



## Brock University Students' Administrative Council

### Meeting: 5

Date: October 17, 2018 - 6:30pm

**Speaker:** Niveditha Sethumadhavan

**Deputy Speaker:** James Hall

**Recording Secretary:** Emma Evans

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1.0

**Call to Order**

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2.0

**Territorial Recognition**

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3.0

**Approval of the Acclaimed Election Seats**

BIRT BUSAC approves Eve Nyambiya as the social science representative and Harroop Ahuja as the two-year senate representative for the 2018-19 year.
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Mover: Johnson Secunder: Henen
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<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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4.0

**Approval of the Agenda**

BIRT that Brock Model United Nations Budget Presentation move to Item 8.
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BIFRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the October 17, 2018 meeting.
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Mover: Khan Secunder: Henen
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<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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5.0

**Adoption of the Minutes**

BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes from September 26 (Meeting 4).
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Mover: Khan Secunder: Hibma
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***Motion Passed***

Yes: 7  
No: 0  
Abstention: 6

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**6.0**

**Open Questions Period**

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**7.0**

**Notes from the Speaker**

**Speaker:** Welcome back from reading week everyone. I would like to remind councilors if there are any gallery members who would like to speak but are not on council we can do so if they take a council members speaking turn however remember in the notes it will be written as though that council member spoke. Welcome to all our new members on BUSAC. I understand it is a very daunting experience to do so but we are all here to support you.

**Total Voting Members = 16**

**Quorum:**

- 50%+1= 9
- 2/3 Majority= 11

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**8.0**

**Brock National Model United Nations (Budget)**

*Brock National Model United Nations presents budget.*

**Henen:** Just to clarify the fee (\$12,000) is to increase the number of students who can come or subsidize the \$700?

**Brock National Model United Nations:** In order to have 40 people be able to go we aimed to make it accessible for 40 students which would need to be \$700 according to our surveys. \$12,000 would bring the per delegate fee to \$620 but without this money subsidizing the cost it would be over \$1000 making it inaccessible for many.

**Legros:** Is this for only political science students?

**Brock National Model United Nations:** Not at all. Our club has always been open to any students, and to further that message we have taken out the competitive element to make it more welcoming and accessible. While our recruitment is often targeted to political science students there are now students from all faculties including many from the Goodman School of Business. This year almost half our club members are not political science students. The conference topics cover all issues like health, business, economics, etc so multi-disciplined knowledge is

encouraged. Currently 3 political science courses have integrated a course credit and we are working to make that happen in other disciplines.

**Gilhula:** Just to clarify the \$36,000 the \$12000 would be coming off that and the remainder is from the delegates?

**Brock National Model United Nations:** Yes and we are aiming to offset that with fundraising. Political science payed for delegate fee and to bring a grad student with us completely out of pocket but currently BUSU and fundraising are our only source of revenue.

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## 9.0

### Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)

*Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance presents.*

**Gilhula:** Why is there only 8 of the 20 schools or so in Ontario involved in this organization?

**OUSA:** We were started in the 1990s so it was brought together by a collection of schools that felt they were not heard in the province. Every school believes in different representation and different student advocacy alliances. We largely are made up of the schools who founded us almost 30 years ago to serve their interests.

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## 10.0

### Student on the Move Campaign

*Student on the Move Campaign presents.*

**Kaminsky:** Thank you for your presentation. How much representation are you looking for from Marilyn Walker?

**Students on the Move:** 5 students would be great.

**Gilhula:** Is 20 students a minimum or a maximum number you are hoping for on the photovoice portion? As it seems as a small sample size.

**Students on the Move:** As it is qualitative research there isn't a representative data amount but it gives a story that can supplement and add onto our quantitative data as well. The data helps point out key issues to council but the stories are very much what sell the importance of transportation to the government. It is the story of the student who passed away biking from Meritville highway which allowed for the grant for a multi use path from Meritville highway to Decew. It is unfortunate it takes these stories to get the message across but it does make a difference. Surveys give us the hard numbers but this small sample of stories give us the story to sell this advocacy.

**Bernatsky:** Are you looking for positive or negative stories?

**Students on the Move:** We are looking for a balanced perspective where we present the positives but also the gaps. Whatever students come back with is what we really want to hear.

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## 11.0

### Muslim Students' Association (Budget)

*Muslim Students' Association presents budget.*

**Gilhula:** Do you charge a membership fee.

**Muslim Students' Association (MSA):** Yes we do.

**Gilhula:** Is it covered there?

**MSA:** No as we do not have an exact number of membership.

**Gilhula:** What is the membership fee.

**MSA:** \$5

**Hilson:** How many people attend your largest event.

**MSA:** In my time there was over 200 people for a lecture with a key note speaker.

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## 12.0

### **iGem (Budget)**

*iGem presents budget request.*

**Ali:** I think it is a great idea. You say you are only asking for the membership registration fee is that per year?

**iGem:** It is per conference so it is required yearly however we are hoping to find funding or sponsors in subsequent years. Some other schools cater their project to attract sponsorship.

**Bernatsky:** Great presentation. My question about the budget is that the regular registration was \$100 cheaper. Why are you budgeting for the late registration?

**iGem:** We weren't able to get enough money in time for the team registration but for next year we are hoping to do it \$100 cheaper but for this year it was not possible. To clarify the conference is next week.

**Gilhula:** How are you selecting the 8 students attending the conference.

People who went to the conference got very engaged and from that I made an announcement. Whoever worked on the project had to stay and work over the summer which is why it got constrained. We try to send one student from each discipline to explain the project.

**Gilhula:** What is the current cost per delegate if we are covering the registration fee?

**iGem:** Right now we haven't registered everyone but the costs will be \$785.

**Gilhula:** If we cover that \$785 what is each person paying for transport, hotel everything else.

**Club:** \$144 for bus and \$224 per night for the hotel.

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## 13.0

### **Mental Health First Aid Training**

*Golden Key Honour Society presents Mental Health First Aid Training.*

**Jibril:** Great presentation. My question is where is the curriculum coming from?

**Golden Key:** Mental health commission of Canada which has a website you can look up. They host a number of these training sessions.

**Yendt:** How did you arrive at Pathstone Mental Health for Donations? As they do serve primarily only 18 years old but many Brock students are older?

**Golden Key:** Through our meetings however I can bring that information to them after our ticket sales to discuss.

**Henen:** If you were at last year's event can you explain how it went?

**Golden Key:** I actually was not at last year's event however from the members who went last year it is primarily introductions the first day and more in depth the second.

## 14.0

### Club Capital Request

BIRT BUSAC approves \$4000 in capital in its second reading for the Clubhouse.
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Mover: Johnson
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Secunder: Bernatsky
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**Johnson:** Motion to table the second approval for next meeting.

**Yendt:** A motion must be defeated or discussed prior to a tabling.

**Johnson:** I would like to see this motion tabled for next meeting so we can utilize our new Finance committee which should be tasked to look into this request. We had our first meeting which there was so much interest for that we needed an election for. There is interest in reviewing these budgets and requests which allows students the opportunity to use our representation to approves budgetary matters. If you look in the BUSU Operating Procedures transparency, accountability and prudence as it's values and while transparency is well accounted for we could approve on accountability and prudence. though I would benefit from this space myself I feel that I serve to not meet my own interests but all our students.

**Yendt:** A mover of a motion can only speak on the motion they moved no other motions or matters. This motion needs to be addressed it is the motion on the floor.

**Gilhula:** For the sales that you have put in there how long are they running?

**Hibma:** Are you speaking to the office chairs?

**Gilhula:** Yes.

**Hibma:** No official closing date.

**Persia:** I think we have already talked about this a lot and I feel the committee has done a great job discussing this already. The space is only available for a year but I do not think it is fair to clubs and our 2000 students in them to delay it further.

**Bernatsky:** I don't feel there has been enough student involvement and while the amount has gotten narrowed down I don't think enough students have been asked to really push this through

**Persia:** You are on the track team correct?

**Bernatsky:** Correct.

**Persia:** And you get about \$5000 from athletics right? I think there are so many students in clubs that we are neglecting unlike athletics and I think this room all has items with purpose to help these students which is truly infuriating me that we are not serving these students.

**Johnson:** I understand Cara that this is a time sensitive thing but I do not believe that 2 weeks is a significant delay. For the past decades clubs haven't had any kind of struggle without the club house so I do not think this should be an issue whatsoever. I speak as someone who is involved with 5-10 clubs this is not a necessity. This is a normal process to have these motions reviewed by a committee first.

**Hilson:** A point of information for the room the next BUSAC meeting is November the 7<sup>th</sup> which is 3 weeks away.

**Kaminsky:** I know it is 3 weeks away but we are working on the space so it isn't like we are going to loose much time.

Motion to call to question.
Mover: Gilhula Seconder: Persia
<b><i>Motion Defeated</i></b>  Yes: 8 No: 7 Abstention: 2

BIRT the motion is amended to table discussion of the motion in question to the next BUSAC meeting and that the Finance, Planning, and Sustainability Committee be tasked with meeting pertaining this motion.
Mover: Johnson Seconder: Persia

<b><i>Motion Defeated</i></b>  Yes: 5 No: 12 Abstention: 1
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**Legros:** The room is already painted all they have to do is put in the furniture.

**Henen:** I would like to show a lot of appreciation for the level of discussion that has happened today.

**Johnson:** For the students who voted no why is the three week period to much to table?

**Khan:** My reasoning was that the space has been vacant for the past couple of months and the team has worked very hard to make that space look nice everything is ready to go. We are accruing costs for paying rent for that space despite being unable to use it. My second reasoning is there have been bigger financial items that have been brought to the committee but none of those items have received similar scrutiny so I don't understand why this motion is. That was my reasoning for voting no.

**Gilhula:** One of the reasons I voted that down is closer to exam season clubs take a back seat to exams by the time the furniture is in first semester is essentially finished for club activity leaving only 4 months of active use in the lease.

**Persia:** My fear is we take 3 weeks and sales end meaning price keeps changing and in 3 weeks time these sales could be done resulting in it costing too much once again. I think this is a fair amount for students who get nothing in return as students in clubs no scholarships nothing. We

don't know what shipping times will be and getting closer to Christmas shipping costs and time can go up.

**Johnson:** Thank you for those points. By no means am I trying to apply scrutiny but rather as someone trying to utilize a committee that has not been used yet.

**Khan:** This committee in its old form met multiple times for our Division I budget, I agree we haven't been as active as hoped but it has met multiple times over the summer to go over finances

**Bernatsky:** We only met one time.

**Khan:** I believed it was twice.

**Kaminsky:** It was only once.

**Khan:** My apologies.

Motion to call to question.
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Mover: Legros Secunder: Gilhula
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<b><i>Motion Passed</i></b>
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Yes: 13 No: 4 Abstention: 1
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BIRT BUSAC approves \$4000 in capital in its second reading for the Club House.
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Mover: Johnson Secunder: Persia
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<b><i>Motion Passed</i></b>
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Yes: 13 No: 4 (Bernatsky and Kaminsky noted) Abstention: 1 (Johnson noted)
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15.0

**Clubs Policy Committee Report**

BIRT BUSAC approves \$12,000 as a grant to National Model United Nations club from the clubs funding.
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Mover: Henen Secunder: Jibril
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<b><i>Motion Passed</i></b>
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Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstention: 1
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**Johnson:** On behalf of CPC we agreed to give Brock Model United Nations on the merit that they increased their delegates which they have. They have done a lot of work in finding other funding and they pay a fair deal out of pocket. We feel they deserve the \$12,000.

**Gilhula:** It was strongly recommended for the club to continue to seek partnerships. Are their plans in motion to gather more external sponsorship?

**Johnson:** They are searching external sponsorships currently because as it stands it is a large cost for delegates.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$1,539 as a grant to Muslim Students' Association club from clubs funding.
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Mover: Johnson Secunder: Shabbier
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<b><i>Motion Passed</i></b>
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Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstention: 2
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**Johnson:** They had requested more but we requested this be brought down as the Halal food event as other organizations typically pay to market their food to students not the other way around.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$8,397 as a grant to iGem club from clubs funding.
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Mover: Johnson Secunder: Legros
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***Motion Passed***

Yes: 17  
No: 0  
Abstention: 0

**Johnson:** The rationale is that they have dedicated hundreds of hours in the lab for this and it gives wonderful representation to the school. This is essentially biomolecular Model United Nations.

**Gilhula:** Very interesting and intriguing conference that is a great opportunity for Brock to be represented among great institutions across the world.

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16.0

**Governance Committee Report**

*Mr. Johnson presents Governance Committee Report.*

BIRT the current valid signatures for the Brock student radio (CFBU) petition be transferred to the February 2019 or March 2019 referendum period.

Mover: Johnson  
Secunder: Henen

***Motion Passed***

Yes: 16  
No: 0  
Abstention: 2

BIRT BUSAC approves the amendments to Bylaw 402, Referendum petitions and Polls in its first reading.

Mover: Johnson  
Secunder: Legros

***Motion Passed***

Yes: 15  
No: 0  
Abstention: 2

BIRT the following SAL nominations be accepted to the according BUSAC committees: CPC – Juan Fonseca GENC – David Bisong FPSC –Yesha Tharwala, Delasi Afenu
Mover: Johnson Seconder: Gabriel

<b><i>Motion Passed</i></b>  Yes: 18 No: 0 Abstention: 0
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17.0

**Appeals Review Committee Report**

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18.0

**Report – General Manager**

*General Manager, Mr.Hilson presents report.*

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20.0

**Report – VP External Affairs**

*VPEA, Mr. Henen, presents report.*

**Gilhula:** Did brock marketing approve the video?

**Henen:** I originally went to Brock TV to make the video and they informed me there were unable to do a music video so I spoke to Comm to see if they could do it they said sure. I spoke to the General manager and Brock TV could not do it.

**Persia:** They actually bleep out when he says his position if that is the issue you are talking about.

**Gilhula:** Anything with the logo going out into the community they try to see beforehand so I was curious if it went through them so I was just curios if it had been approved by them

**Henen:** It was just myself and a few other students.

**Ali:** This is a great job I watched the video 3 times actually. One thing I realized you put in your platform with your campaign was talking about the number of students who come out for BUSU election time. What are you doing about that?

**Henen:** I specified in my platform it was raising voter turnout and unfortunately I cannot work on all things at once. I do plan to work towards that but I am working to have a record break for

the voter turnout. There are many elections in the year internal to BUSU but there is only one municipal election.

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**21.0**

**Report – VP Finance and Administration**

*VPFA, Mr. Khan, presents report.*

**Ali:** One thing I feel is that I happened to contact students in other universities like Guelph, Waterloo, etc. During the summertime students at these schools do not pay extra during the summertime but here we do. What are you doing about that?

**Khan:** We continue to discuss that with transit on an ongoing basis and that is part of our long term planning. We are not ready to make that step yet but our enrolment is not at the level yet to be able to do that service but we have invested in the summer transit system this year which Aidan does deserve more credit for.

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**22.0**

**Report – President**

*President, Mr. Hibma, presents report.*

Motion to extend the meeting time by 10 minutes.
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Mover: Ali Seconder: Jibril
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<i>Motion Passed by Consensus</i>
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**22.0**

**Close Question Period**

**Henen:** I just wanted to ask everyone here if there is anyone interested in being on a committee to look over the food proposal to reach out and raise your hand.

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**23.0**

**Information and Reminders**

**Khan:** Speaking to earlier it was actually closer to \$200,000 that we spent towards the summer bus pass and summer bus pass subsidy in addition to the free summer parking.

**Bernatsky:** This Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> behind alumni field brock cross country is hosting their only home run of the season so come cheer on your local cross country team.

**Legros:** This Monday we have a seminar around 11am-1pm from Promoting Racial Justice in Health Care who are presenting How discrimination affects our mental health by Uppala Chandrasekera, Director of Public Policy. This will be a memorial for Yosif Al-Hasnawi who was a first year Medical Science student who passed away last year. I believe we should show our support by being in attendance.

**Khan:** BUSU is sponsoring that event.

**Gabriel:** We are trying to re-ratify our Math and Science club so if you know anyone interested please contact me. We are having an information session next Thursday.

**Yendt:** Thank you for taking the time to join along on the governance train.

**Deputy Speaker:** The DROs and myself determined, in accordance with Bylaw 400, subsection 10. Conflict of Interest, that Joyce Khouzam be allowed to take an unpaid leave of absence to work on the Student Engagement Levy campaign team for the duration of the campaign period.

**Speaker:** I would like to thank everyone for powering through an intense meeting. We currently have 12 people running for 5 at large seats in BUSAC so please remember the value of your voice in these meetings. Remember there are people fighting for the power you currently have. BUSU AGM was Monday and although we unfortunately did not meet quorum we did get to review the amazing things are executives are doing. We are also introducing a mentorship program. We have many volunteer opportunities and guest speaker opportunities coming up as well which is incredibly exciting.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:48pm**