



Brock University
Students' Union

Brock University Students' Administrative Council

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Date: September 16, 2015, 7:30pm

Speaker: Chris Ventura

Deputy Speaker: Kayleigh Munro

Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn Daw

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Approval of the Agenda

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the September 16, 2015 meeting.

36-In favor 0-Against 0-Abstain

3.0

Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the July 26, 2015 minutes.

Nguyen, Banava

27-In favor 0-Against 9-Abstain

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Notes from the Speaker

We're starting at 7:30pm today; normally we'll start at 7pm. The reason we're starting a little late today is because the BSA is doing a presentation tonight and they currently have an event that runs until 8pm.

If I handed you a confidentiality agreement, please fill it out and hand it in to me by the end of the meeting today. If you weren't at the BUSAC retreat you should have received this form.

Reminder as per the Standing Orders to put your cell phones away during today's presentations.

6.0

Presentation - OUSA

Sean Madden presents to BUSAC about the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) and its history.

Motion to extend presentation by 5 minutes.

Sufi, Nguyen

Fuller: Does that dinner only include the executives at each university?

Madden: No, quite a lot of people from the broader council and portions of the executive and other people we work with will all come to that. So it's a dinner with about 200 people including various stakeholders. You can see Antonio about tickets.

7.0

Presentation – BSA Budget Approval

Sean Bowers and Rudy Ambrosio present the BSA Budget.

Motion to extend presentation by 5 minutes.

Rose, Fuller

BIRT BUSAC approves the BSA Budget for the 2015-2016 term.
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Ambrosio, Dawson

22-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

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Presentation – Third Party Update

Kyle Rose presents an update regarding Fed Up, the third party organization.

Eady: Could the minutes from their AGM and Board meetings be circulated to all of BUSAC please?

Rose: Yes.

Piovesan: I would like to pass my speaking term to Kate McDonald.

Public: The MOU states that there should be a representative from BUSAC on the Board and I was wondering if that ever happened? Is there a representative from BUSAC?

Rose: To my knowledge, no.

Munro: Jami reached out and wanted me to pass on the information for the application form. I passed it along to everyone in BUSAC, and I offered her the opportunity to elect a member in at the last meeting, but they wanted to go through the application process instead.

Prouse: As yet, no one from BUSAC has applied.

Eady: Who is the Chair of the Board for Fed Up?

Prouse: Jami Coughler

Smaiya: What are the steps that you've taken with Fed Up as an organization, or with those in charge of Fed Up?

Rose: Our last meeting with Fed Up, as a measure for further accountability, Brian Hutchings, myself, Spencer, and Juliet had a meeting with them where we made some recommendations. They are going to receive the money as per the MOU, however, their money is going to flow through our accounting department so that we have real time access to their financial history as another transparency mechanism. We met with our accounting department recently and worked out an arrangement where Fed Up will essentially be using our accounting system that will help them improve their backbone. That's the step that we've taken thus far.

Rose: The question I want to pose to BUSAC is: in terms of accountability as BUSAC and the Students' Union, how often or how much do you want to see reports on how they are doing? What are your thoughts on the matter?

Sufi: In the past for OPIRG we've had them come to present to us once a month. I think that might be something worth looking into.

Hanula: I was just going to say the same thing. Given the state of affairs, it would be wise to make sure everything is on the right track to make sure they are giving the procedures due diligence, since they seem to have a lot of work that needs to get done.

Piovesan: Is it possible to have an arrangement where they need to have purchases approved before spending the money?

Rose: Because they are a third party organization, we have as much control over what they do as Tim Horton's does us. They're a completely different business. What we can do is work on a little more transparency and accountability over what they do, but we can't tell them what to do. As much transparency over what they do

Horvath: Does anyone really want them here, considering they've been here for two years and they haven't done anything? Sorry—they've been here for one year and they're going into their second year now with half a million dollars, recently purchased a \$300,000 building with renovations. Why do we want them here? Why do you want to fund them?

Berardocco: Are there any legal repercussions if they continue to provide either a lack of information or some transparency to the students?

Rose: Yes there are.

Berardocco: What are they?

Rose: This may be a longwinded answer. In terms of noncompliance and dispute resolution, if there is concerns regarding compliance, sections 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 BUSU shall notify Fed Up and provide advice to Fed Up to create a plan to help remedy the non-compliance. If BUSU continues to have concerns regarding compliance after allowing Fed Up a reasonable amount of time to remedy the concerns, BUSU shall notify the university—which we did—and either the university or BUSU may initiate a non-compliance and dispute resolution process as set out in section 3. If the non-compliant party fails to comply with provisions of this agreement, either of the parties, the compliant party may provide written notice to the non-compliant party of this breach. The compliant party shall also notify the other party of the breach—which we did—all non-compliant parties shall have thirty days from the day the notice was received to rectify the breach. If the non-compliant party fails to rectify the breach within thirty days, either of the other parties may initiate the dispute and resolution process, and if the non-compliant party is Fed Up, the University or BUSU may withhold payment pending the resolution dispute.

The resolution process: The parties shall make an effort to settle disputes in good faith. If a dispute that involves all of the parties has not been settled over discussion of negotiation, the party may notify the other parties that it wishes to initiate a dispute and resolution process. Within ten days of receiving the notice, the signing offers that executed the agreement shall meet in an attempt to resolve the dispute—which we did—if any party is not satisfied with the outcome of this agreement, the signing officers of the party may notify the other parties that it wishes to mediate the dispute. The parties shall jointly select and engage with the mediator. If the parties cannot agree within five days over a mediator, a mediator will be appointed by the ADR Institute of Ontario, and the mediation will happen in St. Catharines, Ontario. If the parties meet in an attempt to resolve the dispute The fees and expenses of the mediator, and any administrative costs associated with the mediation shall be shared equally by the parties.

During the mediation process, the parties agree not to take any steps to initiate or continue any proceedings between them related to the dispute. If the dispute has not been resolved within thirty days of notice, any party may terminate the mediation process.

Fuller: What's the next step we can take? Is it possible to make a decision on what we want to do next?

Rose: Yes.

Jaberi: Can we vote on working with Fed Up for this upcoming year? I mean Fed Up staying at Brock this year?

Rose: That involves referendum if you mean not working with them. Which can be done if BUSAC wishes it.

Sufi: So the separate MOU that you're talking about, with Brock University, can that be made available to BUSAC as well, please?

Rose: That's a soft yes, pending Brian Hutchings's approval.

Hanula: Have they proposed, in any way, a plan of implementation? Is there no concrete plan? If there is a plan, is there a way that we can get it circulated and made available?

Rose: Nothing publicly available I would say.

Prouse: I don't think it's private.

Rose: I don't think it's private either. That's another soft yes. We've received their budget for the year, which sees them really spending the money on a mix of hiring staff, looking to do some of these things and pay for the building as well as for construction on the building. In respect to the building that they bought downtown, they did so using a holding company. A holding company was created in which Fed Up has 50% of shares. The building has four floors and one residential floor, the rest are commercial. The funds for this year are explained to be directed towards hiring student staff, a grocery delivery program, and an infrastructure plan.

Hanula: As someone who has worked in restaurants and knows how much of a nightmare it is to transport food—if they don't have a plan to do anything on a bigger scale is there any way we can make them accountable to a plan so that we can review every step of the way to see what will and will not work?

Rose: We can't tell them what to do because they are a third party organization. We can put an accountability mechanism in place to see what they're doing and advise them, but by no means do they don't have to listen to our advice. Last year, as I just mentioned, we threw five different opportunities their way and they didn't get anything done.

Smaiya: Before we decide anything we should see what Fed Up has to say about what you presented. With your c

Rose: They said they've been doing most of them. They were also scheduled to present at BUSAC as soon as they were ready at the beginning of summer. They postponed both times, so hopefully that will come soon.

Bezaire: You said that they own 50% of this holding company, do you know who owns the other half?

Rose: Yes, the owner of the other half is the same guy who owns that space that A Safer Brock operates out of, which is another third party organization. I mentioned before a little bit of cross-pollination.

Bezaire: Is that what you meant in respect to the conflict of interest?

Rose: That's a very small part of it. Em is one of the members of the Board for A Safer Brock, and he is running the finances.

Prouse: There are five independent third party organizations that BUSU collects money for and then passes it on, and we rely on the function of their boards to make sure that the money is being taken and used for which it was collected. Three of those are OPIRG (Ontario Public Interest Research Group), A Safer Brock, and Fed Up. Em works at OPIRG; he's paid by OPIRG. One of the Board members of OPIRG—I don't know what his status on the Board is now—Is Ellie

Donahue Miller who works at A Safer Brock and is paid by A Safer Brock. Em is on the Board of A Safer Brock. Ellie Donahue Miller and Em are both Board members of Fed Up the Affordable Food Project, as is Jamie who is also an employee of a Safer Brock. So there's a lot of cross-pollination there.

Horvath: Just some forward thinking here, we're all in university. If we say we're taking a quarter million dollars from students, to give away free food when we own and operate the cheapest food on campus, we're not going to make enough money to fund ourselves. Has anyone thought about that?

Verrier: They're not just necessarily looking for cheap food which is what they're providing, but healthy options like kosher, gluten free and religious-minded food options, as well as a way to do it for big banquets for clubs. I have a basic understanding of what their goals are. I know there are a lot more things that have been added on and taken off that are very different. They're looking for healthy options as well as cheap affordable prices on a mass level.

Fuller: Kind of going off of what Brian said, I understand the description of all the services they listed, but they haven't physically done any of it. The students know that they voted in, but if you ask students about it they probably won't know what you're talking about because they haven't done anything, which is the whole point of the referendum going through. So I think that we all need to, like Brian said, do some forward thinking. If they aren't going to let us know what they're doing, or be transparent, it's unfair to our fellow peers.

Campbell: Knowing that we've been having this discussion for two years about their progress, could things go back to referendum?

Rose: Yes. There are three different times during the year that we could do that.

Prouse: I just want to confirm that Fed Up were invited to speak, but they declined.

Rose: Yes, at the last minute.

Jebari: What is the process of taking this to referendum?

Rose: If you want to, there would need to be a 2/3rds majority vote at BUSAC or a petition signed by students. You could do both.

Speaker: If you do want to do a 2/3rds vote at BUSAC, you will need to make a motion to open the agenda in the new business section, and then we can put it on the agenda and do it right now. It will have to go to RPPOC though. If it happens at this meeting then it can go to the next election cycle in October. If it doesn't happen at this meeting, but happens at a later meeting, it will have to go to February. If it's too close to the executive election it will go to the March election.

Eady: (POI) Since it's a motion from BUSAC does it have to go to RPPOC?

Speaker: Yes, because RPPOC actually writes the question in the MOU, so they would have to do all of the logistics work.

Rose: You either need to do it at this meeting or the next meeting.

Speaker: You don't need to do it right this moment. You can conclude discussion and do it then if you want.

Verrier: There are a lot of notes about nothing being done. The last time I talked to Em, which wasn't a very long time ago, he said they did not receive their full—actually any funding until October, when most of the things they wanted to do was during the O-week as well as September month. If we are looking into putting it through to referendum, maybe not doing the vote quite yet so we could see what they could do after they have a few months time to accomplish things, and maybe after that we can have this discussion at that time?

Prouse: Fed Up could not have not done a lot. The building will not be ready until the end of October.

Nguyen: I would like to pass my speaking turn to the public.

Public: Since this was obviously an issue voted in by students, which means it's an issue that students are concerned about. It's not just about money. I'm wondering with BUSAC being accountable to students, if you were to take it to a 'No' referendum, how would you make sure these things are going to be addressed?

Horvath: Affordable healthy food alternatives. One of the talks was bringing some Shwarma into Brock. We refused to sign a deal with Flavours and signed a deal with Burrito Boys instead for good quality foods. If you look through one of my BUSAC reports, you will see that I created a thing called the daily dose. I am currently in the process of researching it, and what it involves is students to cut and wash vegetables and using the green levy to fund for reusable containers. There's your answer.

Rose: I would like to add to that. Should we go down the path of referendum sooner than later, it would see less student dollars spent in a way that doesn't seem to appease students. I would also say that should we ever be put in a scenario where we were in control of the way they spent their money, we would have more control over making sure the money was spent accurately according to the MOU.

Kyitaba: As elected members, we have to keep the student voices in mind. What I can't seem to understand is that we can have a third party organization that has a different agenda. We should be mindful about giving rights to third party organizations because once it's there it's hard to take away.

Rose: We're doing this presentation because we were elected by our undergraduate student body. This is us doing our job. Students voted it in and we are not in the capacity to dictate what students do with their money. In respect to third party organizations, we are working on a document that explains our relationship with the university and how we handle third parties. Moving forward, we're looking to see that initiatives emerge through the students' union instead of as a third party. We still have lines of accountability, transparency; more like a second party as opposed to a third party.

Campbell: First of all, I think that we should have Fed Up give a presentation and explain themselves before we jump to making any decision. We have to be careful about a referendum if we're going to replace something, and think about viable alternatives and how we can do this in an alternative way.

Rose: While I agree in theory, I don't agree in practice right now. I definitely agree that the spirit of what they are doing is great. I speak on behalf of myself, not the executive. We do our best to keep prices as low as possible to promote affordable food, but in order to provide those services, you need staff with the training and there's no making money for BUSU. We do our best to break even, so it's our job to try to make it as affordable as possible. We are already trying to do these things. The only reason it didn't happen last year was because we were waiting on Fed Up to take action.

Dawson: Just to go off of Matt's point, what students saw was affordable cheap food. It's an issue on campus. As Brian alluded to we have the cheapest food in Union Station. They seem to have a solution to our big problem, which is why majority of students' voted. They actually weren't allowed to perform this on campus, because of the agreement that the university has with Sodexo. This can happen off campus, but majority of students are here. The coalition knew they weren't allowed to operate these things on campus. I think it was an uninformed vote.

Rose: When students were introduced to an altruistic notion, the part that was missing was the infrastructure. The spirit was great, which is why as an executive last year we've gone out of our way to provide opportunities for operations like this. We want something like this to be successful, but now they are actively taking money out of students' pockets without actually doing what they said they would do. How much longer will we allow them to take money?

Hobbs: There's been lots of talk about having representatives come here to talk. With regards to that perspective, has Fed Up been given opportunities to meet here and correct their mistakes?

Rose: They've been invited to BUSAC from the first meeting to now. Had they wanted to be here, they would be.

Hobbs: Have they done so adequately with the opportunities given to them in your personal opinion?

Rose: In my personal opinion, no.

Craig: From what you've said they haven't stuck to their promises to students. If we do have a referendum, for organizations that do come with similar initiatives in the future, would you have stricter contracts?

Rose: I would 100% support an initiative that has the business background, the only exception to it is our building. Our building is the only place on campus, in my personal opinion, they should probably work with.

Craig: How are you going to provide stricter contract regulations in case they have improper management?

Rose: We're working with the university right now to see what that looks like. There are ways to make that work with more oversight.

Speaker: Just to note, we can't stop a student or organization from posing a referendum. If it's not in the interest of students, BUSAC and executive have an ability and responsibility as a group to manage that. If students keep starting referendums, we can't tell them they can't do it.

Rose: The University can.

Speaker: Kind of.

Dawson: Do keep in mind that this is a huge liability issue. If anything were to happen within the organization, and someone were to sue Fed Up they could go after BUSU, and then after Brock.

Rose: Oh, I forgot to mention that Fed Up has no liability insurance. If they get sued, we get sued.

Motion to open up the agenda.

Eady, Verrier

Rose: What would you have us do?

Eady: This is the first time a lot of people have heard about the issue. I don't think that now is a good time to make a decision on this. I'm not defending Fed Up, but I think we need to make sure we're not rushing into anything. I think what they are doing is sketchy, but I also think we need to talk to constituents about this major issue.

Speaker: What we're going to vote on right now is whether this gets added to the agenda, and then we'll vote on striking the committee later on tonight.

Add to the agenda: BIRT BUSAC passes a committee of one BUSAC councilor, one non-executive board member, and one executive member to deal with BUSU-Fed Up relations and report to BUSAC at each following meeting.

11-In favor

23-Against

0-Abstain

Motion is defeated.

Hashmi: I understand everyone's emotions towards Fed Up because they haven't made an attempt to fulfill their promises in the MOU, however, I think the most professional route would be to contact them and discuss it with them.

Rose: It's what we've been doing for four months. We were with them yesterday.

Smaiya: I just wanted to say, it took a long time for Fed Up to get started, and it would be irresponsible to make a decision in half an hour. We can still make a decision in the next few weeks.

Rose: We don't vote at this meeting, we can do it the next meeting. I would consider you folks to make due diligence, should we vote at the next meeting it can still be put on the October elections.

Craig: I was wondering for fairness, could you provide anything you've received from them to make an informed decision?

Rose: This was intended to be an update, not a motion to bring them to referendum. I can circulate documents if you request them.

Sufi: I don't know how formal this is, do you mind me asking the public this question?

Rose: Yes.

Sufi: This question is directed at Kate McDonald. We've talked about lots of stuff BUSU has been doing, but what would *you* like to see us do that we aren't doing?

Public: I would like to see more things being done with the community, health and accessible food is good. Burrito Boys is great. I was very supportive of these initiatives, so logistically I don't know how these things can be done. They're getting rid of big corporations to produce food in better ways, and I think students would like to see this. I don't know how this could actually be done though.

Rose: The executive is very aware of what you just described across other universities. Antonio and I had the opportunity to visit other schools across the country and were having conversations about how to make these things happen. I dedicated a lot of time and energy towards seeing these things happen on campus. The notion of the big corporation, there is a contract in place right now that limits what kind of changes we can implement. Second, it is not your job to worry about how that happens. I just want to know what you want. It's our job to find the ways to make it happen.

Hanula: What Mr. Dawson said, about them not being able to be on campus. Are we going to add a new space on campus? There seems to be so much that has to be done to make it happen. It seems way beyond what they have the means to do. They can't open the building properly, clearly there's no one in the organization with a business sense. It seems that this is not the group of people to be doing this at all.

Sergi: I think we've had a really productive conversation today. Several councilors are hearing this for the first time. However, I also see the other side of this, I've seen a year and some months of people who have volunteered their time to ask students if this is something they want to do. If anyone voted and read the MOU, they did so in hopes that these things would be done. In regards to the insurance liability issue, there should be some liability. If you look at it in an accountability standpoint, if any third party organization was to buy a building without going through the proper channels, that's automatic reason to take into consideration their transparency. What has happened already in terms of promises that were made and what's been done? It's not like we didn't give them every opportunity to do what they could. We need to take a deeper consideration of what our role is and how we interact with third party organizations.

Piovesan: I'm still confused about the money they received and the building that they bought. Was it possible that the funding was in part funded by something else?

Rose: The holding company that they have 50% shares in, the building cost \$300,000 which is more money than they had.

Dawson: They are 50/50 partners.

Prouse: The building was just shy of \$400,000 that was split two ways, so they created a holding company and a general contract of who owns the building and Fed up bought into the other half. They own half the building essentially. You can go down and see it; the individual that purchased the building has developed a coffee club. Both parties took out a renovation loan of about \$60,000 because the building wasn't in great shape when they purchased it. There's an apartment in that building that they are hoping will be revenue generating once they are done.

Piovesan: To clarify, they put their funds towards owning half of that building?

Dawson: The building was \$360,000, but they bought the building with only two people on the Board of Directors, and it's nowhere in the MOU.

Rose: Purchasing a building with two people on your board is very illegal.

Speaker: How many seats are they supposed to have? Just for clarification.

Prouse: They are supposed to have seven.

Rose: And they only had two.

Sergi: If we were to table this, what can be done that hasn't been done? There have many people who have taken the time to debate and read through these documents.

Speaker: In terms of what is going to happen, that's entirely up to council.

Verrier: What is going to be different about the next meeting is Fed Up will be here. They were uninformed about being on the agenda. They said they will be here, and we will have already been able to see the documents to see what has been going on between BUSU and Fed Up. We do have a very good sense of what is going on, what we need is a sound sense. There are a lot of documents supporting both sides of the story. Let's give us two weeks to mull it over and look over the documents before talking about taking it to referendum.

Dawson: In terms of all the supporting documents, what more would you like to see?

Speaker: I suggest an action item list for all of the items that should be circulated.

Campbell: I don't feel comfortable making a decision before I can take the time to think and go through all of this.

Irandost: I don't think going over it again is going to really change anything. I think everything has been provided already, so I don't think it's necessary.

Rose: Just some context, sending it to referendum isn't making a decision. It's giving the decision over to the students.

Craig: I've been receiving messages from Fed Up, and they just made a strong apology for not being here, they said they would be willing to speak next meeting and that they've already made a proactive plan. In the spirit of fairness, I think it's fair to wait and hear what they have before making a decision.

Bezaire: Was that meaning that this action plan would be made available to all of us for the next meeting?

Speaker: As speaker, I will make a request to receive the action plan. We'll make a list and talk about other items that weren't accessible online. I will send an email asking for every piece of documentation and request that we need to have it by the Friday before the BUSAC agenda gets sent out. I can't control whether they send it or not though.

Rose: To pose a rhetorical question: does it speak to the character of the organization that you needed to ask?

Craig: I think I should bring some clarification. They said they met with the accounting at BUSU, they've opened up for students to join their Board.

Speaker: They can express all of this at the next meeting when they attend.

Rose: Those two things you just said I already said.

Dawson: I would just like to open this up to the floor through you: would BUSAC like to compile a list of what we want Fed Up to bring?

Speaker: If there are no other speakers, Kayleigh decided we take a five-minute recess and if you would like to come speak to Mr. Rose, he can write down those items.

Dawson: Can we formalize that list so it comes from BUSAC?

Speaker: Yes. It will come from Kayleigh and I.

Motion to open up the agenda.

Jaberi, Bezaire

Add to the agenda: BIRT that BUSAC send Fed Up to referendum
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12-In favor

4-Against

7-Abstain

Motion is defeated.

9.0

Student-at-Large Approval

Sergi: All of the folks on this list applied to various committees, however, the governance helped vet these candidates. We met as the governance committee to see who fits where. There are still several positions and seats available.

Speaker: BUSAC needs to approve these seats.

BIRT BUSAC approves the Student-at-Large members for the 2015-2016 term.
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Sufi, Bezaire

20-In favor 0-Against 3-Abstain

10.0

Resignation of Navid Shahabadi

BIRT BUSAC approves the resignation of Navid Shahabadi.
Rose, Sergi

23-In favor 0-Against 0-Abstain

11.0

Send Fed Up to Referendum

BIRT that BUSAC send Fed Up to Referendum
Reiger, Craig

-In favor 0-Against 0-Abstain

Sergi: We had a huge discussion and I think we all know why we have it on the agenda. The concern I have now is that several councillors have left the room. I still don't think that anything will change in two weeks, I think we have presented where the conflict is with the organization, but ultimately it's up to you to decide.

Motion to table discussion to the next meeting

Eady, Piovesan

10-In favor 8-Against 5-Abstain

Motion is defeated.

Rose: My big point here, is that BUSAC is not going to decide the fate of Fed Up. We do have the opportunity to determine whether the student body at large will have the opportunity to reevaluate their decision at large. You don't decide if Fed Up is defunded or not, so be clear about the decision you make.

Hobbs: I see our job as council is to be an accountability mechanism, but we also have to maintain a certain degree of accountability to our students. I work in the office, I completely agree that Fed Up has had several opportunities to change and explain things, but at the same time I do think it is worthwhile to hear them speak specifically for the students to see that we're not just voting based on things that we've heard tonight.

Eady: We've heard a lot of shady things from this meeting about Fed Up. Personally I'm going to vote to defund Fed Up, I think our jobs as councilors is to take time to think about it. All we've seen is what has come from the mouths of BUSU and Juliet. I would like to hear Fed Up's side of the story and see documentation. I don't think it's appropriate to vote now without seeing any documentation whatsoever.

Hanula: The first point in the MOU said they were going to supply food at Brock. Is that not a violation?

Speaker: In some interpretations, yes.

Piovesan: I believe it was supposed to be for the kitchen. Their implied intention could be to sell that food.

Smaiya: For a lot of councilors, this is the first time they've seen the services Fed Up would provide. I think it's irresponsible to make a decision now. We're making a decision without the accused being present.

Rose: This is not the jury. We are not the jury, the student body is the jury. The question is whether we send it to court, not whether we defend. The vote to send it to referendum is not going to change the fact that the decision will not be in your hands, it will be in the hands of the undergraduate student body. Right now, as a BUSAC councilor it is not your decision. This is a matter of do we send them to "court"? If we stick to that analogy.

Sufi: If this does go forward, is RPPOC going to have to meet right now to decide?

Speaker: This will set in motion the referendum in which RPPOC will draft a question. That question would be brought to BUSAC to be finalized at the next meeting. If we wait until the next meeting to activate that, it would be after or in the middle of the election where that would be approved, so we wouldn't be able to bring that to referendum until February.

Rose: If we vote to send it to referendum right now, it's going to referendum regardless? And the next meeting is when we would present the question?

Speaker: Yes, and yes.

Motion to amend to "BIRT BUASC Task RPPOC to draft up a referendum question and MOU to send Fed up to referendum".

Sufi, Eady

22-In favor 0-Against 2-Abstain

Amendment passes successfully.

Rose: It would happen anyway if we passed the referendum?

Speaker: Some people would like to see more documentation. RPPOC would still do the necessary documentation. This replaces the original motion.

Sufi: I think this is a decent amendment, since we're meeting in the middle of what people seem to want.

Eady: We can have the referendum in October if we want to, more of council will be here when we make the decision, and we'll have time to look through the documentation.

BIRT BUASC Task RPPOC to draft up a referendum question and MOU to send Fed up to referendum
23-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

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Report – General Manager

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Report – VP Student Services

Piovesan: I forget what you called the initiative, but where would the vegetables be coming from?

Prouse: While fresh produce that is brought onto campus is not locally sourced, it's actually relatively locally sourced. It is important to remember that, while there is a lot of merit for using local produce, because our suppliers have bulk purchase arrangements with the vegetable distribution location in Toronto where all the farms go to supply produce, they have an expert agreement, and since we buy so much we can actually buy it at a much more reduced price. I just want to clarify any confusion about where our food comes from, but it's not to say it's not from local farmers, just a different route.

Piovesan: Is there going to be anyone looking into the ethics of the food BUSU purchases?

Prouse: We have franchise arrangements that determine where those products come from. There are some restrictions around what we can do, but it's certainly something we can look into.

Report – VP External Affairs

Eady: You said you want to have a debate from four of the main parties. I was wondering if you would be open to allow individuals in smaller parties as well?

Sergi: Yes, of course.

Sufi: Can you expand on the focus groups please? What are the intentions?

Sergi: We're hoping to enhance the student voice by giving them a chance to engage with important issues in a productive conversation in a structured way. We feel like doing it in a structure way will help make it happen in a productive way.

Craig: Since I've returned to the city I've found a few safety concern, so if I could set up a meeting to meet with you and discuss it?

Sergi: Speakers corner, I would love to meet with you to talk about these this. We want to take advantage of talking with the advocacy team.

Eady: I was wondering if you know if they looked into having a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the highway?

Sergi: there've been talks about improving the safety of roads. There have been a lot of talks about pathways, I haven't heard anything about a bridge. Something we've made as the most prominent part, we support pedestrian and bike lanes, the primary concern is lights so that students are getting home safe at night in the winter. The ball is in their court now.

Report – VP Finance and Administration

Craig: I used to do a lot of work with International Services and they said everything was warm and welcoming from their end, so you should be very happy.

Berryman: Currently there is a petition for the 124 and 122 because a lot of students signed leases under the assumption that the bus was going to be coming back down that street.

Dawson: I spoke to the person who started the petition. There were 200 students who voted to get it back onto Jacobson. It was because of the construction why it diverged, they did it for the year because they had to. The streets are too narrow so it's not ideal, so they won't be changing that back. If we get a lot of students who express this, whatever you folks bring I will try to fight and make it happen.

Berryman: So it can happen?

Dawson: Yes.

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Report - President

Campbell: Speaking of your bicycle initiative, I've seen bike repair stations and I was wondering if you've looked into that.

Rose: I have looked at that. They'll actually handle all of that infrastructure themselves. They know how many km the bikes travel, and they do all of the repairs. Thank you for bringing it up.

Sufi: Bus shelters, how much money came out of the green levy?

Rose: We're not sure about how much the university is going to help subsidize, we asked for up to \$45,000 for the bus shelters. That's under the assumption that it will have a space for advertisements, from traditional style to non-traditional.

Sufi: Is the money going towards the whole shelter or only the solar panels?

Rose: The whole shelter.

Sufi: Can we potentially take money out of the green levy for the bikes? Are there any plans to use that already?

Rose: Yes, but we're going to see how much money we can raise first.

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Closed Question Period

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Information and Reminders

Speaker: Juliet has been at BUSU slightly less longer than I have been with BUSU. It's been great to have you here and I'd like to thank you for your service to BUSAC. I also wanted to thank you all for the awesome discussion tonight. Kyle's presentation spurred on the longest speaker's list I've seen in four years. We're not just here to pat ourselves on the backs for the great things, you were all listening and present and I appreciate it. Next meeting we're going to have a survey for you guys. The governance committee have been working hard to draft a survey to get insights into what you're doing. There are certain projects we want to take on, but we want to get some data before we do that. It'll be a paper survey that you will fill out during the first 5 minutes of BUSAC. The next meeting will likely happen in Sankey Chambers because of issues with space.

Horvath: I didn't have my BUSAC report. There were two things I forgot. Abbey killed the organization for clubs during the vendor fair, shout out to Jenn for health and safety too. Homecoming is this weekend. Sales are still going on tomorrow.

Sergi: Thank you for everyone who volunteered with OUSA. Make sure you come out for homecoming.