



Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Meeting: 14

Date: March 28th, 2018, 6:00pm

Speaker: Fiona Purkiss

Deputy Speaker: Christopher Yendt

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 March 28 th , 2018 meeting

Mover: Verrier Secunder: Lillo

Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstention: 0

4.0

Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes for the March 14 th , 2018 meeting.

Mover: Sethumadhavan Secunder: Wassink

Motion Passed

Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstention: 1 (Verrier)

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Open Question Period

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Notes from Speaker

Purkiss (Speaker): Is everyone okay with Chris Yendt acting as my deputy speaker?

Motion Passed

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Total Voting Members = 17

Quorum:

- 50% + 1 = 9.5
- 2/3rds = 11

7.0

Strategic Planning (Thomas Dunk –Interim Provost & VP Academic)

Thomas Dunk presents.

BIRT BUSAC extends the presentation period by 10 minutes

Mover: Hejazi

Secunder: Verrier

Motion Passed

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Wassink: What's the current international undergrad

Dunk: About 1700, and 1/3 are grad students

Saleeb: So, you mentioned that you create a new strategic-plan every ten years?

Dunk: It's not that well-structured. Our last one was approved in 2011, so it's now seven years.

Saleeb: From previous strategic plans, have you guys achieved the goals that you wanted to achieve?

Dunk: We've gone through a serious review of what we proposed, and reckon we've achieved about 60% of what we proposed from that time period. There's no standard amount of what constitutes success, but I suppose ideally would be 100%.

Saleeb: In terms of the years between strategic plans, I know other organizations plan a new strategic-plan every three years, why the break is so long between Brocks?

Duenk: To calculate student success rates is calculated on a 6-year cycle. When we develop new programming it generally takes about 2 years to get it approved, and if it's a four-year program it's hard to deem if it's successful or not until it has reached maturity of a full cycle of enrollment.

Lillo: Is the list of strategic objectives prioritized?

Dunk: No

Lillo: Is there one or two that you feel are really important?

Dunk: In my own priorities, number four would be my most important, delivering an outstanding student experience. It would contribute to optimal enrollment and satisfaction across multiple platforms.

Brielle: What would the new health building be providing?

Dunk: It would provide an expansion of activities particularly in the faculty of applied health sciences. One of them would be the Brock Brick at the bottom of the hill; it is a community clinic that serves the population of Niagara, run by faculty, staff, and students. It's not a very functioning building, and it's not a good location so we want to bring it back up here on campus. Applied disability studies is one of our largest grad programs, we want to have a space that can have applied behavior analysis and other services dealing with autism. And then host the researchers and labs that are spread over the campus, it would become a multi-functional research and community service institute.

Johnson: I was thinking about how you mentioned the possibility of engineering programming, nowadays so many university and colleges have combined programs where you do it between two institutions, I was wondering if Brock has considered doing that to make that available at Brock.

Dunk: We are currently considering that. Right now, we're looking at Niagara; we're looking at the model used by the gaming program that is split between Brock and Niagara. Niagara has 8 or 9 engineering programs there. We're also looking at McMaster, and we're also looking to eventually develop our own facilities on campus. We want to start small before we develop that, so looking at a collaborative effort. The collaborative program is one of the quickest ways to do that.

Harber: As a suggestion for gathering student feedback, I know you said the faculties would be holding sessions, maybe some sort of an even where students of all different programs can come, I know that hearing things spread through word of mouth is effective so having multi faculty sessions would be effective.

Dunk: One of the things I'm curious about is that we often have town hall meetings, and in those town hall meetings they are dominated by faculty, staff, and admin. Students because you're shy

or polite, tend not to say a whole lot. Looking for an avenue that students feel more comfortable and have an opportunity to speak up more actively is something I'm interested in.

Saleeb: In terms of number 4, delivering an outstanding student experience, what ways are you intending on fulfilling that?

Duenk: Student wellness and health and safety are number one. But the other elements are more flexible. At the moment, we're looking at more flexible ways of delivering courses, and more flexible schedules. A curriculum review that will allow for more flexibility. Most programs are really highly structured and that makes it limiting, in terms of what courses are available or trying to combine majors and minors, but many of our programs are so highly structured that it's highly difficult. That's another element. Of course, working on facilities for students; more study space, should we build another residence, and residence renovation is a big discussion. It's a wide range of things we're thinking about but of course it would really help to have your input into what makes a student experience an outstanding experience.

Ali: In terms of program expansion, is this only undergrad or is it grad?

Dunk: It's for both, as our grad programming is going to grow. Under our strategic mandate, we were asked which programs we would like to develop. So, we submitted a list of 22 programs, 9 are grad, 13 are undergrad. We've got letters of intent for 13/22, full out proposals that are going to the government. This includes criminology, gerontology masters, data analysis program, etc. These are the ones that are actually very far along the way, 2 are undergrad, one's grad.

Muhammed: I have a few suggestions; if you could do more workshops in other countries to get more international students in. And also, if you could expand your PHD programs.

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Business Levy MOU (Majid El-Assi and Josiah Dueck)

Lillo: Do you have any plans for the funding?

Dueck: We allocate our budget and each club receives funding for certain types of events, what this does is it allows these ten thousand dollars to go to be allocated based on presenting to the student advisory board to determine which events will be the most valuable.

Kerr: So, you wouldn't have the part time person for next year?

Dueck: No, as that office is already fully equipped with 4 full time employees.

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Business Levy MOU

BIRT BUSAC approves the updated Goodman School of Business Memorandum of Understanding as presented.
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Mover: Lillo Seconded: Khan

Napper: I just want to throw it out there that there isn't a sunset clause, this went to referendum and that MOU was voted upon, this change if we made it would be being made without all the students who pay this fee's input

Lillo: Do we have a sunset agreement with the BSA?

???: Doesn't Councillor Castano represent the BSA?

Napper: There's a difference between the faculty of business representative and the BSA rep. There's two different seats on council, normally it's the president of Goodman.

Ehima: They haven't shown up.

Kerr: So it wouldn't increase fees, it would be a reallocation?

Dueck: It would be a reallocation. business students pay a levy amount at the beginning of the year, and that money goes to the BSA to provide student events and initiatives.

Harber: It's only taking one part time job away, there are a lot of other opportunities both on campus and through the business co-op opportunities that they can do. So I think they could find opportunities for work experience that could be just as rewarding. If people are asking for a reallocation of funds I think we should give them that.

Dueck: All business students pay a levy amount in the beginning of the year that goes to pay for fees, services, and events.

Castano: I agree with Harber, I've talked to a lot of Business students, I've heard a lot of comments from business students that they're lacking funding or there's not enough as there's a lot of competitions stuff that is hosted. I think this is a great idea to, instead of using that money for a part time job, using it to fund clubs events.

Lillo: They need money, you guys have a lot of expensive competitions. Especially for younger schools like us, being able to shift money from one location to another that is more effective is a great idea.

Castano: Has the BSA looked into increasing the fee for Business students?

Dueck: We haven't, we believe that's a good value point for now. We don't want to charge them more, but allocate the money they're already paying in a more effective manner.

Motion Passed

Yes: 18

No: 1

Abstention: 1 (Verrier)

10.0

BUSU Accessibility Policy Approval

BIRT BUSAC approves the Accessibility Policy as a political policy which remains active for three years.

Mover: Bathish

Secunder: Verrier

Motion Passed

Yes: 14 (Verrier)

No: 0

Abstention: 0

11.0

Governance Report

BIRT BUSAC approves bylaw 103 in its second reading.

Mover: Verrier

Secunder: Sethumadhavan

Motion Passed

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstention: 1 (Verrier)

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Report – VP Student Services

VPSS, Ms. Wassink, presents report.

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Report – VP External Affairs

VPFA, Ms. Bathish, presents report.

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Report – VP Finance and Administration

VPFA, Mr. Hibma, presents report.

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Report – President

President, Mr. Hejazi, presents report.

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Close Question Period

Saleeb: We have a meeting next week, right?

Purkiss (Speaker): Yes

Castano: Will the meeting be here?

Purkiss (Speaker): Yes

Nicoyishakiye: Do we bring the end of year reports or do we email them?

Purkiss (Speaker): Email them to Kayleigh

Sethumadhavan: What are we including in the reports?

Purkiss: It's a summation of what you did over the year, if you're on any committees you provide a summary of what you did. It can be brief.

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Information and Reminders

Castano: We have the Buzies coming up, so don't forget to nominate people who are good candidates for the awards!

Verrier: Brock Musical Theatre had their event, thank you for the support, I was very flamboyant and high-pitched singer. Maddy came out and saw it and said she saw a whole different side of me. BMT is starting the year next year with a good amount of money, which will be a great change.

Sethumadhavan: This weekend Brock Model UN just got back from NYC with a Distinguished Delegation award, we placed in the top 10% of 6000 students against people from all over the world.

Ehima: Congrats to Niv who is the speaker for next year. And that's it, I'm out!

Purkiss (Speaker): Voting is happening now, make sure to vote and tell your friends to vote! I hope to see you all at the Buzies and next week

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04pm