

# Brock University Students' Administrative Council



Meeting: 12

Date: March 9, 2016, 7:00pm

Speaker: Chris Ventura

Deputy Speaker: John Pappas

Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn Daw

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## Adjournment

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### Call to Order

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### Approval of the Agenda

**Rose:** There are two Fed Up Levy funding requests in addition to the request already on the agenda. One of the requests is to allow the Hamilton students to enjoy a wellness week breakfast. They don't get to enjoy the bulk of our student services like the rest of us. Among some of their concerns that they outlined was that they haven't been benefiting from things like wellness week on their campus, and we want to show them some love. The other request is to fund a food bank coordinator for the SJC. They operate a food bank during the year and the job would directly correlate with what the funding was intended for originally.

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the February 27, 2016 meeting as amended.
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Rose, Banava
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-In favor
-Against
-Abstain

*General consent*

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3.0

### Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the March 9, 2016 minutes.
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Fuller, Sufi
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-In favor
-Against
-Abstain

*General consent*

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4.0

### Open Question Period

**Public:** I would like to direct this question to Kyle Rose. I was wondering if the ad hoc committee for the Fed Up Affordability Project funds has met to review the recent Fed Up Levy funding requests?

**Rose:** To the best of my knowledge, no it hasn't.

**Public:** Why hasn't this happened?

**Rose:** I don't know. The elected people put together some "homework" items, but I don't know what ever came of it. I'll look into it for you.

**Public:** I attended the first ad hoc committee meeting and four pillars were established: food affordability, food sustainability, diverse healthy food options, and education and awareness. Were these pillars considered when the most recent request for funding was made, and was BUSAC made aware about these criteria?

**Rose:** The executive committee made sure these pillars were considered and that the requests were in accordance with the Levy's original MOU during discussions. BUSAC wasn't made aware of the pillars generated from the ad hoc committee though.

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## 5.0

### Notes from the Speaker

Election packages are due tomorrow at 4:30 in the elections office. As you know, we've changed the structure of BUSAC recently, and from my understanding we've been getting a lot of interest in the positions. If you submit a nomination package, the elections requirements for polling and promotion don't apply to you. If you aren't running for a position, you will have to complete 4 hours of elections requirements. There's a lot of you who put your hands up who could help increase voter turnout this year. This is a chance to hit the ground running with this new election format.

Please make sure you sign the attendance sheet when you come in so we don't start meetings late trying to figure out who isn't here. We use this sheet to calculate quorum so it's important that you sign in as soon as you walk through the door.

I've noticed there are quite a few people with unexcused absences. This is just a reminder that it takes two seconds to send us an email if you're not able to make the meeting, so make sure you do that or else you'll have an absence against you.

We have 22 voting members present, and quorum is 12.

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## 6.0

### BSA Budget Update

*Rudy Ambrosio and Sean Bouwers presents the BSA budget update.*

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## 7.0

### Referenda Motions

BIRT the Brock University Students' Union be permitted to run the "YES" side Campaign Team of the Programming Levy, March 2016 Referendum, pursuant to section 28 of By-law 401, the "Referenda By-law".

BIFRT Brian Horvath, Vice-President of Student Services, be directed to act as the Chair of the "YES" side Campaign Team of the Programming Levy, March 2016 Referendum, pursuant to section 28 of By-law 401, the "Referenda By-law".

Verrier, Sufi

20-In favor  
0-Against  
2-Abstain

BIRT BrockTV, as a division of the Brock University Students' Union, be permitted to run the "YES" side Campaign Team of the BrockTV Student Levy, March 2016 Referendum, pursuant to section 28 of By-law 401, the "Referenda By-law".

BIFRT Michele Hughes, Executive Director of BrockTV, be directed to act as the Chair of the YES" side Campaign Team of the BrockTV Student Levy, March 2016 Referendum, pursuant to section 28 of By-law 401, the "Referenda By-law".

Berryman, Sufi

22-In favor  
0-Against  
0-Abstain

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## 8.0

### Governance Report

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 101 (Legislation of the Students Union) in its second reading.

Sufi, Rose

-In favor -Against -Abstain
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*Passes by general consent*

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 400 (Elections) in its second reading.
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Sufi, Demachkie
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-In favor -Against -Abstain
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*Passes by general consent*

**Piovesan:** What's the reason for them being the sole mover?

**Pappas:** The process entails someone standing up for democratic accountability, so through that process they should see it to the end. They can start a process, and that's not fair to ...

**Piovesan:** Could there initially be two people?

**Pappas:** Only one person is allowed to move a petition. But two petitions could be out at the same time.

**Campbell:** Instead of guidelines that can be used to justify this?

**Pappas:** From all elected offices at BUSU, but not all have to go to referendum. SAL, Board, and Senate, BUSAC councilors may be recalled. Section 39, B and C, good faith reasons why a recall petition can be distributed.

**Piovesan:** It said that it would be brought to BUSAC if the ethics committee deemed the actions to not be in good faith?

**Pappas:** BUSU would be permitted to run the no side.

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 402 (Referendum Petitions & Polls Bylaw) in its first reading.
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Hashmi, Hobbs
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20-In favor 0-Against 2-Abstain
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BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 401 (Referenda) in its first reading.
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Hashmi, Sufi
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21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain
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**Verrier:** As the chair of appeals, I have expressed that I would like to make changes. And I have received no emails ...

**Hashmi:** They were made and recommended by Ms. Moss. At that point it becomes our responsibility to ...

**Verrier:** Is it possible to work with appeals going forward, or is it not possible to make those changes now?

**Speaker:** You're welcome to join the meeting next Monday at 12 in the BUSU boardroom.

**Pappas:** If it's friendly with ... the changes being made are reflective of the new provisions in bylaw 401. The appeals committee has played ///

**Green:** Caution council ... how do we set up our legislation up to ten years down the road, the governance committee task is to look at what works down the line.

**Verrier:** What used to be number 9 of the appeals bylaw was taken out. That is was to appeal any decision made by CPC ...

**Hashmi:** The understanding was that if CPC was deciding ... and that club was deciding it wouldn't be fair. It wasn't appropriate for them to tell CPC how much they should be given. It's the committee's responsibility to review that decision.

**Speaker:** Each committee is a body unto itself. If a club doesn't like the recommendation they can bring it to BUSAC.

**Sufi:** As it's written now it allows anyone to appeal any committee's decision, not just the three that were originally stated.

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 604 (Appeals Committee) in its first reading.
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Hashmi, Sufi
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19-In favor 2-Against (Verrier) 1-Abstain
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BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 611 (External Affairs Committee) in its first reading.
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Hashmi, Hobbs
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21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain
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BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 612 (Information Technology & Infrastructure Committee) in its first reading.
Hashmi, Sufi

21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain
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**Committee Elections**

BIRT BUSAC elects Antonio Sergi to the Appeals Committee for the duration of the March elections.

-In favor -Against -Abstain
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BIRT BUSAC elects Istafa Sufi, David Nguyen, and Ahmed to the Ethics Review Committee for the duration of the March elections.

-In favor -Against -Abstain
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BIRT BUSAC elects Faisal Hejazi to the Board of Directors for the duration of the March elections.
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-In favor -Against -Abstain
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*Motion to open the agenda to approve SAL position for environment committee*  
Sufi, Demachkie

*Added by general consent*

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10.0

**Fed Up Request**

**Campbell:** I know most microwaves aren't that expensive, so I'm wondering why the request is so high.

**Horvath:** It's a commercial microwave. Since it doesn't rotate it's easier to clean and will withstand more wear and tear from students over time.

**Verrier:** This is something a lot of students love having on campus. We don't have a food service like the Market at the art school. Having the one microwave on campus has allowed a lot of students to bring their lunches and dinners on campus, and the only complaint has been that there's only one and it's in an inconvenient location, so having another one would be great.

**Piovesan:** When you came into your position, you put a lot of microwaves on campus. Where did you get the money to do that initially?

**Horvath:** The capital fund.

**Piovesan:** Why haven't you used the same source of funding for this request?

**Horvath:** That funding has been used up, and since the Fed Up Levy was intended for food purposes like this it makes sense to use the money we have left over.

BIRT BUSAC approve \$760.00 from the Fed Up Levy for microwave
Horvath, Verrier

21-In favor
1-Against
0-Abstain

**Piovesan:** You mentioned they would have food advocacy role, could you expand on what that would be?

**Rose:** Any campaigns about food awareness or programs done by the SJC. Should this motion pass, they will have the ability to explore other ways to advocate for healthy food options and accessibility on campus in line with the four pillars established by the ad hoc committee.

**Verrier:** This will be for this September?

**Rose:** Yes.

**Sufi:** Would you be willing to meet with the ad hoc committee to discuss the job description?

**Rose:** Carol oversees the SJC and it's more of an HR matter. What I could say is that it's not out of the question to gather feedback from the committee about possible amendments they would like to see, but I'm not going to make any promises. I'm not going to say that the HR job position will change from that.

**Piovesan:** I think this a good idea, and the food bank is an important part of the Fed Up MOU. I feel like a lot of the ways we are using the funding is for supplementary food sources and not looking at the structural issues of food affordability on campus though. While these efforts are helpful, they're not tackling the bigger issues that are creating these problems. I wanted to amend the title of the position.

**Green:** Job descriptions are under the purview of the Board, but recommendations can be made.

**Speaker:** You could set up a meeting with Carole Moss to discuss it with her.

BIRT BUSAC up to \$8000.00 from the Fed Up Levy to employ a Food Bank Coordinator for the SJC.
Rose, Sufi

21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain
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BIRT BUSAC up to \$5000.00 for the Hamilton Campus
Rose, Sufi

21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain
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**Capital Request**

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**SAL Approval**

BIRT BUSAC approves Kostyn Petrunick as a SAL for the Environment Committee.
Sufi, Campbell

22-In favor 0-Against 0-Abstain
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**Report – General Manager**

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**Report – VP Student Services**

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**Report – VP External Affairs**

**Kayitaba:** When is this going to be implemented?

**Sergi:** They're planning implementation for 2017-18. It's not next academic year, but the year after.

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**Report – VP Finance & Administration**

**Verrier:** If you want to get together sometime to talk about transit, I'd love to.

**Dawson:** The proposition you brought up before about offsetting the 122 is going to be a part of the upcoming conversation I mentioned.

**Kayitaba:** Regarding the mental health training. Where is the money going to be coming from and will it be costing students more money?

**Dawson:** There's a pool of money we give to the insurance company. If we don't have a huge number of claims it becomes a surplus, but it's not our accounting department that manages it. The surplus is there to use towards other initiatives. It did not come out of any BUSU budgets.

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**Report – President**

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**Closed Question Period**

**Verrier:** RPPOC was tasked to investigate the CASA fee earlier on this year, and I was wondering what progress had been made regarding that item.

**Pappas:** It's a complex initiative, but we have been looking into it to see how we might be able to make it happen, if at all. We sought legal opinion on the best way to approach it, but we haven't heard back.

**Hobbs:** In terms of the question being asked, it's going to be dependent on how it gets done, so the question hasn't been drafted yet. We would have to get creative in order to make it work. I personally don't think it's feasible, but that's up to the committee as a whole to decide.

**Sergi:** The fee works on a threshold basis, not per credit. After every 500 or 600 students, the dollar value of your FTE changes. I was disappointed in the motion being brought forward without being talked to because I couldn't explain this to them beforehand. The committee has met several times to discuss this issue.

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## 19.0

### Information and Reminders

**Horvath:** There's a breakfast coming up next Wednesday. We're looking for people to help with portion control, so if you're free to volunteer please come, especially if you haven't seen one of the breakfasts yet.

**Rose:** I want to give a shout out to the ladies in the back of the room who have been sleeping outside for a great cause the past few days. If you haven't donated yet, please do so.

**Campbell:** We have a question period tomorrow and our very own Mr. Speaker will be the Speaker at our event.

**Berryman:** Next Wednesday from 9-2PM is the BUSU Job Fair. Get the word out about the lunches coming up this month too.

**Fuller:** On March 30<sup>th</sup> I was offered the opportunity to speak on a panel for an MP about women's issues. It would be great to see some Brock faces at the event. It starts at 6 in Oakville. You can email Chris Ventura to get your ticket.

**Hashmi:** This is from Abby, but last night we had a fantastic healthy cooking class.

**Hejazi:** We have spots for two teams left at our Playmakers tournament. We've incorporated a fifth tournament for flag football as well.

**Verrier:** Last weekend the Brock University main stage was amazing. All the Kings Men theatre group is putting on their complete works of Shakespeare's plays, so check it out, it'll be amazing.

**Fuller:** On the week of March 22 there will be two case competitions at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre. Bruce and Jim (from Dragons Den) are coming as judges. It would be cool to have a big brock presences there.

**Piovesan:** Next week is Enviroweek. They will be tabling from Monday to Thursday and will be hosting a variety of events throughout the week. While I don't know the full schedule, next Tuesday from 2-4PM there will be a discussion about the environment and food in the Collaboratorium.

**Kayitaba:** This Saturday the Brock Roots African Caribbean Society is hosting a culture wave. They're going to be putting on an amazing performance, so stop by if you can.

**Sufi:** For the full Enviroweek schedule, please contact Ms. Daw.

**Speaker:** Don't forget about your end of year reports. Buzies will be happening on April 1. You must RSVP to get in because there's a limited amount of space. Awards and nominations will be going up tomorrow.

*Motion to adjourn*

Rose, Amin