



Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Meeting: 7

Date: November 15th, 2017, 6:30pm

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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Approval of the Agenda

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the November 15th, 2017 meeting
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Mover: Hall Secunder: Sethumadhavan
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Motion Passed

Yes: 18 No: 0 Abstention: 0

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Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes for the November 1 st , 2017 meeting

Mover: Bathish Secunder: Lillo

Motion Passed

Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstention: 1

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Open Question Period

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Notes from Speaker

Please remember that this is a space where you can exercise your democratic responsibility. There are a lot of people who are observing during these meetings rather than actively engaging. There are some members who are taking a firm stance within conversations in this room, and I wanted to remind everyone that you have the right to exercise your voice during these meetings.

If you have questions, you can direct a point of information towards us, or towards a councilor beside you who is familiar with the BUSAC protocol.

Please also show up to these meetings, it is your responsibility to speak for the larger student body, you have a responsibility to exercise what you promised the students who elected you.

Once the question has been called for the speaker to ask for the vote, there is nothing more I can do as the speaker as I must call the question as per our speaking orders. If you have something else you want to say, please make sure you get the attention of the deputy speaker to include you on the speaking order.

Total Voting Members = 18

Quorum:

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

Verrier motions to amend the agenda to switch items six and seven. – saleeb

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BUSU Audited Financial Statements (2016/2017)

Auditor presents.

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OPIRG

BIRT BUSAC extends the presentation time by two minutes

Mover: Verrier Secunder: Tooba

<i>Motion Passed</i>

Yes: 18 No: 0 Abstention: 0

Hejazi: Your group has been much better communicating this year than in years past. We had 77% of students who voted last year voted to defund OPIRG. I think it's unfortunate that we're following an agreement that is over 30 years old. Whoever assigned the agreement dictated that we needed 25% quorum. We never hit 25% until online voting. Generally quorum is 13%,

I would like to see this contract renegotiated. You've mentioned opt-out, but we did the math, there are 78,000 credits, so 16,000 students take that many credits. If you take that 78,000 by \$1.50 a credit... you currently took in 116,000 last year which means there's very little students opting out. Why can't we opt out online? I have to go to your office and prove that I'm a student at Brock to get a letter from Brock that costs me 15 dollars to do. I think you guys need to do a better job of marketing your opt out and you need to be more transparent. You're collecting 116 out of 117 thousand dollars. How are you going to market it better?

OPIRG: We have a computer that you can completely freely opt out from; you just have to show us your schedule. We always have a computer available so people don't have to pay to provide us their documentation. In advertising we've taken out 4 ads in the Brock press in the last 3 months as well as we've been poster around the school. I can totally understand where you might not notice every poster around school to try and reach out to campus and community groups

Hejazi: You might think that's the standard, but I think that it's 2017 and you should be able to opt-out online, rather than be forced to fit into 2 hour time frames to opt-out

OPIRG: We can't commit to online opt-out this period, but we are looking to try that in the future

Green: You guys are under an immense amount of pressure, 18% is 2000 students, you have to be careful when you scoff at the amount of people taking the time to come out and vote. The budget that's presented for OPIRG, in my opinion, is narrow minded and short sighted, setting the organization up for failure in the future. A lot of your costs are fixed. Your current budget, 85% is spent on salary. Once contingency is left, 23000 is left to rent for space. Having a 95000 carry over means nothing got done last year. Next year, when the budget rolls through, how is the organization going to return value for its students, when it might be only have 10000 dollars to spend? How can you spend 85% of money on salary? We're at 52% and we employ 400 students.

OPIRG: I don't want you to take 18% as me scoffing, when you're talking it gives an alternate perspective, it's making sure that context is understood. 76% of students voted yes, but the 24% that voted no, their voices matter too. Those students who did vote yes may attend an opt-out.

Green: Does the students know that if 50% vote to defunding OPIRG it ends your organization?

OPIRG: That will be looked into. I don't feel comfortable speaking to that as I don't have the whole information.

Lillo - Gives speaking time the gallery:

- Richard Mitchell: there's a bucket load of tension and it seems to be circulating around money. I've done work with OPIRG for 15 years, long before most of you walked onto this campus, I've done research with OPIRG that has lead to incredible outcomes. That would be shame to lose funding due to a few years of mismanagement, I have been a member for a long time, and I'll be here long after you are all gone.

- I did a carbon audit ten years ago, we were able to measure how much greenhouse gas Brock puts out. We developed a sustainability committee, there is a UNESCO chair after I spent 2 years in Ottawa discussing this. This all came about from faculty partnerships from OPIRG. I represent 60 faculty in the MA social justice studies, and we were blown away that OPIRG was not only voted off, but was going to be kicked off campus. I leave the business of it to you, because it is your responsibility, but I want you to back up the time frame to ten years ago.

Green: I think that no matter what could happen or what has been done in the past, there have been great people, there have been bad people at OPIRG. When we ask these questions, it's because the straw broke the camel's back, a number of times. The first time I looked at OPIRG with value is speaking with this professor. If BUSU ever operated as OPIRG does, we would no longer exist. I was refreshed when I saw the papers for this year in terms of turning things around, it's the financials that scare me. We are here because the students trust us to responsibly spend their money.

OPIRG: We do not take spending student funds lightly, and we like to think that we've strongly built connections between students and the community. To be able to fund things where we can have events to explore social justice, we really have made an effort to make events for students to make connections with others and their community.

Napper: My question is that I'm a little bit interested in how much money is going towards faculty and the research that they're doing, my understanding is that they're more campus based. Hearing the gentleman speak about how the money students are paying is going towards professors conduct research. Why is this being used to fund professors when we already pay for that?

OPIRG: We're not funding professors doing research, our relationships with professors, is working on projects that benefit students and the Brock community as a whole. Currently we want to do a project where we are looking into doing research on the history of activism in Niagara. This could act as another resource for students to have. As of right now that's been volunteer based. We haven't had any direct funding of professors doing research. A lot of research is done through our tuition, but you have to practice those skills to get there. We need to practice the skills we learn in the classroom and apply those skills. The history of activism might be partnered with a faculty, but this is an opportunity for students to hone their research

Lillo: I went to Laurier first, and OPIRG was really active there. I didn't know Brock had a chapter. I know you want to secure a location, what have you looked into so far and where will it be?

OPIRG: We haven't had much luck getting space on campus, most of this has been focused on downtown, which we view as being second most accessible venue, as the Marilyn is there and it is easy to bus. We've been looking to get office space with a kitchen, as some groups have used that when they visit. We've been looking into zoning laws as well.

Hejazi: I just want to be clear to everyone; I have nothing against OPIRG, its values or what it stands for. We just want to make sure why it's clear that students voted last year to defund your team. There is a lot that you can improve on and be more transparent. I'm not doing my job as a student leader if I'm letting an organization continue on by doing this. If you're not being fiscally responsible, I don't think any of us as elected members are doing their jobs. With due respect to the professors comments, in the last 3 to 4 years, we asked for audits, asked who was members of the board.... we got no reply. The members of the board are somehow confidential. No one is against what you stand for, but when it comes to fiscal responsibility, that's our job to ensure it's being followed through with.

OPIRG: For transparency, any information that's been requested we have provided. That's one of the reasons we gave you the package that's been handed out. Other things are being looked at by a bookkeeper. We are being extremely transparent of anything that's been asked of us this year. I think it speaks volumes that we still do have student participation. Turn out could always be better. We're always looking for ways to improve

BIRT BUSAC extends the question period by five minutes
Mover: Verrier Secunder: Kerr

<i>Motion Passed</i>
Yes: 18 No: 1 Abstention: 0

Hibma: What events have you done in the past year and what do you have planned for the next few semesters to justify the HR costs?

ORPIG: With our orientation week, we have events planned by a coordinator. The events we've held in the last year are provided in the document.

Hibma: For example, I'm in a fraternity; I can list, in a literal list, the events I've been to the last few years.

OPIRG: For orientation week we had an Islamic panel, LGBT town hall, a social justice based poetry slam, we facilitated an ice cream social, we've facilitated training for community members, which included Google help, we facilitated activism in Niagara, a workshop for people to come out to. There's been a bit in terms of training that we offer. We facilitated a workshop for action groups. We're also looking to run our very own January event, which will be similar to frost week except it'll be like our disorientation week.

Napper: I'm just wondering because you have to have 3 full weeks of opt out and one is next week, when is the third one going to be for students?

OPIRG: We're putting out a schedule in January but we don't have a schedule right now.

Napper: I represent the Hamilton campus, and none of them would drive here for an hour to opt out... online opt out would be great.

Verrier: This is my fourth year on this council, so I know the amount of pressure that is on your shoulders, with having the previous year's having been a thing, one thing I think would be really beneficial to you is you need to reach out to various faculty head and have them let you make in class presentations. The downtown building is very open to having various clubs/groups to give presentations, that are something that happens at least once a week. Contacting them would be great. Are there any other outreach ideas you have?

OPIRG: We've been looking into reaching out to classes, we have one this week actually. We've reached out to pretty much most departments at this point.

BIRT BUSAC extends the question period by five minutes
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Mover: Bathish Secunder: Wassink

<i>Motion Passed</i>

Yes: 18 No: 1 Abstention: 0

Ali: How are you guys different from the Student Justice Center?

OPIRG: We think it's great that both of us exist on campus, but the SJC is more focused on their programs, we offer a unique opportunity to get involved in OPIRG and lead their own action groups. The SJC is a result of OPIRG, as we have seen there is a need for more social justice initiative.

Ali: The SJC is very active and you seem to share the same value of justice, if you guys are dealing with justice, why don't you partner with SJC?

OPIRG: We have worked over the last year with the SJC and have collaborated on a lot of events, we are supportive of each other. We think there are niche things that we do differently. As I mentioned, with our action group initiative, that allows students to develop the skills to carry on activism work throughout their schooling, but also into their future careers. The SJC runs more campaigns

Kerr: I know a lot of your funding goes towards wages, is it possible you have too many employees or if you could instead get volunteers so you have more money to use for advertising or hosting more events? Is there a way to cut down on staff?

OPIRG: As of right now, volunteers are awesome, but if you've ever worked with a volunteer organization, they're not always the best organization for work.

BIRT BUSAC extends the question period by five minutes
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Mover: Hibma Secunder: Verrier

<i>Motion Passed</i>

Yes: 19 No: 0 Abstention: 0

Castano: I personally did not know about OPIRG or that there was an opt-out option. What do you need to rent a facility for, how can you use this money to instead invest into students with the student funding?

OPIRG: Having a space allows us to not have to worry about booking space. We would have space that we could dedicate to our events exclusively. We had to rent space out for our opt-out. Having our own space would make it easier for students to have a constant space.

Bathish: I just wanted to highlight the money that SJC gets is half of what OPIRG gets, and they do a lot of work on campus. It's also advertised that you're only able to opt out if you're a full time student, but this is a per credit basis.

Green: Every credit you're enrolled in is 1.50.

OPIRG: We've been looking at the mybrocku page and multiplying it by the amount of credits.

Green: I've seen posters mentioning that you must be a full time student but that's not correct.

Sethumadhavan: I just tried looking you up on social media, and the last time you posted on Twitter was 2014... on Facebook the largest amount of people that you've reached is 80. How are you attracting people? How are you getting people to come out to your events? What's your turnout and how are you planning to change that?

OPIRG: For o-week we had full time students, community members, and part time students. We had 20-25 people coming out to these events. We're always encouraging people to come out and share our events.

Sethumadhavan: You said you have an issue with volunteers, but most of the people here in this room are volunteers. Are you saying they are unreliable?

OPIRG: I'm a volunteer that commits 10-15 hours a week devoted to OPIRG. Not everyone can commit that level of time.

Saleeb: I just wanted to say thank you for reaching out to my own club. I think there is an issue with marketing, and getting the word out. Maybe you should be connecting to other campuses'

OPIRG organizations to see what they are doing. You should try and make your foundation stronger in marketing to students. Since you have been around for so long, why don't you already have a meeting space?

OPIRG: Previously, there's a house that was home to parking services that used to be ours but is no longer. We also used to use Brock TV room.

Green: The building was run into the ground as landmark, and there was a lack of care for the facility. In 2013/2014 they had space in our building. Lack of accountability, transparency, and activity got them kicked off. OPRIG is a 3rd party company. The contract was from 1988 and 80% of the contract no longer applies. They're not part of BUSU, they're not part of Brock, the only accountability measure is this forum. When the satisfaction is not met by this room, the option is to defund.

Hibma: What do you do with the conducted research? You don't have social media, do you partner with another company that lobbies your search? It seems that there's a disconnect.

OPIRG: We are just starting a research project. For right now, we are planning a history of activism in Niagara. We want to create a document that will be published online on our website and with other community groups that are interested in this information. We want to use the information that we've been able to collect from organizations that have historically been around. We want to circulate this information. We also have paper copies so we can hand them out to people who are able to make use of this information.

BIRT BUSAC will exhaust the speakers list
Mover: Bathish
Secunder: Lillo

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

Ali: In your budget, 116,000 is coming from student fees, are there any other sources of income that you guys get?

ORPIG: Community members that join our organization also contribute. It's not in the budget because it's not a guaranteed amount or a reliable fee.

Ali: Suppose most of the students choose to opt out, most of your income comes from students. What's your plan if most students opt out? Are you going to fire your employees?

ORPIG: That would require a lot of planning and us to reach out to the community. We would have to explore other funding opportunities.

Verrier: Thanks for taking questions about your history; your biggest issue is who came before you. With the issues when it comes to financing, if it would be possible, in your board, to put in a slate for BUSAC, so BUSU has a spot on your board so there is a boundary removed between.

ORPIG: We have to cover that in the provincial meeting, so we can't explore that until next year October. It's something we can definitely look at if it could work for us as an organization. Anything that has to do with changing our constitution has to happen at our conference. All counselors are welcome to our meeting.

Verrier: For now, would you be able to reserve a student seat for a BUSU member? Not make it a BUSAC seat as it would be a constitutional change, but can you assign that seat to a BUSAC member?

OPRGIG: I have to consult the rest of the board.

8.0

OUSA Recap (Mickey Calder and Ja'Miil Millar)

Mickey and Ja'Miil present.

Bathish: I know this was your first time going to GA this year, did you find it was a big learning curve

Millar: It's not very different from BUSAC, but for me personally there were some thing about the set up that I wasn't familiar with, but because you guys are already in student government it wouldn't be too far of a reach.

Lillo: For open resources, did you hear from other universities or is it still very new?

Calder: It's relatively new in Ontario

Bathish: Government of Ontario just invested into ecampus this year, so it's made it more of a legitimate process. They're working on making more textbooks available online, and we're looking to demystify OERs. British Columbia uses a lot of open resources that saves students hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

Millar: There is going to be an event in the liberal on campus on December 7th that is going to talk about the ins and outs of open resources in Ontario.

9.0

Club Funding Presentation – CCGHR

Saleeb presents.

Sethumadhavan: As far as I see here, you have only 10 members including execs, you charge 5 dollars a person. The kind of turn out you had for your event, are you restricting your members?

Saleeb: We are continuously trying to raise our membership; to host events is our opportunity to recruit members. We have five executives including myself, but we are not restricting our members.

Hejazi: 201 attendees is phenomenal. One recommendation I would give is to practically come the meeting before you host future events, in case council rejects your motion, so you're not on the hook for the money.

Saleeb: We had started the funding process in the summer, but just the logistics made it difficult to start any sooner. We had no choice but to already spend and hold the event.

Napper: Your leftover funding from last year, is that money that came from CPC or BUSAC? Because it doesn't carry over to the next year. Are you factoring into having other universities having supported the conference? Are you going to have to pay that on top of bussing?

Saleeb: The 600 is from external funding. In terms of us contributing to go to McMaster, the other chapters are meeting biweekly to plan for McMaster. McMaster has a grant coming in so we don't need to cover that funding. We'll be asking for things to contribute to goodie bags.

Lillo: What's your reasoning for having such expensive goodie bags for speakers?

Saleeb: The reasoning it was so expensive is any CCGHR event always has them. It creates awareness of our organization. Some of the items were donated. The goodie bag itself we wanted to have the CCGHR logo on it, we want to market better and raise more awareness, because they can reuse the bag after. We tried to get cheaper bags and it was a rigorous two month process trying to find the cheapest one. My co-president found a company that would not charge shipping and handling so we could get things on time. Gifts for the speaker are expensive because they contribute so much and wanted to thank them. We wanted to get them broaches but we thought they were too small so we wanted to get them the Kate Spade bags because they were on sale, the wallets were only 47 dollars.

10.0

Club Funding Presentation – E-Sports

E-Sports Club Presents.

BIRT BUSAC extends the presentation period for the eSports Club by five minutes

Mover: Hejazi Secunder: Hibma

Motion Passed

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Napper: I thought your presentation was great! My question is how many members do you have?

ESports: I have about 20 members, but for another tournament I had around 36 people participate within a week of me being on Facebook. I'm providing a service that not every club can provide. With consoles on campus, students can come after class and play when it fits their schedule, it doesn't have to conform to strict timeline. Competitively I do have 20 players, but I'm certain it will grow.

Sethumadhavan: You asked for 3,500 dollars for consoles, have you thought of fundraising?

Esports: I look at e-sports like a varsity sport. Most places esports are very quiet. I feel like in the future, with this start up it'll take off.

Lillo: How likely is it that you won't put gamer tags on jerseys? That'll be a lot of savings for future years.

Esports: I think that it's quite likely I won't put gamer tags as I've been advised it will save money. If someone wants their gamer tag, they can buy the jersey off of me. If people want to buy jerseys, I can bulk order 50 jerseys and save a lot more money. A lot of clubs want the backpack, but that's not realistic. Brock athletics won't let us have them because they don't deem us as a sport yet. Esports is up and coming, many universities are expanding and esports are even being considered for the Olympics.

Lillo: Can you confidently say there won't be gamer tags, and if there is, it will be self funded.

Esports: yes

Verrier: I feel like the jersey and the name on the back isn't that big of a deal, we just funded BMT to let them have their names and positions on their sweaters. It's something that we do for other clubs and shouldn't focus on too much.

Wassink - POI: With BMT the shirts were much cheaper. BMT was 6 dollar t-shirt.

Green: When you're talking about the consoles, that funding is for the consoles that are currently in the space, or additional ones?

Esports: Current, it's a rental agreement

Bathish - Gives her turn to the gallery: You mentioned your advertisement through online resources like Facebook, have you done any contact with the humanities center?

Esports: I didn't want to put anything out there until too concrete until I had this meeting, as I figured it would hype up the event if I could concretely offer a trip to New Orleans. I wanted to be patient as possible.

Bathish – Gives her turn to the gallery: You might want to watch out about people having already created esports communities, you don't want to create bad blood.

Esports; If they're good games, I want to try and connect those players with opportunities to really play.

11.0

Club Funding Presentation – NACS

NACS presents.

12.0

Club Funding Presentation – Geology

Geology Club presents.

BIRT BUSAC amends the agenda to switch items 12 and 13
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Mover: Bathish Secunder: Hibma

<i>Motion Passed</i>

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstention: 0

13.0

Club Funding Presentation – Improv

Brock Improv Club Presents

BIRT BUSAC extends the presentation period for Brock Improv by five minutes

Mover: Bathish Secunder: Lillo

Motion Passed

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstention: 0

Napper: Your debt from last year unfortunately is not something that we're going to cover this year just because we treat every year as though it's fresh.

Improv: We're totally fine with that, we've taken it out of the presentation as it's out of our hands.

Verrier: Given how big you are in this field, how would having a place like Isaacs or Marilyn help give a bigger name for ourselves

Improv: We don't want a name for ourselves; we want to advance Brock and the Brock community. We're hoping that we can advertise things that will bring revenue back to Brock. We want to show off the campuses like the Marilyn, which are a huge draw.

Lillo: Have you looked into fundraising off campus to support travel cost?

Improv: Yes we have, this is a first step that we're taking. If BUSU doesn't want to work with us, we're going to be looking to other opportunities. One of the ideas we have is improve workshops with Mahtay Café. We want to partner with BUSU because we are both members of the Brock experience.

Lillo: You can look into collaborative events in the case you don't get the money here

Improv: We're a bit weary of working with the community due to us having been burnt in the past, and we also know we can always come back to good ole papa BUSU in the event that we need to.

14.0

Clubs Policy Committee Report (Mover – Wassink)

Motion 1

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2123.49 as a grant to the Canadian Coalition of Global Health Research Club from Clubs Funding

Mover: Wassink

Secunder: Hibma

Motion Passed

Yes: 14

No: 0

Abstention: 2 Sholok, Johnson

Motion Two

BIRT BUSAC approves \$5109.92 as a grant to the eSports Club from Clubs Funding

Mover: Wassink

Secunder: Hibma

Lillo: Would you reconsider the jerseys now that they're not going to be having gamer tags on them?

Wassink: My hesitation is that keeping consistent with other clubs for transportation/accommodation, with shirts we could look into funding part of them, like what a t-shirt cost would be, just because it is quite a large fee.

Napper: I would like to amend the amount to \$5866.54, if they're using this as a way to fundraise with their members and be wearing them around Brock to gather new members. I think everything that this club outlined was concise and showed collaborative effort with other clubs on campus and was well budgeted. We're not suffering for money right now, and given that this is a new club, giving them their full amount would be a great starting point.

Lillo: Their shirts are almost one percent of our budget.

Hejazi: He did mention in his presentation that he would leave the shirts for the years after, so I think the shirts should be attributed to the player due to issues of sizing.

Verrier: I feel like this club is a great addition as it is a new innovation and really has the opportunity to bring people together.

Napper: I want to specify this is a new club, this is their very first year running, and the reason we give newer clubs more funding or funding in different ways in hopes that they will be able to use the money to become self sufficient.

Green: I don't know if we can put a BIFR, looking at travelling to New Orleans, our insurance would prefer to bus/train/etc over drive themselves, and we're currently talking with insurance about that. There may be a need for an additional increase to funding due to additional insurance fees. There may need to be a subsequent motion made. It's not their fault, it's our insurance company incurring the fee.

Johnson: I think this is a great club as it can empower the students involved and recognize their skills.

BIRT BUSAC amends the motion to grant the eSports club \$5866.54 from Clubs Funding

Mover: Napper
Second: Lillo

Motion Passed

Yes: 16 (Verrier, Lillo)
No: 0
Abstention: 0

BIRT BUSAC approves \$5866.54 as a grant to the eSports Club from Clubs Funding

Mover: Wassink
Second: Hibma

Motion Passed

Yes: 16
No: 0
Abstention: 0

Motion Three

BIRT BUSAC approves \$3235.00 as a grant to the North American Culture Show from Clubs Funding

Mover: Wassink
Second: Hibma

Sethumadhavan: Can I just inquire about the payment of club shirts?

Wassink: We really already pay a lot considering we're covering the cost for the costumes for the actual dance pieces.

Motion Passed

Yes: 15
No: 0
Abstention: 1 Sethumadhavan

Motion Four

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2150.00 as a grant to the Geology Club from Clubs Funding

Mover: Wassink Secunder: Verrier

Verrier: I talked to the geology club, they understand CPC's recommendation and are happy with it.

Lillo gives his turn to geology club: Our presentation today, we increased the price of PDAC, but the original estimate the tax wasn't given for the hostel, so our total that we were asking for today was 2500.

BIRT BUSAC amends the motion to grant the Geology Club \$2500.00 from Clubs Funding

Mover: Lillo Secunder: Verrier

Motion Passed

Yes: 16
No: 0
Abstention: 0

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2500.00 as a grant to the Geology Club from Clubs Funding

Motion Passed

Yes: 15
No: 0
Abstention: 1

Motion Five

BIRT BUSAC approves \$1547.00 as a grant to the Brock Improv Club form Clubs Funding
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Mover: Wassink Secunder: Bathish

Verrier: Motion to amend to 1928 as identified in their presentation today as they adjusted the price of their cost.

Napper: Would you be able to give us an update on clubs that are on the radar with budget proposals?

Wassink: I don't have that with me right now. I do have that list of people who put those forward in the presidents meeting.

BIRT BUSAC amends the motion to grant the Brock Improv Club \$1928.00 from Clubs Funding

Mover: Verrier

Secunder: Wassink

Motion Passed

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstention: 0

BIRT BUSAC approves \$1928.00 as a grant to the Brock Improv Club form Clubs Funding

Mover: Wassink

Secunder: Bathish

Motion Passed

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstention: 0

15.0

SJC Referendum (Mover – Wassink)

BIRT BUSAC tasks the Referendum Petition and Polls Oversight Committee (RPPOC) to meet with the relevant stakeholders of the Student Justice Centre (SJC) Referendum to draft a question and memorandum of understanding for the February election period.

Mover: Wassink

Secunder: Bathish

Verrier: What is this referring to?

Wassink: This is in reference to the SJC fees as it's in desperate need of funding.

Motion Passed

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstention: 0

16.0

Report – General Manager

General Manager, Mr. Green, presents report.

17.0

Report – VP Student Services

VPSS, Ms. Wassink, presents report.

18.0

Report – VP External Affairs

VPEA, Ms. Bathish, presents report.

19.0

Report – VP Finance & Administration

VPFA, Mr. Hibma, presents report.

Kerr: Would we be getting new furniture for fishbowl any time soon?

Wassink: That's not BUSU

Hibma: I can talk to facilities management for you if you want and give you an update in four weeks

20.0

Report – President

President, Mr. Hejazi presents report.

Lillo: For the sleeping pods where would they be/how many are there going to be?

Hejazi: The money is coming out of health and dental reserve, and there will be between 6 and 8 pods, 2 for sure in Skybar, and potentially 4 or 6 in library

21.0

Close Question Period

Ali: What's BUSU doing about OPIRG to make sure that the students are being informed about this organization?

Hejazi: Last year the referendum was run by our past president, it technically passed but it didn't meet quorum according to the agreement made in 1988. Quorum should always be 13% but that agreement says 25%. We set up a meeting to discuss with them, and we asked them to come to BUSAC so councilors could ask questions. The execs don't currently have a plan to run a referendum. I think that there is an opportunity to have them fix their mistakes. I'm trying to make it very clear that I want there to be an online option to opt out, we can do more efforts from our side marketing wise to promote the option of the opt-out. Last year they didn't even come to BUSAC.

Kerr: are we currently working on changing the quorum rules?

Hejazi: They're currently not willing to opening the contract to rediscuss, even though it was drafted in 1988. We want to push for a rediscussion for that contract. And it has to pass with 60% approval to defund them. There are a lot of clauses that do not seem fair, and we'll continue to work with them.

Sethudmadhavan: What happened to the Brock prosthetics club?

Wassink: They're still in the works and are meeting with us to discuss further options.

Sholok: In regards to OPIRG are we going to be running another referendum?

Hejazi: If we want to run it again, then that's what we can do. I need directions from councilors and students. I don't like to fault them for previous leadership's mistakes, I don't want to fault this team on last year's executives mistakes.

22.0

Information and Reminders

Lillo: We have 65% of our initial clubs funding left

Hibma: We're currently trying to brainstorm ways we can boost our ranking in Macleans

Green: Today marks Ehima's one year anniversary with BUSU! He is a valuable asset to our team!

Faizal: Dec 2 is the meridian center game

Adjournment: 11:15