were coming but we had many members join. We thought there would be 12 but we had 24. One was paid out of pocket one we asked for professor help. Cost higher than we expected mainly because extra students showed up.

Johnson: We note while the hostel fee increased they raised their personal funding.

Brock Geology: We are now trying to split the funding between both Air BnB's to pay off everything we can. We told everyone to be prepared to pay the remaining cost of what they have to pay.

Gilhula: Looking at the numbers presented its about \$100.57 in change per person. Is it worth asking for your students to contribute some to compensate?

Brock Geology: We told them that they are going to have to pitch in money to pay it off but we told them we couldn't give a direct quote until we knew the exact amount. They are all prepared to pay.

Johnson: The adjustment is in and around \$400 dollars we were leaving it up to BUSAC so we need to see if BUSAC will approve their new ask.

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Club Funding Request – Kinesiology Games

Presented by President Alex Johnston.

Gilhula: Do your team members contribute out of pocket towards attending?

Johnston (Kinesiology Games): We have all already paid everything, the discrepancy between the total and what we are asking for is it.

Bedawed: My understanding is some of the expenses would be covered by the individuals going and BUSAC. I don't see anything which the people are going are putting towards the trip beyond fundraising. Are you just relying on BUSAC?

Johnston: The \$612 will be coming out of our own pockets and we expect to not receive full funding that difference will come out of pocket.

Legros: How many are going?

Johnston: 18.

Gabriel: Is that 612 being dispersed between the students is that going towards a certain thing?

Johnston: That money would go towards travel there and team uniforms.

Khan: Someone can clarify this who currently sits on CPC but we wouldn't usually cover the clothing or jerseys?

Johnston: I know last year they did.

Johnson: We did not see all the swag and apparel as reasonable so we slimmed it down to the transportation and conference costs.

Beaupre: You say that you guys have already paid for everything and the funding would be reimbursed. How much did you tell your members they may be expected to pay?

Johnston: The members already paid everything. They know worst case it is all out of pocket

Gilhula: If I am doing the math correctly 612 is about 4% of the total cost pre student to go does that seem reasonable?

Johnston: I think it is reasonable as it helps set the students up for success with jobs, masters program, and have opportunities like the New York chiropractor school.

Khan: A question for someone on CPC.

Speaker: We will talk about that when we are on the motion.

Beaupre: Is 18 a set number or do you plan on extending the number of people you can take?

Johnston: It is set each year by the conference. It has been up to 24 but last year it was cut down to 18 for smaller schools to host. For example we are hosting next year.

Gilhula: How is the team selected if it is selective?

Johnston: Every year we put out an on paper application with their background, what they are doing around brock, some academic questions. Following that we narrow it down (this year it was 30 people) and then we did a physical tryout.

Gilhula: How many people applied?

Johnston: This year I believe we had 46 applicants.

Bedawed: As an executive member of another club we funded our apparel costs ourselves.

Johnston: In order to participate everyone on the team has to be in the same uniform. The hoodies are for recognition at the event itself.

Bedawed: What about the backpacks?

Johnston: So everyday we can bring snacks, waterbottles, look as a team and in uniform.

Jalib: Thank you for your presentation. I believe you mentioned you would not be getting the entire funding is there a minimum you need?

Johnston: In our heads we were hoping for at least the conference cost itself which is what we received last year.

Beaupre: You also have your fundraising initiatives. I was wondering how long do you fundraise for?

Johnston: Our clothing sales are always the most successful and we do those at the start of the year and later in second semester.

Beaupre: Do you have more fundraisers for next year?

Johnston: They are running the clothing fundraisers again and they are going to try to get an Issacs night in as well

Seconded: Kaminsky

Johnson: I just request we review at the bottom of the document the current funding state.

Jalib: point of information I believe they requested a different amount.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2,966.00 as a grant to the Brock ESports from clubs funding.
Mover: Johnson Secunder: Legros

Johnson: They originally requested to go to two out of country conferences. We advised against that as few clubs do out of country conferences to begin with. Students are paying for their own transportation and accommodation so we do find it valuable to provide that extra aid.

BIRT BUSAC amends the motion to read “BIRT BUSAC approves \$3, 161.00 as a grant to the Brock ESports from clubs funding.”
Mover: Jalib Secunder: Kaminsky

Motion Passed by Consensus

Gilhula: I personally disagree with CPC I think the international competitions are valuable to this club and with the amendment not very different from that suggested by CPC I think it would be valuable to recommend them to go to both.

Speaker: How would that amount look different if they were to go?

Johnson: I was not at the presentation to speak on that.

Gilhula: Can the president of the club?

Brock ESports: I wasn't at the presentation for that.

Motion to suspend the meeting for a 5 minute break.
Mover: Bedawed Secunder: Gilhula

Motion Passed by Consensus

Gilhula: After confirming during the break that is the number with both international conferences. That was the number first brought to CPC this is the correct number if we want to go forward with both competitions.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$3, 161.00 as a grant to the Brock ESports from clubs funding.

Mover: Johnson Secunder: Kaminsky

<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstention: 1

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2, 766.33 as a grant to the Geology Club from clubs funding.
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Mover: Johnson Secunder: Kaminsky

Johnson: We defiantly value the community and career opportunities this club provides. They did a significant amount of fundraising and they have a membership fee that sets a good standard for clubs. They made a tremendous effort to be as economical as possible. We had approved the full ask when it was 2,766.63. given we were in support of this club we brought it to BUSAC as we saw a lot of value in what they were doing.

Gabriel: I think it is great you guys are out and being active and I wanted to thank you for coming.

BIRT BUSAC amends the motion to read “BIRT BUSAC approves \$3, 232. 35 as a grant to the Geology Club from clubs funding.”
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Mover: Gilhula Secunder: Gabriel

<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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BIRT BUSAC approves \$3, 232. 35 as a grant to the Geology Club from clubs funding.

Mover: Johnson Secunder: Kaminsky

<i>Motion Passed</i>

Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstention: 1

BIRT BUSAC approves \$8, 640.00 as a grant to Brock Kinesiology Games from clubs funding.

Mover: Johnson Secunder: Kaminsky

Motion Passed

Yes: 14

No: 0

Abstention: 2

Johnson: KinGames is an immensely popular conference and one ran by students which is great for student empowerment. They brought up their fundraising efforts however some of the costs they were asking us to cover we did not find reasonable. We felt it was reasonable to bring it down to conference costs, transportation, and necessary apparel which brought it down to \$480 a person and the amount we recommended.

Legros: What is BUSU's amount composed of?

Johnson: It would be composed of conference cost and hotel.

Gilhula: Personally coming from the BSA this is a reasonable ask of the \$8, 640. We contribute about 35% which is very similar to what they would be achieving with this current set up.

Legro: Why aren't the team jerseys from dance outfits being included?

Gabriel: They did say in there summary they will be hosting this conference next year so they are hoping to boost their spirit this year for next time to spread awareness of brock university. I think it is good we are getting the schools name out for kinesiology.

Johnson: I was not personally at the CPC meeting, however, for any necessary additional costs due to their low price we figured it could be an expectation for attendees to cover since they are getting a considerable amount of funds covered to attend this event.

Jalib: Do you feel you will still be able to attend and enjoy this event with the new number on the screen?

KinGames: Yes I do.

Jalib: My apologies for not being clear the new number as the \$8,640 amount?

Gilhula: Given each delegate would keep the clothing and swag rather than it passing year to year it makes sense they would be expected to cover the cost.

Motion to suspend the meeting for a 5 minute break.

Mover: Beaupre

Seconder: Nyambiya

Motion Passed

BIRT BUSAC approves \$8, 640.00 as a grant to Brock Kinesiology Games from clubs funding.

Mover: Johnson

Seconder: Kaminsky

Motion Passed

Yes: 14

No: 0

Abstention: 2

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Capital Funding Request Second Reading

BIRT BUSAC approves \$6,550 from Capital in its second reading for classroom modernization.

Mover: Hibma Secunder: Jalib

<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>

BIRT BUSAC approves up to \$2000 from Capital in its second reading for two fridges for the Hamilton campus.
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Mover: Hibma Secunder: Batish

<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>

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Report – General Manager

General Manager, Mr.Hilson presents report.

Johnson: I had a question about the hiring process for BUSU. I know this year we got rid of our hiring committee but still occasionally elect members to sit on the committee. Are there upcoming opportunities coming up?

Khan: I was the student representative who sat on the hiring committee for Director of Governance.

Hilson: With a director level role we had human resources, a student, myself as I oversee them, and the person currently in the position. Philosophically we are a student organization and need a strong student voice when hiring people.

Rossetto: One of the reasons we ended the hiring committee was that it was very rarely that the interviews were available at the time. Whenever we are hiring people during these interviews we will make it available if councilors want to sit on.

Hilson: When we were hiring VPEA we had HR, a student, a current executive, and a board member. It was hired by students with some guidance from human resources.

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Report – VP Finance and Administration

VPFA, Mr. Khan, presents report.

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Report – VP External Affairs

VPEA, Ms. Bathish, presents report.

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Report – President

President, Mr. Hibma, presents report.

Bedawed: Happy early birthday

Jalib: How would they respond to a question that they may not be able to answer for the building?

Hibma: Yesterday it came to my attention that there are some concerns for the building as it is not a small cost. If you do have a student come up with a question you can't answer please make me aware of it. If you want to learn more with you getting formally involved with the team or not that can help. Hopefully you will be out on Tuesday to learn more about this initiative to have the tools needed to answer yourself.

Johnson: For the table a suggestion I had is using a sticker because it is the BUSU logo it can help make a lasting impression.

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Close Question Period

Jalib: This is the second meeting where I have noticed a club take out a loan for things and then asking us to reimburse them. Is there a way to address this issue?

Johnson: As we speak we are looking at changes in club policy to be more strict on that so we can prevent the unpredictable state that can cause. Just this week we had a meeting on that to hopefully bring to the table next week.

Hilson: There may be provisions where people will need to put up money for hotel rooms and things like that. But to help someone hold a position on hotel rooms or other things may be more reasonable.

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Information and Reminders

Rossetto: Nomination packages are out now so if you are considering coming back to BUSAC or joining senate those are due Friday at 4:30 sharp with the meeting at 5:30. The Buzzies are coming up so be sure to RSVP as that is a requirement to come and please take time to nominate their fellow councilors. I would also like to say congratulations to Emma who just got engaged

Gilhula: Today was the RISE event which went off almost flawlessly so we look forward to that happening hopefully next year. At Roundtable in Hamilton representing the Goodman Business Student's Association we took home 2 awards. Sorcha Killian won All Star Executive Member and Brock Finance and Investment Group won Best Associate Club. It was nominated and voted on by the President's of all the member schools across Canada.

Johnson: If you do have concerns about clubs funding that we can work on we will absolutely take it into consideration so please reach out to me or Joyce.

Gabriel: Next Thursday is the National Pie Day to celebrate this Thursday March 14th 10am-12pm in the Maps, Data and GIS Library (MCC 306). There will be free pie for all who come. We are serving based on a first come, first serve basis and until supplies last

Roberts: Relay has an escape room in Mac Chown a block until 10:30 for \$10. Next Wednesday we have dine for a cause at Johnny Rocco's with 10% of the bill goes towards Relay it's from 5-10. Lastly, the main event is March 22nd from 7pm-7am in Ian Beddis.

Beaupre: Next Wednesday Brock Model United Nations is hosting a fundraiser March 13th, tickets are \$20 for pizza, a salad, and a drink and can be bought from any MUN members. It is at the Glendale Boston Pizza from 5-8pm.

Bedawed: Make sure to get your tickets now for the Model UN fundraiser!

Jalib: The Brock powerlifting team won the strongest team in Ontario. Our team members are in Ottawa right now competing on a National level representing Brock with over 500 other athletes. BSA had a sold out event after selling over 200 tickets.

Kaminsky: Play for Memories is coming up March 23 if you would like to register a team it is \$25 a player, please contact me for more information.

Bathish: Make sure to nominate and RSVP for the Buzzies.

Hibma: Remember to come out Tuesday!

Hilson: I want to commend the women and men's wrestling team for winning the national championship. I also want to commend club events for this year like BSA. I think that event is a model for many other clubs to follow. Club Summit is this Saturday so we will have all our clubs together to discuss the growth of clubs.

Speaker: Thank you again to everyone who voted during the elections. The Club Summit this weekend on Saturday so be sure to RSVP if you are an incoming. Tell your friends to get involved with getting on BUSAC and getting involved with the referendums.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 pm

Mover: Bathish