



Brock University Students' Administrative Council

**Meeting: # 10**

Date: January 23, 2019 - 6:34pm

**Speaker:** Niveditha Manju Sethumadhavan

**Deputy Speaker:** James Hall

**Recording Secretary:** Emma Evans

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1.0

**Call to Order**

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**Territorial Recognition**

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**Approval of the Agenda**

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the January 23 <sup>rd</sup> meeting.
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Mover: Wright Secunder: Bedawed
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<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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**Adoption of the Minutes**

BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes from January 9, 2019 (Meeting 9).
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Mover: Johnson Secunder: Bedawed
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<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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**Open Questions Period**

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**Notes from the Speaker**

**Total Voting Members = 19**

**Quorum:**

- 50%+1= 10
- 2/3 Majority= 12

**Speaker:** Regarding committees if any councilor sits on a committee and is planning to take a leave of absence during the election period please message Kayleigh now

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7.0

### Transit Presentation (Fullerton)

*Chris Fullerton presents Transit Presentation.*

**Hilson:** In lieu of the government announcement of potentiality of an opt out on fees what would you anticipate an opt out rate of 30-40% would look like, lets say that or 50% of people decide to opt out what would happen to Brock in your opinion as an expert.

**Fullerton:** One question we typically ask is how often we use your U-Pass. Only about 20% say never at all. The number of students who use it regularly is about 60% of all students so I don't think you'd see a 50% opt out. But there would be a smaller pool of funds to give to St. Catharine's and Niagara transit to order those extra services. All those buses paid for by BUSU wouldn't exist without the U-Pass funding. We would likely see a reduction in the level of service we come to enjoy. We wouldn't see the later evening service, weekend service, etc. I'd imagine that would be the first to go. With students opting out you wont know what you have to deal with until the school year starts. You'd defiantly see a reduction in service.

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8.0

### Club Funding Request – Best Buddies

*Alison and Lauren present Best Buddies Club Funding.*

**Gilhula:** Looking at your budget it looks like you've already paid for a fair number of things, where has that money come from?

**Best Buddies:** Through community living, they do our banking and provide us a credit card

**Khouzam:** Can you speak to community livings funding?

**Best Buddies:** Their big procedure is that we have a direct person to connect with. They give us a location and some of their materials however they do not have a budget for best buddies. Most of the people from the community who we work with are getting disability from the government and working multiple jobs to pay rent so we try to make it as affordable as possible.

**Jibril:** Do you get any other outside funding?

**Best Buddies:** No. Even though we are under the umbrella of Best Buddies Canada because we are a university chapter and associated to community living Niagara they don't give us any funding as well.

**Bedawed:** Are you allowed to do other external sponsorships?

**Best Buddies:** Could you clarify?

**Bedawed:** Like a sponsorship with other companies

**Best Buddies:** We think we can do that but we haven't been able to do so this far. It is something for the future

**Kaminsky:** This is such a great imitative for brock and the community you say you had 43 students and 50 members outside did you ever turn any community members away?

**Best Buddies:** No we haven't. for community living they do have to be independent enough to be in our club and we are 18 plus.

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## 9.0

### Indigenization Presentation (Johnson)

**Jibril:** I really respect that you did this out of your own interest and took initiative on this.

**Hibma:** Did you have the opportunity to partake in a blanket ceremony

**Johnson:** I did not I participated in a smudging ceremony

**Hibma:** If you have the opportunity to do one I would ive done two now and it's a very emotional moving process

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## 10.0

### Clubs Policy Committee Report (Khouzam)

BIRT BUSAC approves \$4447.99 as a grant to the Best Buddies Club from clubs funding.
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Mover: Khouzam
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Seconder: Persia
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<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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**Rationale:** While the ask is high this is a club that serves 90 people and represents Brock proudly. The bowling was their biggest ask but we believe that this is needed because it is the only accessible options locally. They do really cool activities with their club members.

**Gilhula:** The number they showed on their slideshow was different which is the correct number

**Khouzam:** I believe the presentation was the updates one

*Hibma motions to amend the funding amount to \$4447.99.*

*Rationale: Clerical*

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Gilhula:** I find it a little concerning one of our clubs is taking debt from community living. Why did they not come to BUSAC earlier rather than take on debt? Should we recommend they come earlier?

**Khouzam:** We do encourage clubs to come during the summer however many students aren't on campus they cant and first semester books rather fast. I am not sure if they tried to book one earlier but we can deffinatly look at creating a policy regarding debt.

**Hilson:** They put themselves in a precarious situation as someone in assuming a level of debt and if council decides not to assume it then the debt goes onto the students so I think it is a good practice to address this moving forward.

**Alhraki:** How many people are in the club?

**Khouzam:** 43 students and 50 community members/buddies making 93 total

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**11.0**

**Capital Request – First Reading (Khan)**

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2985 from Capital in its first reading for fire suppression system.
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Mover: Persia Secunder: Khouzam
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<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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**Rationale:** An audit conducted shows our systems no longer meet the code for the 17a standard so we need to get ourselves up to the fire standard. We only have one vendor we can deal with (Johnson).

*Hilson motions to amend the amount to \$3500.*

*Rationale: Clerical*

*Friendly amendment accepted*

**Jabril:** Do you know how much you are estimating for the cost?

**Hilson:** 2985 in physical cost and then the rest in electrician costs.

**Gilhula:** Is this just for Issacs or also Harvey's, etc.?

**Hilson:** It is actually Issacs kitchen. BUSU owns and operates Issacs kitchen, general brock, booster juice, Harvey's, and subway. We lease the other companies who would be procuring their fire systems themselves.

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**12.0**

**Referendum Quality Assurance Committee Tasks**

BIRT BUSAC tasks the Referenda Quality Assurance Committee to explore the opportunity for an on campus sexual violence support center for the March election period.
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Mover: Khouzam Secunder: Jibril
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**Gilhula:** I am just kind of confused what is the support center? Is that just during the election period? What does the motion mean?

**Khouzam:** It is a motion to sit down with RQAC to explore our options for a referendum before March.

**Johnson:** Will this be exploring the current levy we have.

**Khouzam:** Yes

*Motion Passed by Consensus*

BIRT BUSAC tasks the Referenda Quality Assurance Committee to explore the opportunity for additional support for athletics, recreation and mental health for the March election period

Mover: Khouzam  
Seconder: Persia

*Motion Passed by Consensus*

**Jibril:** So if there is a referendum will it be passed by council before

**Khouzam:** Absolutely

**13.0**

**Governance, Elections, and Nominating Committee Report**

*Johnson presents report.*

**14.0**

**Temporary Committee Elections**

*Persia motions for a 5 minute break.*

*15 Yes*

*Motion passes.*

BIRT BUSAC elects Emily Wright and Andrew Park to sit on the appeals com

Mover: Persia  
Seconder: Kaminsky

***Motion Passed***

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstention: 2 (Wright and Park noted)

BIRT BUSAC elects Brielle Kaminsky to sit on the Governance, Elections, and Nominating Committee.

Mover: Persia  
Seconder: Jibril

***Motion Passed***

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstention: 1 (Kaminsky noted)

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**15.0**

**Report – General Manager**

*General Manager, Mr.Hilson presents report.*

**Beaupre:** Pertaining to the PC governments decision regarding OSAP, what can we do as a body here to distribute information of this decision to the students.

**Hilson:** I would like to defer that to Aiden’s report.

**Kaminsky:** I’ve noticed for the past few meeting the exec reports are submitted late or not beforehand I was just wondering why?

**Khouzam:** It has been an extremely busy past couple of months and between meeting, meetings, class, office, meetings, etc. We know it isn’t detrimental if the report is not far in advance but when we are priotizing our time we do have to prioritize meetings and it does unfortunately go on the backburner.

**Hibma:** If you look at the past history of BUSAC there have been many executives who do not have their reports read. I don’t exactly know if we have to give a written update ahead of time but at the end of the time we do prioritize the on the ground work for the students. You are more than welcome to send me an email and talk about this.

**Jibril:** Regarding the Justin Trudeau townhall they really congratulate us and said it was the best townhall they had in 3 years.

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**16.0**

**Report – VP Student Services**

*VPSS, Ms. Khouzam, presents report.*

**Nyambiya:** Who was the artist going to be?

**Hilson:** I would say no as the offer had an NDA on it

**Kaminsky:** I thought the skating rink inside was a really unique idea I was wondering where you got that from

**Khouzam:** That we couldn’t do it outside. We saw how popular it was at Niagara College especially with their international students. When they said no grass we came up with the idea of it being inside. It was Jordan’s idea

**Gilhula:** How many people ended up applying for VPEA

**Rossetto:** About 8-10

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**17.0**

**Report – President**

*President, Mr. Hibma, presents report.*

**Gabriel:** About the zone reconstruction. Will any sections of the zone be open during this period?

A huge priority for us is selecting our architects and we have relayed the importance of accessibility as there is a direct correlation between physical activity and mental health. While there may be periods where the zone itself will not be accessible we will move the equipment to the gymnasium. We are hoping to capitalize on major construction during the summer months and we have prioritized making sure stakeholders work in a quick manner but not skipping any steps for safety.

**Hilson:** Ideally the construction where the zone would be shut down it would occur over the summer. We will not be able to come with precise details until it is confirmed for which proposal we have picked. There is a large bit of interest. The more interest the more financially competitive they are. Once a team is picked the first task they will engage in is a date chart.

**Beaupre:** Just a comment. I want to say thank you for all the work being done in regards to the OSAP decision and I think the townhall is a very significant idea.

**Kerr:** When does Nadia start her role as VPEA? Or has she already started?

**Hibma:** She starts tomorrow.

**Jibril:** Who would be speaking and answering questions for the townhall?

**Hibma:** I think the executives defiantly, I think also Robert and Kayleigh since they have been well informed for some time. In lieu of not having a VPEA these responsibilities have fallen on my shoulders and so as a point person it will predominantly be myself as I have been working closest with OUSA

**Khouzam:** We will also be reaching out to the scholarship office incase students have scholarship questions

**Kerr:** Out of curiosity when does our contract with Sodexo end?

**Hibma:** We will likely see our new food vendor if they go with a new food vendor in 2020/2021. The next year will be figuring out who will replace them.

**Gabriel:** Will the townhall be livestreamed?

**Hibma:** We will be open to discussing and exploring this option with Brock TV. Worst case we hopefully will find someone record all the questions asked and work to address these in the state of the union

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### **Close Question Period**

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**19.0**

### **Information and Reminders**

**Kayleigh:** Nomination packages are due Friday at 4:30pm so make sure to get your package in on time. I hope a bunch of you are participating. If you aren't participating help us share the message that students should get out and vote.

**Beaupre:** There is a protest being held in Toronto regarding the PC governments decision as just something to note. It starts at 2pm at Young and Dundas.

**Robertson:** Relay for life is happening March 22 7pm to 7am. Please put a team in we are hoping to hit \$50,000 this year as las year we hit \$30,000 so we are hoping everyone can come to help us make that jump.

**Persia:** There is also a petition going on online that has gotten over 200,000 student signatures and make sure to show to the government how important student voters are. Be informed signed and recognize this is our future

**Kaminsky:** The Coldest Night of the Year is an event the city of St. Catharine's puts on you raise money by walking in it and it raises money for homeless shelters in St. Catharine's. Brock University has a team so if you want to walk or donate please look at Experience BU.

**Johnson:** I am going to be teaching a foundation in leadership silver level course this weekend so if you've completed a bronze course please show up

**Hibma:** For everyone that is running I would like to reiterate the importance of talking to those who have come before you. I would encourage to get them to talk to whoever's role they are looking at acquiring. I am very excited to watch this election rather than participated and I'm excited to see the innovation and growth. I hope for the best of this election period and for a clean election period. I look forward to getting to know the new team in the transition and I'd like to thank council for all of there hard work they've put in over the past 9 months.

**Hilson:** Whoever is stepping into the president role you have big shoes to fill. This president and executive team has done a great job! For that petition look to Change.org and search up OSAP. With respect to the 10% tuition cut. On one hand you are like woah that is a \$600 tuition cut . While the 10% tuition cut is about a\$600 dollar amount to each student it is almost \$15 to \$20 million dollars for the university to cut above the fact that admissions may likely decrease. If you are ever interested in studying further the Brock University secretary website is a great resource with reports. Cutting \$20 million dollars is an incredibly difficult task even with cutting things like A to Z learning services and it will begin to go into health services or recreation services. This change will have a very profound change on the university and so we are looking at how we can help mitigate the impact of these changes. The tuition cut may seem like a really good thing but there is a big effect there that I wanted to make everyone aware of. My final comment tonight is a thank you to Ben for bringing something forward. You are joining on a journey and bringing something forward. We also have a very exciting related change at the university as we are in the final stage of hiring a Vice Provost of Indigenous Engagement. This is a Vice Presidential position and the indigenous role will be one of the 5 in this position. We are one of the few schools to move in this direction. The very first week of February there will be 3 presentations from the final candidates and these are public presentations. You can see them if you look up Brock University indigenous. It is an exciting development for Brock

**Kaminsky:** I would actually like to add to that and encourage students to attend the meeting. There dates are Monday February, 4 from 11-12:30, February 5th from 11-12:30 and February 7<sup>th</sup> 11-12:30.

**Speaker:** I have only one reminder. I will see everyone on Tuesday for AGM at 11am.

**Gilhula:** The BSA sent delegates to DECA Provincials where we won 21 awards (a new record for Goodman) we competed at Battle on Bay in New York and won School of the Year (first time in history) and finally sent 4 teams to LIVE in Toronto, and 3/4 made it to the Top 10 to compete in the finals this weekend.

**Jibril:** Febuary 5<sup>th</sup> crafting for a cure is hosting an Valentine's Craft-a-Thon at The Ground Coffee House & Bakery at Foundry Lofts from 6-9pm. We will be making crafts and crafting kits and there will be live music from GoLive and café drinks and treats.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:52pm

Mover: Jibril