



Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Meeting: 11

Date: February 7th, 2018, 6:00pm

Speaker: Ian Beaumont

Deputy Speaker: Fiona Purkiss

Recording Secretary: Maddie Staruch

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Adjournment

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Call to Order

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Territorial Recognition

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Approval of the Agenda

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the February 7 th , 2018 meeting
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Mover: Lillo

Secunder: Sethumadhavan

Motion Passed

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstention: 0

4.0

Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes for the January 17 th , 2018 meeting

Mover: Sethumadhavan

Secunder: Saleeb

Motion Passed

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstention: 0

5.0

Open Question Period

Gallery: Faisal is the interim GM for BUSU, I'm curious if there was any discussion on how this might affect the referendum, was there any conflict of interest discussed.

Ehima: The matter of Faisal being the interim GM, that's a HR issue that can't be discussed in public. The matter of Faisal being the interim GM and President, he's doing a good job separating the two. When it's campaigning of the yes side, it has little to do with him as the interim GM.

Gallery: With all due respect, I'm not asking if Faisal is doing a good job or not, I'm asking if there were any conflicts of interest that were discussed or addressed because this is a matter of Faisal being the interim GM of the organization and also being running an independent referendum president of BUSU. I'm curious to know if there was any conflict of interests discussed, if not, I just want it on record.

Ehima: I can't talk about HR issues, it doesn't matter if Faisal is the GM or President, BUSU was tasked with running the referendum, so they can use all of the resources available.

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Notes from Speaker

Welcome back everybody!

Total Voting Members = 11

Quorum:

- $50\% + 1 = 6.5$
- $2/3\text{rds} = 7$

7.0

Concurrent Education Student Association

The Concurrent Education Student Association presents.

Verrier: Was the custodial amount on both last years and this year's budget?

CE: Yes

Verrier: And it was unexpected?

CE: Yes because we were hit with a bill that we weren't expecting.

Lillo: Can you give a little more information on the 1700 dollars of conference materials?

CE: In the past few years we've bought padfolios to give to all of our delegates, inside comes a little notebook so they can write down their notes, as well as keep pamphlets and leaflets from

presenters. They also get a ConEd pen. We've searched high and low to get the cheapest ones, and also each delegate gets a name tag.

Saleeb: In terms of printing, clubs normally get 250 dollars to print from BUSU, so there's extra cost for printing on top of the 250 you're already given?

CE: There's about 120 delegates and speakers on top of that. We use the free print from BUSU to print a certificate per person, a name tag, registration papers, etc. We also need conference packages that outline the itinerary, include a map, and a list of speakers. It's above and beyond what BUSU provides.

Sethumadhavan: Do you have an idea of how many delegates you're expecting?

CE: About 120, based off of previous year's numbers and marketing efforts.

Kerr: Last year you held the conference at Brock, and went to queens?

CE: Yes. Our team self-funded going to queens with a subsidized check from BUSU and we paid for the Brock conference on our own.

Verrier: So, the custodial was unexpected last year but it is expected this year?

CE: We are expecting some sort of a charge so we're including this in our budget.

Verrier: What was the charge for?

CE: We're not sure, we think it might have been a charge for something.

Wassink: For clarification, they didn't know they were going to be charged for custodial, it's one of the things that is charged for events. It's not like they had a huge spill that needed to be cleaned, it's a charge that they weren't initially told about.

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Kin Games

Kin Games presents.

Sethumadhavan: Are you getting member fees from those 17 people?

Kin: We don't charge member fees but we do explicitly state the deadline for paying their deposit. We don't charge money because they're going to pay anyways.

Verrier: If you were to go with your original ask of 10,000, how much of a financial burden would that place on each person?

Kin: If we got the 10k it's just over 500 a person.

Verrier: And fundraising has raised?

Kin: \$3500.00

Wassink: In your original presentation it was 4200 in projected fundraising, what was the projected change?

Kin: It was the clothing fundraising, we projected 1000 dollars and we overestimated, we only raised about 250.

Kerr: Do you guys use the same jerseys/sweaters every year?

Kin: We can't because we get names on the jerseys, and people want their names on them. We're also restricted because we can't use the Brock Logo.

Hejazi: 20000 is a very high number, how can you justify 17 students using 15% of the entire clubs budget?

Kin: I've been in the Kin games, and I can honestly say it's changed my life, it's one of the most welcoming environments I've ever been in and it's really opened me up and connected me with people all over my program. I think it's something that Brock can invest in and we can network across the country.

Hejazi: So, to people in the fishbowl, 17 people taking 15% of the budget, I'm just kind of trying to relate it, I totally see your cause, it's just a substantial ask.

Kin: I totally get that, it's hard to understand the experience of the kin games if you've never been in it.

Napper: About the fundraising, you raised 3450 already, and some of that went towards senior fit, if you got the 20k today what would you do with the extra money that would be left over?

Kin: Fundraising is still ongoing so it's hard to pin exact numbers.

Napper: So what would that money go to?

Kin: We would equally reimburse everyone for the money they have paid up front.

Lillo: So just to put it in perspective, this is our largest request. The other one was 19000 by BMT, and the other was Model UN who asked for 8000, which costs them to pay about 500 each. If you were to ask about 10665, it would only be 592.50 per person, which is on par with what model UN students pay, and it would be a lot easier to give out than the 20k.

Kin: I don't think it's too much, everyone on our team has already fronted 580, we're just trying to reimburse some of our members. This is our second year as a ratified club so we are figuring out the steps as we go.

Kerr: I know the jerseys are a memento, I don't think that's something that should be covered as it's optional.

Kin: While we're there we compete in athletics, so when we're competing we need to match and look like a team. In addition, we have our dance uniform too, during the opening ceremonies we put on a dance number, and we get graded on our uniforms.

Kerr: If you guys are going to cover the 580, I think it is okay that we cover clothing.

Sethumadhavan: Your members have already paid the 580, and if you get this funding they will be reimbursed?

Kin: Yes

Verrier: As a member of BMT, when they asked for the original 19k, I told them I wouldn't be comfortable giving it to them even though I am in the play, because it's such a huge amount of what we have to work with. Would you be comfortable with your original ask of ten?

Kin: Yes.

9.0

Club Policy Committee Report (Wassink)

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2500.00 as a grant to the Concurrent Education Students Association (CESA) Club from Clubs Funding.

Mover: Wassink Secunder: Verrier

Verrier: I appreciate the wording that was used, we'll have a 'bigger and better' one than other schools, that makes me happy personally.

<i>Motion Passed</i>

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstention: 1 - Kaminsky

BIRT BUSAC approves \$8500.00 as a grant to the Brock Kin Games Club from Clubs Funding.
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Mover: Wassink Secunder: Napper

Napper: I just wanted to give some historical context for this club, I was the clubs coordinator last year. They came to BUSAC last year and asked for 5000.00 in the January 18th meeting.

They were given 2750 dollars. The reason being is we were covering ¼ of their conference fee. Last year we were running out of money at this point of the year. Last year they asked for 5000 dollars with 24 students and this year they are asking for 20,000 dollars.

Kerr: I know they updated their amount of 4200 to 3450 dollars, was that already what they raised?

Wassink: That will be what they are hoping to raise, they have not completed a fundraiser being held in March.

Lillo: We still have 67,000 dollars left, and we're 1/3 into the second semester, if we were to give them a little bit more, we want to be consistent with what we are making other students paying, if we give them about 2000 dollars more, it would make it the same as MUN. This money is for students to expand their educational opportunities. This would be 19,890 specifically.

Wassink: If we're looking at the Clubs Policy Committee has been doing to make things consistent, it's been conference fees. We're paying for the conference fees as well as the accommodations for it which we have been doing with other clubs. For the funding, we do have that 67k+ left over, but I think we should be conscious of this sum, not many universities compare with having this much money. I don't want it to go in a direction of us giving people extra money just because we have it.

Verrier: Motions to amend of their original ask of 10,000. In their presentation, I asked if they would be comfortable with their original amount and they said yes. Going with what councilors Lillo and Wassink said, they do have a lot of fundraising that they've been able to fundraise and I think that their fundraising would leave them well off.

Napper: I would just like to say that we should make the amount 9860, that would be 580x17 students, that would cover their conference registration fee. I prefer to approve an actual dollar amount for something that they're doing. It's more financially responsible to cover a specific conference fee.

Hejazi: I motion to amend the amount to 9860 dollars. – **Seconded by Napper**

Wassink: Compared to the 8500 that CPC recommended, I think that's a change in how much they were thinking they could fundraise. We had it written in our report that they would be raising 4200 dollars in CPC, but now coming to BUSAC they had a changed number, so I would have no issue covering that additional cost.

Napper: In CPC they recommended covering full transportation which was 500 dollars, it's going up because they're getting an extra 80 dollars per person, they would just have to bring in money for the conference registration fee.

Verrier: We are covering the registration fee, which includes accommodation. They also have

the funding they already had. They had that 3500 dollars to go towards their registration. They won't be paying that 500 dollars each for that flight because they've fundraised for it.

Saleeb: How many other clubs are requesting funding?

Wassink: It's not exact but we do approximately 4 a week for the rest of the semester, but we don't have an exact number.

Wassink: Just to make sure that I'm understanding the math, can you break down exactly what that covers?

Napper: It's just the 580 dollars registration fee for the conference which includes accommodation.

Wassink: So that's not factoring in the fundraising?

Napper: So the students pay let's say 700 dollars minus, let's say they raise 3700 dollars divided by 17, so they each get 217, so they pay 482 each.

Wassink: For consistency's sake, when we do other clubs funding, we factor in the fundraising. Kin has lowered their fundraising amount. By raising it to the 9860 dollars, we're not factoring in the fact that they're raising 3450 dollars, so we're making them pay less than projected according to the fundraising.

Hejazi: Wasn't the money that they're fundraising going to something else?

Wassink: This is the only thing this club does, they wouldn't be fundraising for anything else.

Verrier: What is being talked about right now is their donations which they have already done, this money would still be left in their budget, which is why I said earlier that yes, we are paying for their accommodations and registration, but they are not having to pay the entire 500 dollars on their flight which they have already fundraised in the way we always encourage clubs to fundraise and we should appreciate their efforts.

Napper: When we were doing Model UN's funding, the goal of council is we wanted to make it around 500 dollars a student or as close to as possible. When Faisal and I did the math we factored in fundraising, we came to the amount that including fundraising it would cost each student around 480 dollars.

Motion Passed

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstention: 0

10.0**Governance Committee Report**

BIRT BUSAC approves the Data Collection Committee Bylaw in its second reading.
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Mover: Verrier Secunder: Lillo

Lillo: This would help us make our votes more informed so I hope you all vote for this.

Verrier: A councilor asked about a spreadsheet earlier that if this motion passed, we would have available. This motion would also help with councilor accountability, and give us more information to make informed votes.

Sethumadhavan: A committee of this sort can help us make more efficient decisions, it would give us how much money we're dealing with, as well as the history of the club.

Johnson: When would the committee start?

Lillo: Next year, September.

<i>Motion Passed</i>

Yes: 8 (Lillo)

No: 0

Abstention: 3 (Verrier, Sethumadhavan)
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11.0**Election – Clubs Policy Committee**

BIRT BUSAC elects Sethumadhavan to the Clubs Policy Committee

Mover: Wassink Secunder: Napper

Kerr: So I've been in different clubs starting from my first year. Last year I was the treasurer of Roots, it would be an honour to be on CPC

Sethumadhavan: There are 3 reasons why I should be sitting on CPC, I've had past experience as an executive, being on RAC, Model UN, and being on the CPCF society I've had experience presenting to CPC and to BSUAC. I am also very keen on enhancing the experience for Brock students as clubs have a great impact on people's time at Brock.

Napper: Speaking from experience, you will have a lot of clubs coming un giving you a sob story on why you have to give them money. This year we have a lot of money left over, what would you say to clubs that spent money and come to you afterwards.

Kerr: I think it's all about being consistent, if there's 5 clubs that come forward and the ask is reasonable. But if they did something like spend unnecessarily. Fair and consistency.

Sethumadhavan: I think that it's a matter of encouraging fundraising, so they can cover their costs and they can have a start for the next academic year.

Motion Passed

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstention: 1 (Sethumadhavan)

12.0

Report – VP Student Services

VPSS, Ms. Wassink, presents report.

Verrier: What is the relationship between OMBUDS and SJC?

Wassink: Carol Moss, she's the director of inclusion and equity, so she is the OMBUDS person that works at the SJC. As it stands she is the only certified OMBUDS person at the SJC, at other schools they have much more support in this, this would allow us to hire a second role to allow her to expand her role in the SJC.

Verrier: The relationship between the two is that they're the same person?

Wassink: I guess it's that the funding is from the same pool.

Verrier: I guess I just don't know much about OMBUDS

Wassink: SJC is an advocate for students, the SJC provides many services for students. IF you were to get an academic misconduct email for plagiarizing a paper. You would go to the SJC to get them to represent you were you to go and meet with your prof. To me, looking for the connect between the two is that they're a voice for students whether that's academics or issues of racism. Students need voices and don't always have a direct outlet, SJC is that outlet.

Speaker: OMBUDS is a quasi-legal service that students can use. The OMBUDS services happens to be used by the SJC. That's where the money is coming from, that is the connection. This is different from the legal service that BUSU provides.

Sethumadhavan: The pancake breakfast is in the lounge, which lounge is this?

Wassink: It's near the Starbucks, you can go through the doors to the floor above Isaacs. There will be lots of signage.

Saleeb: In terms of adding an OMBUDS person, does that change the protocol that SJC has with OMBUDS? By adding someone else does it change the procedure at all?

Wassink: It means that there is going to be more support for students, rather than having one person who has multiple other jobs in the SJC, you can meet with Carol OR another person.

Napper: This fee would be supporting Carol's entire department, right?

Wassink: Yes

Verrier: SJC will receive the money and will filter it to other areas?

Wassink: Yes, there is a prepared budget. There's workshops, employees, but they also oversee various other areas like the OMBUDS person or the sexual violence support.

Purkiss: When you go to vote it'll show you the MOU where you can then see the full budget breakdown.

Verrier: Wondering why we wouldn't have called it the equity and inclusion fee rather than the SJC

Wassink: It's all encompassed by the SJC and falls under the SJC services. The website has different pieces for all these very services. The physical SJC is a pillar, but the idea of the SJC encompasses it all. The event/workshops/employee are a pillar, but the idea of Student Justice is the overarching piece. The tangible output and the employees is a pillar.

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Report – VP External Affairs

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Report – President

President, Mr. Hejazi, presents report.

Saleeb: For The Zone, Brock will internally fund the project and the extra funds will be paid by students?

Hejazi: No, students will fund it but Brock is fronting the loan. If we went to a bank we would have millions of dollars in interest, but because Brock is internally financing it, we are saving a lot of money. The fee will only be in place for five years, and then after that there will be a fee of

1.00 or 1.25 to maintain the equipment costs. It's not fair for a 3rd or 4th year student to pay a fee that I won't get to use. Upon completion of the project is when the fee will begin.

Verrier: That's really cool that you considered that. My question is about jobs, do you have any ONLY summer jobs available or does it have to be full school year?

Hejazi: I believe it's both summer and the school year but I could be wrong.

Wassink: Not all the jobs are posted.

Purkiss: All the jobs now are full year.

Kerr: You said it would be 18 months for the renovation, would we have access to the gym while it's under construction?

Hejazi: In the last meeting that we had, I mentioned that we don't want to see any of the student work space or the pond space harmed when we expand. When we expand, to the left is rocks and a huge hill. Part of the agreement is that they won't touch the pond or study space, they will actually be expanding study space. There's going to be a 2-week period where The Zone will have to be closed and that will be during the summer time. They're going to be working from the outside in, when we get to the inside part there will be another 2-week time. We are going to take the equipment to one of the four gyms to let students use it there.

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Close Question Period

Sethumadhavan: When is our next BUSAC meeting?

Speaker: The 28th there is another 3-week break.

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Information and Reminders

Wassink: Double header basket all games this Friday and Saturday at 6 & 8 pm, I encourage you to come and see the men and women's games, and don't forget to vote yes for the SJC.

Hejazi: Don't forget to vote in the upcoming elections, it's important that your voice is heard

Lillo: Next Thursday at 5pm there's a free block chain/cryptocurrency talk. CA 207

Verrier: Chris Green was here for quite a while, hell of a guy, he did an incredible job while he was here, he will be greatly missed.

Purkiss: Just a reminder tomorrow we are having our second debate in market. I also saw that my job is posted so if anyone is interested please contact me.

Speaker: My job is also posted so ditto. I had the privilege of attending a symposium conference last week at the Marilyn, I saw one of my favourite drama professors speak as the key note, she was talking about “standing in the shit” that we see in the world and how it’s important for us to as leaders and speaker to look around and know how to shovel the shit away. I think that’s important for this council because you are the voice for our student body, and so you can also learn from Julie Salverson, and you can stand in the shit and not look away from it, but to actually do something about it.

Yendt: The election for VPSS was decided by 11 votes, so for anyone who doesn’t think their vote is important. Every vote when I got VPFA mattered to me, whether you win by one vote or you win by a landslide. Get out there and get as many people you can to vote, it’s a great privilege and right that we have and don’t throw that away.

Verrier: There was an issue last election where the email goes into your ‘other’ inbox. Make sure to check that inbox.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm