



Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Meeting: 3

Date: September 13, 2017, 6:30pm

Speaker: Ian Beaumont

Deputy Speaker: Fiona Purkiss

Recording Secretary: Maddie Staruch

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Call to Order

2.0

Approval of the Standing Orders

BIRT BUSAC approves the Standing Orders for the September 17th, 2014 meeting.
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Verrier, Sheikh

<i>Passes by general consent</i>

3.0

Approval of the Agenda

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the September 13th, 2017 meeting
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Hibma, Sayers

<i>Passes by general consent</i>

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Adoption of the Minutes (Meeting 1)

BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes for the September 13th, 2017 meeting

Verrier, Saleeb

<i>Passes by general consent</i>

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Open Question Period

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Notes from Speaker

Hi everyone, my name is Iain; I will be your speaker for the year. I'm excited to represent you on BUSAC. Quick reference for Roberts Rules can be found on the back of your name cards. Speaking order is mover first, then the seconder, then it will be opened to the floor. Everything should be directed towards the speaker, and the deputy speaker Fiona will keep track of the speaking order. With each motion you will have 3 times to speak, you cannot take your 2nd turn until everyone has been through their first.

Total Voting Members = 18

Quorum:

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

7.0

Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA)

Sophie Helpard and Nadia Bathish (standing in for Andrew), give a presentation about OUSA.

Saleeb: What are the other issues that you as OUSA see on other campuses?

Helpard: We're writing an Indigenous Student paper this fall, as well as focusing on financial assistance for Indigenous students and issues International Students face. We wrote a paper in the spring to see how the government can support them as well as how on campus we can support international students, whether they are on campus or are our students going on exchange. The government is releasing something on international students coming up. We also focus on the implementation of financial assistance, and ensuring that it is done correctly. The new OSAP was released this year and we want to make sure it runs smoothly.

Saleeb: Are you looking at International Student costs?

Helpard: Yes, that is a cornerstone of our paper, as well as healthcare and subsidies for international students.

Hibma: So the 365 million dollars that was repurposed for the new OSAP, has the government accounted for inflation?

Sophie: Yes, they are informed. The cost might have even come out as more for the government as there was an increase in people applying for the grant as they now can afford post secondary education.

Seliman: Are there any policies that are not related to OSAP that are lowering tuition prices?

Helpard: Yes, the tuition framework was currently extended to match the levels of increase over the last few years. OUSA was not happy about this and we want to relook about tuition in 2019.

OUSA's stance is that tuition should not increase higher than inflation, we would like to see if tuition drops or freezes that the government should cover the costs so we don't lose services

8.0

BUSU Division One Budget Review

General Manager Chris Green and VP of Finance Aidan Hibma give a presentation about the BUSU Division One Budget

Verrier: The 13,000 is included in the total income?

Hibma: We received a little more than that the year prior, we assumed we might receive a little less this year when we created the budget. It came as a shock to us when we got 0 dollars. The budget has yet to be updated.

Green: This will be the first time in 9-10 years we will not be receiving funding

Verrier: The 8000 to the retreat, did we have the retreat?

Green: 8 people showed up, we will not be using the whole budget.

Sayers: Would the contingency be used to reallocate to cover the 13,000?

Green: Yes. It is for unexpected expenditures that we couldn't budget for.

Lillio: Are the audit fees reoccurring?

Green: Yes, the way Brock's fees are different than many other universities, our auditing is more expensive.

Saleeb: To implement a new fee or remove a fee would there have to be a referendum?

Green: Yes

Khan: Where was the cost of the extended library hours?

Hibma: Total costs for this were 10,000 dollars, we only have to cover a certain portion.

Khan: So Brock isn't covering the full cost?

Hibma: No, we're covering a portion.

9.0

BSA Budget Approval

Saleeb: Does the Goodman School of Business have its own pool of money for you?

Mithani: GSBA is separate from the actual school. We have a partnership, and we are allowed to use resources like their career resources. They sponsor us for a lot of events that boost the Goodman Name.

Hibma: You're hiring a board, is that external or external?

Mithani: 12 members all will be Goodman. Some will be alumni, 1 professor, and 7 students who are not club members

Sayers: What would be the overall responsibilities of that board versus the executives of BSA?

Mithani: With GSA we receive funding and decide how to fund that. Having a Board of Directors will represent the voice of Goodman Students. They won't be engaged as GSA members but will represent students.

Napper: : You said your Board of Directors will be paid?

Mithani: They will not be paid, they will be student volunteers.

Sheikh: What happens to the net income?

Mithani: We have a 0 net income but aim to have a 5000 carry over in case of emergency.

Khan: What is your relationship with BUSU?

Mithani: We're not partnered but we work with them, an example would be monster pitch, it is a partnership over hierarchy.

Green: BSA is a faculty association. They come, get the approval from us, they give us their audit and we collect their student fee. They're not a third party fee because they're internal, but the way they do their financials is done in the model we expect of people who collect fees.

Saleeb: Are the clubs under you different from the clubs in BUSU?

Mithani: There are 7 Goodman clubs; we make sure they are following our procedures and our constitution. Usually the club has to be a stream of business.

Castano: These clubs that run under BSA, do those clubs fall under BUSU or GSA regulations?

Mithani: Fall under Goodman's Constitution.

Green: They are not covered by BUSU's insurance; they're under the university policies. We have no liability, we only approve the funding.

BIRT BUSAC approves the BSA budget for the 2017-2018
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Hibma, Lillo

? – Yes
0- No
1 – Abstention (Verrier)
Motion passed

9.0

BUSAC Dates Approval

BIRT BUSAC approves the Annual General Meeting dates as presented for the 2017-2018 year.

Hibma, Sayers

? – Yes
0 - No
0 – Absention
Motion passed

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BUSU Election Dates Approval

BIRT BUSAC approves the Annual General Meeting dates as presented for the 2017-2018.

Seliman, Verrier

? – Yes
1 – No
1 – Abstention
Motion passed

11.0

Transit Referendum

BIRT BUSAC tasks the referendum petition and polls committee to look into a transit referendum.

Hibma, Verrier

Hibma: We will be meeting with internal affairs to strike a reasonable number for this referendum. We want to ensure this can be brought forward in the October election.

Verrier: Are you wanting other people from OSA to meet to make this more successful than last year?

Hibma: Once we meet with our internal affairs, we should approach it as a collective. From there, I think working together will be important to informing our student population.

Napper: Will there be any consideration for an opt-out of the transit fee?

Hibma: I think it would be best that I don't comment, but we will be attempting to negotiate with Mohawk College to see if we can get in with their transit near Hamilton.

Green: It's not BUSU's ability to say yes to an opt-out, there are no opt-out option in Ontario.

Yendt: I want to commend BUSU for going back to referendum and recognizing that this is a need for students.

Hejzal: I know I wished I'd had the option to opt out when I was in school, but being a part of BUSU I now understand that 85% of our students use the transit. Another example is the daycare fee. Maybe 5-10% of students have children, but it's for the greater good.

Khan: I was going to propose if the executives discuss increasing it for students who take the bus during the year rather than the students who don't.

Hibma: Once you go through the registrars office and you register as a full time student, it would be difficult to collect and verify that data. Having the fee a responsibility of every student is for the greater good.

Seliman: Is there any way for the bus routes that were cut to come back?

Green: Yes, once we go to a sustainable funding model, we have the ability to add/change routes based on student location.

Seliman: What about the Sullivan route?

Green: Sullivan had to be cut due to duplication of routes.

Green: When we talk about opt-out, it's important to understand that you're paying into this for when you need it, like unemployment or OHIP, similar to taxes.

Napper: When I talk about opt-out, could the bus service be offered with further service options when we go back to referendum, for example, service to Grimsby? If students do drive to school, offering additional services might be less likely to opt-out if there are extended bus routes.

Green: There's no service that connects from Niagara to Grimsby.

Verrier: The referendum will allow people on off routes to be serviced at different times that maybe were cancelled earlier.

Seliman: The Brock shuttle that goes during exam periods, can we have a shuttle for students who need to take a bus? Shuttle them towards the bus.

Hibma: It can be very expensive and will deplete our reserves quickly. Emphasizing the negatives of the transit system to vote yes, we can increase our reserves to fix our transit system. We need a long term fix.

Verrier: If we were to do a new city-Brock route, we would have to buy a bus.

Lillo: Is there a preliminary strategy for marketing the referendum?

Hibma: It's important to start as soon as possible. We want to focus our resources on this as the sole referendum in the October election. I also want to look at this with the internal affairs committee to see what we can and can't say during the election.

Hibma: When we're in contract with a transit company, they can take a 5% increase every year. When we're not in a contract, those increases can increase. If we don't have the reserves, we lose more bus routes.

Saleeb: Is there something to prevent this issue from happening again?

Hibma: Once we increase the base minimum for what students are paying, once we build up our reserves, we can handle an increase per year without having to go to referendum.

Sayers: A lot of students vote no just because it sounds vague, be clear with students in where the money is going and how a reserve can benefit them.

Green: BUSAC will decide what is said when it goes to vote.

Seliman: Is there a way we can couple the referendum with a lowering of the parking pass.

Hejazi: We have no control over the parking pass.

? – Yes
0 – No
0- Abstention

BIRT BUSAC elects Lillo, Sheikh, Verrier, and Sethmadhavan to the Governance Committee for the 2016-2017 year.

13.0

Election – Elections and Referenda Committee (3 Members)

BIRT BUSAC elects Harber, Saleeb to the Elections and Referenda Committee for the 2017-2018 year.

Mover: Lillo
Secunder: Sayers

? - Yes
0 – No
1 - Abstention

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Election – Referenda Implementation & Levy Review (3 Members)

BIRT BUSAC elects Sehgal to Referenda Implementation & Levy Review Committee for the 2017-2018 year.

Mover: Hibma
Secunder: Verrier

? – Yes
0 – No
0 - Abstentions

15.0

Election – Hiring Committee (3 Members)

BIRT BUSAC elects Harish, Wittta, and Bishoy to the Hiring Committee for the 2016-2017 year.

Mover: Verrier
Secunder: Sayers

Wittta: I thought this would be a great place to not only represent the SU and BOD but also BUSAC, but also for us to get to know one another and open our relations. It can reflect the relationship we have to the students.

Sheikh: My third year on BUSAC, this position entails making impartial decisions, I can make this with my experience with clubs. Math and Science council, NSA, you need to decide between qualifications and merits and your friends. I'll be able to do this.

Valentina: I have some background into hiring that I can bring to this committee.

Bishoy: I've been on the other end of getting interviews on campus, I feel like it's important to give every student an opportunity to represent themselves. Having the chance to give everyone an equal chance would be beneficial.

Bathish: How would you pick between someone who has hard skills but doesn't fit the culture, or someone with less hard skills but fits the culture of BUSU?

Bishoy: For me, I would take someone whose personality fits the culture, because that would be much harder to foster and develop. You can always learn skills on the job.

Seliman: There's no real direct answer, it varies by candidate and there are other factors that come into play.

Witta: I would weigh it out on how beneficial that person would be depending on the position. Someone who has more of BUSU's culture could learn the hard skills with some of their coworkers or someone who is there.

Valentina: I think it depends on the hard skills. If it is something very specialized and is needed on the team, i would go with the hard skills. If it is something that can be developed i would go with the culture.

Hibma: Motion to vote
Secoded by Varrier

? – Yes 0 – No 0- Abstention

BIRT BUSAC elects Sethumadhavan, Saleeb, and Khan to the Ethic Review Committee for the 2016-2017 year.

Mover: Hibma
Secunder: Lillo

? – Yes
0 – No
0 – Abstentions

17.0

Election – Environment Committee (2 Members)

BIRT BUSAC elects Verrier and Lillo to the Ethic Review Committee for the 2016-2017 year.

Mover: Bathish
Secunder: Sayers

? – Yes
0 – No
2 – Abstentions (Lillo, Verrier)

18.0

Report – General Manager

General Manager, Mr. Green, presents report.

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Report – VP Student Services

VPSS, Ms. Wassink, presents report.

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Report – VP External Affairs

VPEA, Ms. Bathish, presents report.

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Report – VP Finance & Administration

VPFA, Mr. Hibma, presents report.

Harber: What is the minimum amount of voters for the referendum?

Green: Quorum is about 2600 students.

Lillo: For your initiatives you mentioned extending the hours for the Grounds and the Tims?

Hibma: Pretty substantial. If we don't have the budget, the school execs are willing to extend those hours. Those hours won't be extended for all of extended library hours plus exams, perhaps for one or the other. I would capitalize on the exam extended hours.

22.0

Report - President

President, Mr. Hejazi presents report.

Napper: What student involvement would you like to see in convocation?

Hejazi: Most universities across Ontario have student representation at convocation; my suggestion is for each faculty, they elect a student to address the students.

Lillo: Can you clarify some of the code of conduct policy review?

Hajazi: Yes, we need to review the policy every two years. For example, marijuana is currently illegal on campus, but next year marijuana will be legal in the province, which is something that will need to be discussed and adjusted.

Yendt: Is there an opportunity for the Graduate Students Association to partner with BUSU for convocation.

Faisal: For graduate students it would be the same thing, electing a student from each faculty.

23.0

Closed Question Period

Napper: Is the governance committee looked at the clause that we suspended at our July meeting?

Green: It hasn't been addressed.

Khan: is there a limit of how many committees you can be on?

Speaker: Three

Khan: I'm on four

Ehima: That doesn't actually say 3 anywhere official, so we will allow you to stay.

Saleeb: Can I sit in on an internal affairs meeting?

Hibma: yes

Witta: Who can I reach out to in order to get more information on my committee?

Green: Shoot me an email.

Saleeb: How do get in touch with chancellor?

Faizal: Her Brock email scheechoo@brocku.ca

Khan: Hiring committee has a Facebook chat we can use for scheduling purposes.

Lillo: Bylaw 600, section 11 says no one can sit on more than 3 committees.

Sayers: Technically wont it make their fourth entry moot regardless?

Ehima: They'll have the choice to cut whichever committee they choose.

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Information and Reminders

Green: Both our results talk about a new executive chef down in union station, come and try the new menu. When you pop by the students union, check out the new furniture in there. We completely renovated our kitchen, there's also new leather couches. In the next two weeks there will be new furniture in Isaacs. 160 seats to 220.

Bathish: HOCO is this weekend, you can pick up your package from Isaacs.

Hejazi: Packages are out, tomorrow is the last day to buy a package, you get entrance into Isaacs, a t-shirt, a scarf, and a mug. There will be soccer, lacrosse, hockey and rugby. Anyone who is interested in OUSA she will post something next week, they will be travelling to Laurier this year. If you're interested in applying, 4 members will be eligible to go. 2 observers are allowed to come as well. Student Initiative funding program, a couple applications have come in, but there are still a substantial amount of money available if you are not affiliated by a club. Please apply, it's there for students.

Bathish: We're currently looking for a provincial and a federal researcher, applications are open on Sunday, but not open to BUSAC members.

Ehima: If you have friends interested in getting involved in BUSAC committees, they can get involved.

Hibma: We're having a by election for senators in October if you know someone who is getting involved, let them know about the senate.

Faizal: The Terry Fox run is taking place this Sunday.

Purkiss: There's also 6 student at large positions open.

Lillo: When does the nomination open for that position?

Purkiss: Nominations open September 29th and close on October 6th

Meeting adjourned: 9:17p.m.