



Brock University
Students' Union

Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Meeting: 4

Date: September 30, 2015

Speaker: Chris Ventura

Deputy Speaker: Kayleigh Munro

Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn Daw

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Call to Order

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Approval of the Agenda

Motion to open the agenda

Fuller, Sufi

BIRT that BUSAC adds Anneka Bosse's letter as a business item to the agenda for the September 30, 2015 meeting.

32-In favor

0-Against

1-Abstain

Motion passes successfully.

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda as modified for the September 30, 2015 meeting

33-In favor

0-Against

0-Abstain

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Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the September 16, 2015 minutes
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31-In favor

0-Against

2-Abstain

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Open Question Period

Public: I wanted to ask Spencer how the grocery shuttles on Tuesdays are going?

Dawson: The first night that it ran we had about 28 people use it, I believe. The second time we had about the same for an overall total of approximately 50 students. It has only run two nights, but we're excited to see how it grows.

Public: I wanted to ask Spencer, is there anywhere that we can find business plans for Union Station? Is there anywhere that BUSU publishes businesses it buys?

Rose: No, they're not available on the website, but you can inquire with our Board of Directors if you wish to acquire that information.

Public: I asked for the business plans in the past, but didn't receive anything. Does that mean they will be more readily available in the future? I asked the Executives and General Manager before, but has the process changed?

Rose: I haven't been aware of the request for business plans since, but you can certainly ask me and I will look into it directly. Just send me an email.

Public: Kyle did you use time during business hours to form a petition against Fed Up the Affordable Food Project?

Rose: If you're referring to normal business hours as being 9-5pm, then yes. However, with my job I am allotted vacation time and I have used those vacation days to conduct this petition.

Public: How many days did you use?

Rose: I can confidently say that I will still have two-and-a-half days after this week.

Public: Last BUSAC meeting you presented on the Affordable Food Project. BUSAC said they would revisit bringing Fed Up to Referendum and I was wondering, why did you not trust BUSAC on making the decision to bring Fed Up to Referendum or not, and go outside of your role as President to defund the project?

Rose: That question is based on an incorrect assumption, so I'm not going to answer.

Public: Is it right that members of the Brock administration Vice-President team make over \$200,000 a year?

Dawson: I would assume yes.

Rose: Number one, they're a separate organization so you're asking the wrong person. Number two, it's public knowledge.

Public: How much has the highest paid staff member of BUSU ever made?

Speaker: I'm going to disallow that question. Since it's HR related it doesn't follow the mandate of BUSAC.

Public: Would it be unreasonable for the highest paid member of BUSU to be paid over \$95,000 a year?

Speaker: Again, I will disallow that question because it is a question for the Board of Directors not for BUSAC. Council is the political body, all things office related, salary, etc. is Board of Directors. Questions on those topics need to be directed there.

Public: I don't know if this is possible. My question is: is it possible to get Anneka's letter that was put on the agenda to be switched to be after the Fed Up Presentation because I feel that letter is relevant to the discussion.

Speaker: So you mean you want to move it up as a presentation instead of a business item?

Public: Yes.

Speaker: Someone would have to open up the agenda to move the item after the open question period, but yes, it is possible.

Motion to open agenda

Horvath, Rose

Rose: Is it possible to ask Anneka if she would like to do this presentation in camera?

Speaker: We can do that when we get to the presentation.

BIRT BUSAC approves the modification of the agenda to move Anneka Bosse's letter as a presentation instead of a business item.
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31-In favor

1-Against

1-Abstain

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Notes from the Speaker

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Presentation – Niagara Sustainability Initiative

Matt Brunette does a presentation about the Niagara Sustainability Initiative

Public: You mentioned your programs about sustaining the environment, how do you carry on those programs?

Brunette: That's through one-on-one engagement with our members. Currently the focus is on carbon. The way that our member portal is set up is so that it's a

member only resource that has a whole bunch of resources related to environmental legislation, different ways that you can implement a green team system, so it's a core unit of staff that would look over your programs and work with employees on how they can change their culture in the work place more sustainably. We have a lot of resources related to waste and energy audits. Mainly it's through carbon emissions.

Public: You mentioned an internship. It is through Niagara College, correct?

Bruntee: We take interns from Niagara College, we're also looking at ways to do that with various programs elsewhere as well.

Public: I'm not sure if you guys have tried to contact the university for an internship with them, because I think some students could use that internship here as well.

Brunette: I think that we have been in talks with Brock about that. I know that we've had co-op students from Brock, but I think a lot of it is based on program dependence but I'm not entirely sure. Our executive director takes more control over that.

Piovesan: You mention you help companies reduce their carbon footprint by using less electricity, paper, etc., and I was wondering if your organization has an interest in animal agricultural impacts?

Brunette: We haven't actually fully engaged in the agricultural sector, mainly just business administration, however we're looking on ways to properly engage them in a way that will be meaningful to them related to that sector.

Ahmed: I understand you have more opportunities for business students, what are opportunities for students that are more interested in science like biotechnology and bioengineering?

Brunette: Most of our volunteers come from that field. It's a great way for those students to learn more about business as well. You don't have to have any environmental background, but it drives the passion in our volunteers, even if you don't have a business background. New program development or searching new leads. We have volunteer opportunities from HR to finance. We have a small army of 40 volunteers, young students from the area that are passionate about this initiative and want to get that real experience.

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Presentation – Referenda Update

Kyle Rose, Brian Hutchings, and Jordan Snel present an update about two perspectives (Brock University and BUSU) on the transparency issues regarding Fed Up the Affordable Food Project. The presentation was conducted in two parts.

Public: When does the contract with Sodexo end?

Hutchings: There are another 4 years left.

Piovesan: In Mr. Hutchings' presentation, you mentioned that this was a pretty big deal because it's the first time that something of this kind has happened in terms of funding Fed Up. I was wondering with all the problems that have happened, if an organization with better management but similar goals were to approach you in the future, what is the likelihood of something like this happening again?

Hutchings: Likelihood of this happening again, what do you mean by "this"?

Piovesan: You mentioned the referendum passed for funding through credits, and you mentioned this was the first time that something like that had happened in Brock's history.

Hutchings: We've had other organizations funded by third parties, but we've never had such organizations initially incorporated that lack corporate structure. That's why we need the assurance that the September MOU tripartite agreements in terms of following procedure and lack of corporate structure. I can't guess probabilities, but as long as the business structure, transparency, and the liability piece is in place the likelihood would probably be much higher.

Bezaire: In regards to the contract with Sodexo, if Fed Up were to hand out food, even if BUSU is not directly involved, could the university get into trouble with Sodexo?

Snell: Yes, since Brock administration is in control and has custody of the premises we can be liable in terms of contractual agreements on the premises.

Campbell: Mr. Snell, you mentioned that funding the organization through tuition credits might not be the most appropriate way. How would you propose an alternative way for an organization to fund their way?

Snell: I would suggest they hire a fundraising consultant. It could be a permission campaign, kick-starter, contest, what have you.

Aggarwal: What are examples of how the university and students would be affected if Brock was found to be in breach of contract with Sodexo by the actions of Fed Up?

Hutchings: The number one thing that happens at any university is reputation. Every one of your degrees is based on the reputation of the university. The better the reputation takes stock, the better the degree. If something were to happen with Fed Up, or anything like this, I will cite an incident from three years ago: McMaster University's part-time Students Association was putting down marble tile from Italy and spending lots and lots of money. Who ended up in the Hamilton Spector? The head of the Student Union and my position. It affected McMaster's reputation as a university and their student enrollment went down. In regards to Fed Up, anything that goes wrong with the food that people eat, if someone gets sick and Brock gets sued, that becomes a public matter. Lack of liability as well as some other business dealings I've recited are also concerns. Second, I'm collecting money from students and giving over the right to look after this money. When it's misused, we lose the trust of students. That's the concern.

Horvath: Prior to Fed Up running their referendum, did they meet with you to go over the rules of Sodexo and what they are allowed and not allowed to do?

Hutchings: Yes, they met with me once with Tom Arkell in my office for an hour long meeting in April of 2014. He met with a number of my other staff as well, including Iain Glass, those are the only two I'm familiar with.

Eady: You mentioned Brock could be put in a situation where they are liable about the things they do on campus because of Sodexo. Is Brock planning to take any action outside of what BUSU and BUSAC is doing tonight to ensure there's nothing that falls onto the university?

Hutchings: Not at this point. BUSU is working through the appropriate channels. We've been working with BUSU including meetings with Mr. Heppler and as far as we're aware they are doing due diligence.

Eady: So, what potential action would the university maybe do if this process doesn't pan out the way you'd like it to?

Hutchings: It's subjective, but we would follow the Terms Of Memorandum Of Understanding, which would eventually lead to cease funding.

Horvath: You said Fed Up met with you and they went over what they wanted to do. Did they show you their MOU and plans, and did you explicitly explain to them that Sodexo has food rights on campus, and that some of their items on the MOU would be in violation of that?

Hutchings: When I met with Heppler in April 2014 the MOU was not presented to myself or Mr. Arkell. The questions were regarding distribution of food on campus, where could that be held—and I'm not exaggerating—I explained on at least four occasions within the hour where food could be distributed on campus, where Sodexo has rights to and where Sodexo does not have rights to, namely the student union building. I was not presented the MOU during this meeting, but obviously I saw it when I signed the tripart agreement when it successfully went through referendum.

Verrier: Has there been conversation with the newest head of the Fed Up Affordable Food Project?

Hutchings: I have had no discussion with anyone other than Mr. Heppler.

Sergi: When it was discussed with yourself and your staff that some of the things that were outlined by Fed Up were unattainable or unfeasible at the time, were any alternatives presented to them in terms of how they could go about attaining the goals they were going for, and has there been any efforts since to offer opportunities for them to make affordable food a priority the for the administration to address?

Hutchings: The meeting in April was focused on food distribution. Mr. Arkell did provide it could be possible to do so out of the Student Union, there was a free space during that time. We made sure there were requirements in regards to public health and safe food handling. Since that time there have been two meetings, one

was recently two weeks ago about discussions about how this could happen on or off campus in the downtown location.

Public: Do you agree that food affordability is a problem on campus?

Hutchings: Is that in line with the spirit of this issue?

Speaker: The spirit is around that issue, so I would say yes.

Public: Do you believe food pricing on campus is not reasonable.

Hutchings: I believe food pricing on campus is reasonable. Can I ask a subsequent question?

Public: Sure.

Hutchings: Do you believe in fair wages?

Public: Yes I do.

Hutchings: Good, thank you.

Rose: I think that the opportunity to offer food comes at a cost that not everyone is aware of. Part of the rationale for the prices that are the way they are is because we need to be able to pay the employees who are providing the service, as well as the location and the food itself. It's not just what we want to price it, but there are other factors that come into account as well. We don't look to make money; we aim to break even if we can. Our objective is to spend as much money as we make to serve the students.

Public: Most students believe there is a problem with food pricing. What's an alternative method? Maybe Fed Up didn't have the proper method, but what is an alternate to food pricing that Hutchings would recommend?

Rose: The students' union is a great other option.

Kyitaba: Just to educate people that are unaware. What would happen to us as a university if we were to breach the contract?

Hutchings: We would be sued.

Kyitaba: Would it be possible to end the contract early?

Hutchings: No. There are extremely costly provisions to get out of the contract.

Speaker: Mr. Hutchings, I'm not sure if the contract is publicly available, but since there are so many questions—

Hutchings: It's not publicly available.

Speaker: Okay, I was just wondering if it could be circulated to BUSAC because there have been so many questions around it, but that's totally fine.

Public: Is there a feasibility study available that was provided to all of the student members about how their money was going to be used long term with this purchase of the building? Was there a feasibility study and budget that preceding the purchase of the building, and when did you become aware of the purchase of the building?

Rose: Was that document provided to the students' union? Absolutely not.

Public: Does such a document exist?

Rose: To my knowledge, no. We've asked for this documentation to help provide context on the issue. There have been efforts to help aid them in developing that

fell on unreceptive ears. Furthermore, we've asked for supporting documents but none have been forwarded.

Craig: When we signed our contract with Sodexo, how many alternate providers did you look into, and how was the decision made?

Hutchings: It was signed before I arrived. It was part of a request proposal process, the Ontario government requires us to go through this legal process where bids and proposals are submitted.

Rose: To help communicate and express what that means, whenever they want to purchase something they provide a variety of options and they select the best one.

Aggarwal: Has Fed Up breached their MOU?

Snel: It's not a matter of one off instance. It's a matter of ongoing breaches, in several ways, of the contract.

Rose: I can't give you a number, but I can give you some context. I sent a letter on June 23rd, 2015 to the Board of Directors of Fed Up explaining our concerns about: openness and transparency; financial practices; legal compliance with municipal, provincial and federal law constitutes and regulations; university compliance with the MOU itself; asking them to provide contact information regarding the organization including names, titles, and email addresses, providing annual budget, and financial statements. Those are the general points. There is a subset of about 5 points.

Aggarwal: To clarify, Fed Up has breached their MOU?

Rose: Explicitly.

Public: Mr. Hutchings or Snel, Were you aware that the building that Fed Up owns 50% shares of was purchased under someone else's name?

Hutchings: No.

Public: I'm curious if the university and/or BUSU has looked into the potential risk of an individual student filing a concern about the funds being misused and not being properly monitored by the organization. If there's a governance issue, are the individuals at risk of being investigated for fraudulent conduct?

Snel: Brock isn't accusing Fed Up's Board of misconduct, in general there is always a possibility of misconduct for a Director of a corporation. Brock would consider all of its options.

Public: You mentioned a reevaluation about a contract in four years. I'm wondering if students will be made as a part of that conversation. Is there going to be a sub committee? I think there were a lot of students behind Fed Up and that might be one reason why students are against Sodexo, because they weren't a part of the decision making process.

Hutchings: When the contract ends we will open it up for anyone to bid on it, look at alternative options, or even doing it ourselves. We haven't gone down that road yet, since we have four more years to go.

Rose: As a member of the Student Union, it's my role to express the desire of the students. Everything I can think of that the university does, every conversation at the financial level, etc. there has been a student voice at the table. Since it's been brought up as an issue, it hasn't been taken the same way. The priority has increased and we've made it our job to bring the most healthy, nutritional options within our own rights. It's been expressed that students are dissatisfied with the current affairs and we're working on it.

Public: I was wondering how using a budget smaller than the VP of the University's wage, is bad for the reputation? What is it about a free banana that would be bad for the university?

Rose: I don't think that tone is appropriate.

Public: What about handing out fresh fruit is bad for the school's reputation?

Hutchings: That question is out of context. Handing out free food in the hallways may cause a breach of contract, which affects our reputation as a university. The lawsuit would hurt buildings and other opportunities that we could do in the university in the future.

Rose: What's potentially wrong with doing that all lies on how it's being done. The students could have an issue if the food isn't handled properly. The legal ramifications come down to us caring about our students, and it's in our best interest to follow these regulations.

Public: Is there actually a real possibility of Sodexo suing Brock for the Fed Up project handing out free fruit?

Snel: Yes.

Verrier: I'm sure that when you came into office you were just as confused as we were that a university would allow a company to have such a monopoly over our campus. Are you aware that the students are vastly unhappy about the prices on campus, and that programs like these are necessary?

Hutchings: We are regular human beings; we buy food ourselves. We are well aware of it.

Horvath: We talk about the food prices in the market. The quality of food is high, and we pay them living wages. They are sourcing locally and we are following ethical principles in the choices we make. Red seal chefs are hired, and that's why the quality of food is high.

Rose: I wanted to add, that while it is more of an issue than it has been in the past, there aren't any metrics to indicate that students explicitly state a consensus that they are unhappy. Even the fact that students voted for this program doesn't objectively say that aren't happy with the quality or the prices. As me if I like my iPhone and I'll say yes. As me if I would like my iPhone cheaper, I'd definitely say yes.

Public: Is there not supposed to be a student food committee as per the current Sodexo contract?

Hutchings: I'm not familiar with that provision of the contract.

Public: You just mentioned there isn't really data to confirm that students are unhappy, has BUSU made any attempt to survey the students in any way?

Rose: Thus far no, we have taken what we've heard. Part of the reason no action has been made, because more than \$200,000 from students has been taken to take on this initiative.

Bezaire: With reference to having students involved, within residence there is a separate student government, RAC, and they have a Food and Accommodations committee, which is a group of elected students in residence that speak with Sodexo. The current president of RAC was the head of the committee last year. So there are students that do communicate regularly with the company.

Public: This question is for Kyle. Fed Up has had funding for 11 months now. At what point did you decide to not work with Fed Up to address concerns?

Rose: The answer is never.

Public: So you would still be open to working with them to address these things so we can have a strong managerial government system to work on what students want?

Rose: Yes. The longer answer is, on June 23rd I sent you an email and little to none of the concerns have been remedied or addressed. It is not my decision to decide whether to work with Fed Up or not. It's my job to listen to my bosses, the students.

Sergi: In your presentation you mentioned part of your role was oversight in management and oversight of our food service providers. Is affordability considered when developing pricing strategies and marketing strategies?

Hutchings: Yes, we do pricing comparisons.

Rose: I would assume that's part of the initial process, although I have not been privy to those conversations.

Public: I'm wondering, in the case that Fed Up should dissolve as a result of a "No" referendum or otherwise, what would the fate of the newly acquired downtown property be?

should BUSAC resolve a "No" referendum, what would the fate of the new downtown building be?

Snel: I can't answer specifically, but generally, when a nonprofit dissolves its assets have to be divided according to its constitutional bylaws.

Motion to extend presentation by 5 minutes

Sufi, Bezaire

BIRT BUSAC approves the motion to extend the presentation by 5 minutes.

29-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

Motion to extend presentation by 8 minutes

Bezaire, Dawson

Public: With all due respect, the undergraduates are who you represent and are ultimately the decision makers, and those petitions should be honoured and left to the students as a whole to collectively decide how it plays out. Would you consider going down the direction of going to referendum through the petition?

Rose: It is entirely my intention to express the desire of the students, which is why I had the petition done and acquired five times the amount of signatures I needed. Should BUSAC decide not to send it to referendum, we'll decide from there. I don't want to discount the responsibility given to council. Everyone sitting in this room has been elected to represent the students, and that's why I would like to have this conversation publicly and the decision made at council.

Eady: When you asked students, did you introduce yourself as the President of BUSU?

Rose: I would introduce myself as the president, the petition, explain the context of Fed Up as an organization and the fee charged on every credit, the concerns that have been raised to me about concerns with accountability, as well as the services on the MOU I just read. After that, them signing isn't deciding whether it will go to referendum, it is about them empowering themselves to make the decision in the long run. That's why I used my title, not as a flex of positional power.

Eady: Do you think any reasonable person wouldn't want to sign the petition because they haven't heard the other side of the story?

Rose: I don't think my answer matters. I gave them the opportunity – it doesn't matter what I think, I think it's enough to start the question. I made it clear to anyone I talked to that the decision would be made during the referendum stage and that I would be dedicating two weeks of my time on presenting the facts to the students. The only information I'm going to be presenting is supporting documents or my own words from the past two meetings.

Public: Have you made any assurances to the people about what will happen? There have been insinuations that I would benefit from either decision. Students want cheaper food and an initiative like this to succeed, what are you going to promise, or what promises have you already made?

Rose: I'm not the kind of politician that makes promises I can't keep. In terms of promises, I haven't made any. I've said explicitly, in this meeting and outside of it, that I am an extension of the voice of students. I will do everything in my power to do what I can.

Fuller: When you're going around talking to students, what were their general reactions? Did they know what the fee was used for? They don't see much of the product that comes from it, from what I know.

Rose: That was a common reaction I got. The gist was "I've never heard of that" which may implicitly speak to the services not being done. Most recently, in the last week, social media on Fed Up has been significantly more active about services they're looking to offer. One student benefited from the service, and mentioned using the service, but she wasn't necessarily happy with it.

Public: How many students said "no I won't sign it," not because they were busy, but because they were in support of Fed Up?

Rose: In general, two people explicitly elected not to sign that I had explicit contact with. I can't speak to the experiences of other people who assisted with the petition.

Public: There's been some discrepancy about whether or not Fed Up members were invited to speak at the last BUSAC meeting. Did you in fact invite them to speak at the last BUSAC meeting?

Rose: Yes. There's a lot of potential for hearsay, and there isn't going to be another chance for us to present electronic proof before this decision is made. However, if you still want proof of that I can send it to you.

Campbell: Back in 2014 when the referendum was presented, do you think the potential issues and related information wasn't raised? Were students presented with the potential issues back then?

Rose: That's entirely subjective. In my personal opinion, no. As I mentioned earlier, I think I made an uninformed decision when I voted in support of the initiative. I don't think students were privy to potential concerns or the infrastructure that might make them more confident in their decision to fund a third party organization. It's a very different thing to ask an organization that's going to be conceived as good to execute those things as opposed to a pre-existing entity like BUSU to execute those things. That's why without over \$200,000 specifically allotted to achieve those tasks, the student's union this year is accomplishing a lot of those things on the list already, compliments to Spencer Dawson and Brian Horvath for getting those things done.

Public: If there were concerns about BUSU—and there have been lots of concerns over the years—should students have the option to defund BUSU, would you uphold that petition? If a student came to your office tomorrow, could they do it as quickly as you did if they wanted to?

Rose: There will be an AGM, if they have quorum they can do whatever they want. I'm not explicitly clear if that's possible, but I imagine it is. It's within their right to do whatever they have rights to do. If that's the desire of the students, then absolutely. To speak to something that hasn't been brought up, an email has been sent about how to impeach the President. Should students change their mind, I would honour that.

Public: Can you speak to how a student would get a petition to gather signatures to create changes within BUSU?

Rose: Again the AGM is the best option.

Pappas: Bylaw 1000, being the RPP, states that any student may bring forth a petition. I suggest you go to busu.net and have a read. If you have any questions you can come by my office.

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Presentation – Fed-Up the Affordable Food Project

Em Heppler and Jami Coughler present about Fed-Up the Affordable Food Project.

Motion to extend presentation by 5 minutes

Hejazi, Craig

Motion to extend presentation by 8 minutes

Verrier, Eady

Horvath: After meeting with Mr. Hutchings on four occasions, as well as Thomas Arkell and Iain Glass, representative of Sodexo, he explicitly told you that Sodexo has rights to distribute food on campus. Then you write in your referendum MOU about distributing food on campus, food delivery pick ups, as well as snacks for intramurals. So knowing that Sodexo has exclusive rights on campus, what were you thinking when you made this MOU? Why were you lying to students when you had absolutely no right over anything you planned on doing?

Heppler: Students were very unhappy about food on campus. Already the student has succeeded in having the student body, BUSU, and the administration take on the issue of food affordability more seriously. We interacted with a lot of you during the executive and BUSAC elections, and almost everyone mentioned food in their platform. If there is a threat of Sodexo suing Brock because we hand out bananas in the hall, I don't think that that a corporation should be on campus. There is a lot that we could do. We got legal opinion, and the contract only mentioned the sale of food, not the distribution of food. What we wanted to do is distribute healthy food to students. We're a mental health and anti-poverty initiative; we want students to feel good and happy. We don't want them to have to be locked into a meal plan where their options are limited. I'm sorry for the problems and concerns with Fed Up, but I'm very excited that the issues on campus are being brought to light and are being taken seriously. Students have been unhappy with food on campus. Our plan was to do what good we could, and get attention to the issue at hand.

Horvath: So students are unhappy with food, but you lied to them to say you were going to do something that you aren't allowed to do?

Heppler: The Sodexo contract only covers campus property. The Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine Performing Arts—Sodexo has no right to that. The grocery delivery—Sodexo has no right to that. We are not allowed to be in competition

with Sodexo, but do you see them doing any of these initiatives? We are not in competition with them. We don't think they should have a monopoly on campus. We've done a lot of good.

Hejazi: Do you believe that purchasing a building downtown was the most optimal utilization of students' money considering the school wasn't in place when the purchase happened?

Coughler: If we can't be on campus where we are exposed to all of our students, we thought the downtown area was the next best option. It means that students can pick up food from us, and we don't have to worry about infringing on any contractual agreement with Sodexo. Food delivery doesn't break any of the contractual obligations to the university. I do believe it was a smart decision. I can't speak to the exact decision. An organization needs infrastructure to exist and grow to do all of its programs. We needed a meeting space, community pick up and delivery location. It was essential to have this space, and when we weren't able to lease a space, we bought one because of the barriers in place.

Amin: In regards to the MOU section 12, you were stated to have 7 members on the Board. At the time that you purchased the building you only had 3 members on Board. Do you think it was democratic or transparent to do that?

Heppler: Professional decisions are based on merit. That's why when making the decision, we based it on the professional opinions that we sought – real estate agents, lawyers, similar groups on other campuses, engineers, other downtown businesses. There were concerns with the Board governance, and I take full responsibility for that. It was a prudent decision we made. The infrastructure will be there in fifty years. We made the decision to benefit students.

Amin: Section 12 of the MOU was violated. If you knew it was in violation why did you proceed with it anyway?

Heppler: I didn't do a good job as a President. Everything I've ever done for Fed Up has been entirely as a volunteer. We don't have legal council or a wonderful staff that is paid \$200,000 a year. We only have two staff and our Board of Directors is entirely made up of volunteers. I'm sorry for the faults, but that's why we're encouraging people to get involved. There's lots of potential for us to improve.

Craig: I would like you to speak to the reasons of the internal conflicts within the organization, and why your initiatives were not met earlier, and why did you proceed with some of the actions if you didn't have a firm business backbone? Why was your organization so disorganized?

Heppler: It was my fault. I'm entirely a volunteer. I was up at 5am today and will be up until 2am to work on it. We don't have the infrastructure that BUSU has, we don't have a 10 million dollar budget. We have a \$200,000 budget and we didn't have space, and space was the most important decision we could make, so we made a hard decision. We wrote reasons why on our website. We're getting good feedback about it. We're the only student space downtown. I wish I had done a better job at governance, but I'm proud of what we've done.

Craig: In terms of administration, some of your actions over the past few weeks have been quite rash. You're a corporation out of convenience.

Coughler: We have been doing programs and initiatives, free fruit baskets and grocery deliveries, but as we talked about, the first year or less than a year of the organization was building that infrastructure. Insufficient funding meant we had to put off hiring staff and doing some initiatives we hoped to do. Mainly rolling out those programs meant we needed large-scale storage and kitchen space, which we don't currently have until the building is done. We don't have the space to prepare these items.

Hobbs: Have the directors of Fed Up rendered any material decision that has to do with any other corporation when the officer or director of Fed Up is also on that corporation's Board of Directors or an Officer of that corporation?

Heppler: Can you repeat the question?

Hobbs: Has Fed Up's officers or directors rendered any material decision about a corporation when the corporation they're rendering that material decision about share members of their Board. Has that ever happened?

Heppler: Yes. One of the benefits of the building that was purchased, the Sexual Violence Support Centre is going to be running their raise the bar program out of the location. At the time of the purchase I was the on the Board of the Sexual Violence Support Centre. I am no longer a member of the Board for the Sexual Violence Support Centre. They gave a loan to Fed Up to secure a spot for our program.

Hobbs: In your minutes, there is no mention at all about a conflict of interest, which that clearly is. You have to do that or submit a written copy of your interests to the corporation.

Heppler: To clarify, I wasn't the one that made the decision. I stood aside.

Hobbs: Right, but you still have to declare it in your minutes—which it's not declared in—or a written statement. Section 141 of the Not for Profit Corporations Act of Canada 2009, look that up. Can we see from you the written statement that you would have had to give to the entire corporation of Fed Up? Can we just see that at some point? The notice of intention in writing?

Heppler: I didn't. I just stood aside. Honestly that's my fault. I sound like a broken record, that's why I'm not President anymore. I feel bad about it and that's why I stood down.

Fuller: Earlier this evening Brian Hutchings mentioned the contract with Sodexo was not within the public domain. If knowledge of this contract's details is not available to the public, how can you have a copy of it on Fed Up's website?

Heppler: Freedom of Information request. It's still redacted, but a lot of it's up there.

Hanula: I can't imagine how big of a duty it is to do what you're trying to do, and I commend you for that and the presentation. When you were reforming, or the time since, were you considering using some of the resources through BUSU to make your concerns known?

Heppler: When we were starting, there wasn't a lot of support within BUSU. The current executive at the time weren't in favour of it happening. The environment within BUSU was not conducive for partnership. So, no.

Hanula: Rose mentioned earlier that attempts made by him to provide further resources for consultation purposes, and it was made clear that those were not taken. Was there a particular reason for that?

Heppler: The consultation services would still be good option to use. Our funding hadn't been delivered, and I was excited about using them. In the summer they would have time to make use of them and make changes. By that point, as a volunteer in the role, all of the mud work was going to come from student staff, but we couldn't do that because we didn't have the funds to hire students. I personally didn't have the time, and since we didn't have staff, having a business plan without staff to deliver it isn't very helpful. I think the project should [utilize those resources] moving forward.

Smaiya: Is it true that the building downtown is under your name, not Fed Up's?

Heppler: No, that's not true. It says Fed Up the Affordable Food Project. We're in the process of being audited by Deloitte. I have never been paid or had stake in the profit. That's a ridiculous misinformation.

Sergi: I would like to reiterate our thanks. We understand and appreciate that you saw the needs of students. Is it true or false that you spent less than 10% of your income on food to the tune of \$21,000? Second part, given what you are doing in terms of the grocery delivery service, how do you maintain your food standards, such as refrigeration, to avoid liability should someone get sick, since you have no insurance to protect yourselves against that?

Heppler: In regards to budget. If you want to start an apple farm you need to plant the tree and let it grow.

Sergi: True or false, was less than 10% of your total income spent on actual food?

Heppler: The 2015-2016 projected use and actual use is about 50%. That doesn't include all of the food that we get donated. If we talk about percentages, our staff overhead where BUSU spends well over \$1 million on staff, Fed Up spends less than 10% of its budget on staff.

Dawson: (Point of clarification) The 2015-2016 school year hasn't happened yet, so how do you have actual numbers for this hasn't concluded yet?

Heppler: Our fiscal year is from May 1st until April 31st. It started May 1st, 2015.

Speaker: So from May until now is what you're saying?

Heppler: Yes.

Dawson: If your fiscal year runs from May to May, you would have received funding in September, so how does that make any sense?

Heppler: We didn't receive our funding.

Dawson: But typically you receive it in September, so how does it go from May to May?

It's May-May so we can show our audit in the fall. We're able to show our audit in the Fall term.

Heppler: Specifically our fiscal year is May to May so that we can show our audit in the fall. That's why we decided. If we had it from September to August we wouldn't be able to show our audit until near the end of the winter term. Whereas the way we have it we can show our audit in the Fall term.

Sergi: How do you maintain, given that budget that you gave us and that less than 10% of it went to food, how do you pledge to protect yourselves and ensure food safety standards even though you don't have insurance?

Heppler: We chose not to get insurance during the first year because our Board of Directors were okay with personal liability because it was between \$1000-3000 in damages. I didn't want to spend that much of students' money to ensure myself as to not be sued. I was certain we wouldn't be sued during that year. We have a quote for insurance which we will get once our funding is released. We require that all food handlers are certified food handlers through Niagara Public Health. We have experience handling food, and we focus on low risk foods. You won't see things like steak being delivered or distributed because of the risks associated with meat.

Piovesan: You said that the accusation that downtown in your name was ridiculous. You said your address was 92 St. Paula Street.

Heppler: I'm a director of the corporation.

Piovesan: You said it's under Fed Up's name, can you prove it?

Heppler: It's not possible to give something that large to a single person.

Public: I would like to know, were any of the original members of the Board or current Board members in an AGM, and if they were, how was it run and what was the process of informing students of its happening?

Heppler: Our original AGM happened before our students were funding it. When the founding members held the AGM, there wasn't a student member.

Public: So it wasn't advertised to the student body?

Heppler: They weren't part of the organization at that time.

Public: At the BUSAC meeting where Fed Up was approved to go to referendum, I was here with Fed Up, and there was apparently a food drive organized where some of that was brought up to the thirteenth floor. Employees of OPIRG said that it was a fake food drive where the food wasn't donated and was actually purchased, and members were told to lie about it. Is this true? And if not, can you explain what actually happened?

Heppler: Some of that food was purchased. From that food drive we donated well over 500 pounds with the Student Justice Centre. That's what happened.

Public: Are you implying that members are lying, and if so, why are they lying about this?

Heppler: I'm not saying they're lying. It's just misinformation.

Public: Can you explain the fact that a great number of your Board resigned within a period of time that you were organized?

Heppler: We actually haven't had anyone resign from our Board on Fed Up.

Public: Then what was the reason for resignation?

Heppler: They sent in a professional letter that they didn't have time to dedicate to the Board. It's due to personal stuff between us, and like I said I'm remorseful and I stepped down because of my faults. They didn't have the time for it, as well as personal context because we weren't getting along—and allegations that I was bullying.

Public: Earlier you said that you volunteered for Fed Up, but during my time working for OPIRG you spent most of your time working on Fed Up. I'm curious to know how many OPIRG hours have gone toward Fed Up that you were paid for?

Heppler: I used none of my time at OPIRG to work on Fed Up. All of my time with Fed up was as a volunteer.

Sergi: (Point of clarification) Is the respondent implying that what she said is untrue?

Heppler: Yes. They no longer work for the organization, and the Board of Directors has never disciplined me for working on anything other than work.

Public: When you were coordinating volunteers like Alyssa, the marketing assistant for Fed Up, and volunteers for the food baskets, was that not using OPIRG time for Fed Up?

Heppler: No, it was not.

Public: I'm just trying to understand the financial statement. You stated earlier that your 2015-2016 projection was 50% on food, and I'm calculating less than 40%. My question is, how does this compare to similar organizations, and have you consulted with similar organizations and the overhead issue?

Heppler: We've taken a lot of inspiration from other wellness projects at other campuses and I highly suggest BUSAC check them out.

Things like the seasoned spoon at Trent, the Midnight Kitchen at McGill, Queen Street Commons in Kitchener, University of Toronto—all of these campuses have student run nonprofit food distribution. Having anything over 30% of your budget go to food is actually very good. As a project like this moves on, more and more should come from donations. The cost we spend on food is not a good metric on how much money is spent. As we have more staff, we'll be better at soliciting donations and getting food at better prices. In the first couple of years it's doing really well in comparison to organizations at other campuses. We're at the very beginning stages but there's always room for improvement.

Public: I can't find which line is the actually for food. Is that the supplies line?

Heppler: Food outreach and distribution is the last section of the budget. The grocery program, fresh fruits fridge, educational campaigns a little bit and then food sourcing and distribution staff because we are using staff to do the cooking.

Public: I want to reiterate what Elise asked because yes much of M[atthew]'s working time at OPIRG was spent working on Fed Up as well as A Safer Brock.

I'm going to direct this question to Jamie: How many of your hours at the Sexual Violence and Support Centre have gone to Fed Up that you were paid for?

Coughler: None, I'm also a volunteer with the organization. Some confusion might be around the fact that currently we sublease a kitchen space and that my time is more flexible than a 9-5 job. With my position with the Sexual Violence and Support Centre I'm on call 24 hours a day which means I have more flexibility with my shift. If I was in the kitchen with Fed Up or on the computer doing Fed Up work, it may have seemed like I was doing Fed Up work on paid time, but I wasn't on the clock for A Safer Brock.

Public: Is it true that you asked me to work on Fed Up during OPIRG

Heppler: There was no expectation for you to work on Fed Up at OPIRG. My role was not managerial. I wasn't in a position to tell you to work on anything. You should have reported to the Board Of Directors. It would be like someone at BUSU giving me instructions. Anytime you were volunteering with Fed Up, if you were doing it at your own discretion.

Verrier: A lot of the issues we've been dealing with is M[atthew]'s role, and as he's stated he's intending on stepping down. We are focusing on M[atthew]'s contributions, which he's admitted to. If you are going to step down from all of this, do you think you are leaving it in capable hands without the faults you've taken the blame for?

Heppler: I think that BUSU should make efforts to get involved with the project and get involved with the Board. I think the project can use all the help it can get. It's obvious that students want to have this service, we've made some progress, and for all the faults and mistakes I've made it deserves a chance. People should step up to make it better. It takes a lot of work to build something up. It would be easier to put in the hard work and make efforts to improve it.

Verrier: In regards to the Memorandum of Understanding, did anyone offer to speak with you about these faults you've mentioned before you went into the referendum, and is it at all possible that you had no idea that you couldn't do these things?

Heppler: Whether people spoke with us before the referendum, yes they did. We met with Mr. Glass, and our MOU was drafted in a way that allowed for broad strokes on what could potentially be done. We especially knew there were asserted limitations that we couldn't do, like handing food out in the hall, but we maintain that we can do this. There's no rule at Brock University saying that we are not able to do this. It is just a couple people's opinion that it breaches contract with Sodexo. If council voted that handing out free fruit infringes on Sodexo then we would stop. But because a member of the administration says that it is not allowed is one opinion and we completely disagree. They're a huge corporation. If you think about how massive they are, us giving out bananas is not infringing on them. We were aware of the limitations, and I'm deeply sorry for all of the mistakes, but food is going to improve on campus. I don't feel bad about doing this.

Rose: I would like to make it clear that no one is attacking Fed Up. I would like to explicitly counter your statement that we should be involved by referencing the options we proposed last year, as well as offering Goodman consultation services that you didn't need to pay for until you received your funding—so a lack of funding isn't a good answer as to why you didn't use it—and offers to rebuild your public reputation on and off of campus. You talked about the act and that you made food an issue, and to that I say you did, however I don't think you needed \$200,000 to do so. Seeing how your funding wasn't directly related to what I just mentioned. Do you think you are delivering your promises to students by offering services like the birthday cake initiative? Are you aware that Brock has other regulations beyond Sodexo in regards to the conduct of handling food that were passed down from the province? Lastly, do you disagree that a business plan is a foundational and fundamental part of developing an organizational structure within a business, and if so, why didn't you present one or make the effort to develop one with the services offered?

Heppler: The entire project is intimately aware of public health and safety guidelines. They're really not that difficult to follow, you get certified through Niagara Public Health. It's always been a huge priority for us to follow these guidelines. In regards to whether BUSU's offer to help with the Goodman consulting office, I think that Fed Up having funding for 11 months and it is actually in a very good place in comparison to other places that started up. Brock TV is doing amazing work recently, but their first years were pale in comparison to when they started. Same with the SJC doing amazing and wonderful work, but their first years were a pale comparison. Even BUSU when it first started. If you compared it now to when it started, I think at 11 months of funding there should be interest from BUSU instead of trying to defund.

Rose: Considering you didn't answer any of the questions that I asked, I'll ask them again. Do you think promising services like the birthday cake initiative is you fulfilling your promises to students as outlined in the MOU? Are you aware of Brock having rules that it chooses to be held to beyond Sodexo regulations including what's handed down from the province? Do you disagree that a business plan is fundamental part of developing an organization structure, and if so, why didn't you present one and/or utilize the resources to help give you one that came at no initial cost.

Heppler: In regards to the business plan. Business plans are very important for business. Our business plan is to maximize the amount of food we can get into student hands, which meant focusing on infrastructure during the first year. We've only had two full time staff members for one week. We had one full time staff member during the summer, and we only had part time staff for less than 20 hours a week. I wasn't in a place where I could dedicate the time to do it. When the project is up and running, if our funding had been delivered on time we could have had six staff. If we had funding we'd be hiring right away. We have 60+ people waiting for an interview that had to be postponed. I don't think I am the person to do it, but hiring someone to do it is a good idea. I think it would be appropriate for there to be a focus of new staff as they are hired. In regards to the services, you mentioned the free birthday cakes initiative. I actually think it's a

wonderful idea. Fed Up is trying to do a lot of different things because we don't have a space on campus. If we had a space on campus, we would have a daily fruit stand on a pay as you can basis. In the middle of all this chaos, we were able to hand out 900lbs of fruit with only two staff. If we had our funding, we should be having between 8 and 15 staff similar to Brock TV. For our services, we try a lot of different things. We see what the result is and then we adapt. For birthday cakes this was my idea and I'm proud of it because we are a food accessibility program. It was a way to start a conversation about the fact that there is something lacking for food in their life. I would like to see the program to continue because the cost to make a cake is limited. You can make one for three dollars and make someone smile. I definitely think it's part of our mandate, and if they use one of our projects then that's a success.

Motion to limit questions to 2 minutes.

Rose, Amin

BIRT BUSAC approves the motion to limit questions to 2 minutes.

12-In favor 2-Against 3-Abstain

Eady: Why are there no attendance records for any of the Board meetings or any of the AGM meetings? The meeting that Jamie was elected to be on the Board was after students were members. Why was that not advertised, and who was there, and did you reach quorum?

Heppler: We reached quorum. It wasn't advertised as good as it should have been because I didn't do a good enough job. The next AGM is in March and it should be advertised well. We should do everything we can to advertise it.

Eady: You didn't answer why there weren't any attendance records for any of the Board meetings or the AGM.

Heppler: My fault. I didn't know that we needed to include attendance. This has been rectified for future meeting minutes. When we started the audit process our auditor highlighted that. Moving forward it will be recorded. It's my fault, I'm sorry.

Kyitaba: I want to know personally, how much money do you expect to be making off of student tuition from this past year from this organization?

Heppler: None. BUSU has access to our finances and the accounting department would be able to contest I will never take a dollar from the project.

Kyitaba: But how much will you make?

Heppler: I entirely volunteer. I am a bleeding part who puts a lot of himself into projects. I also volunteer with a local animal protection group. I just volunteer. I used services like these when I was a teenager and it's important because you see students who are stressed and haven't eaten. I don't want to take a wage. It would

be nice to be paid, but I don't think it's good organizational practice to take a wage as a Director.

Sufi: You said that you didn't know you were supposed to have attendance records. Did you sit on OPIRGS Board of Directors as a Ex Officio member this year?

Heppler: Yes as a staff member I do.

Sufi: Does OPIRG not have attendance for all the members that attend the meetings on the minutes?

Heppler: It does, usually by the Chair. I just thought it was needed for signatures.

Horvath: At the beginning you mentioned taking the students money, you'll have to do expansion of the building, insurance, equipment, food costs. According to your MOU, these are high quality halal vegan options. You'll have to transport that food from one location to campus meanwhile having it set at the right temperature. How do you expect to do all of this while providing free food?

Heppler: We're 100m from the new school, so it's just a matter of throwing it in a container and taking it over. For the grocery delivery program you're allowed to deliver groceries without any intense equipment. However, for the grocery delivery we focus on items that can be delivered without rigorous transportation or temperature sensitive restrictions.

Horvath: In the MOU according to J, you are working to ensure they have access to affordable food including meat options that are high risk options, however, earlier in the meeting you said you're not providing high risk food options. So were you lying to students in the MOU, or were you lying to our faces here?

Heppler: No, our staff tried to encourage Sodexo to provide more options—

Craig: Given the lack of proper administration do you feel like it was in the interest of students to conceive costly projects when your finances are overseen by volunteers and not appointed executives, especially since you received a large sum of money annually from our organization?

Heppler: Buying the building was the best use of money we could have done. Half of our budget would have been gone if we hired someone like Juliet who just left BUSU that would have been half of our budget gone. If we had two executive, that would have been the rest of our budget gone. Instead of using paid staff which would have completely depleted our entire budget, we relied on volunteer services of lawyers, accountants, real estate agents, contractors, and a lot of other professionals to make this prudent financial decision. We opted not to go down the costly route with would be to have staff during the first year because highly skilled staff like Juliet and other General Manager usually cost around \$100,000.

Craig: How regulated are your volunteers? How much oversight did you personally have over them?

Hobbs: All of the minutes that you have were scanned and printed because none of these minutes were given online with time stamps so we have no idea when they were created. Could you please give us time stamped minutes?

Heppler: In the future?

Hobbs: At any point in time to show that you created the minutes when you said you did. In other words, digital time stamped dates to see that they were made when you say they were made. You have to have that.

Dawson: When you create a document, it saves the time and date that you created the document in the meta data. He's asking for a snapshot of that.

Hobbs: So literally sending the original documents online to us.

Heppler: I'm not sure I understand. Can I follow up with whoever does the minutes for BUSAC to show me how to do that?

Speaker: Sure.

Piovesan: People have been mentioning conflicts of interests between this organization and A Safer Brock. Earlier you were asked if you were collecting any sort of actual wage and you said no. What can you make of your address being the same as the A Safer Brock address?

Heppler: Once again, I was on the Board for the Sexual Violence and Support Centre, and that was the address for the Centre, so it's in the same way the Directors of BUSU would show up as 500 Glenridge.

Piovesan: But, on the industry Canada site this is about the Fed Up address. But you're saying that since you were the corporation name it was put under, that has nothing to do with A Safer Brock. That has everything to do with Fed Up and your own personal name, so why is A Safer Brock's address under your personal name?

Heppler: It's just a mailing address. The building has an inbox that we use for both. The temporary kitchen for Fed Up was at 31 B Ontario Street.

Eady: Was there an air quality test done in the building that you purchased, specifically on the lower two floors? And don't you think it's pretty hypocritical of you to not advertise your AGM when you have been one of the biggest critics along with me about BUSU not advertising their AGM enough?

Heppler: Hypocritical, yeah definitely. I've been very critical of BUSU. Not BUSU, but certain operations. I understand why the BUSU AGM is always really difficult to advertise. We did every test required for us to gain occupancy of the building. We had HRV air quality people come in to do testing, and there's no concern that the air quality is suspect.

Public: Were any of the inspectors, realtors, or professionals you consulted with raise any concerns about the building?

Heppler: Yes, we got opinions from several different people including 2 real estate agents that were family members of a volunteer at the time. A real estate agent is the least professional in comparison to a structural engineer, architect, real estate lawyer, and the real estate agents were active mainly in Fonthill's residential market. We got the legal opinion from more qualified people. 2 of the

4 real estate agents expressed concerns. Everyone else that we met with said it was a very good deal. For us to get just under 7000 square feet at \$400,000 is a very good deal.

Public: I'm asking this question because M[atthew] is the coordinator of OPIRG, used to be on the Board of A Safer Brock, and ex-President of Fed Up. Why did Fed Up and A Safer Brock send out information regarding referendum through OPIRG Brock when they are separate parties?

Heppler: It's since been removed. There were a lot of rumours about BUSU trying to evict different external organizations.

Public: It was part of a newsletter so it couldn't have been removed. Any organizations you were affiliated with, are they also being investigated?

Heppler: In regards to "investigated" I don't know what you mean.

Public: Any investigation for any organization you are, or were, a part of.

Heppler: Antonio is saying yes. At OPIRG Brock there is an unresolved complaint against me, but the Board of Directors resigned and we lost quorum, and in order for that to be addressed the Board of Directors needs to be re-elected.

Public: In regards to the fact that your personal address is listed as a safer brock.

Heppler: That's the mailing address, not my personal mailing address.

Public: When you say mailing address, does that mean personal mailing address?

Heppler: No.

Public: Can you clarify why your personal address is listed as one of the organizations in which students of this organization are funding? Why is there evidence on a website available to the public?

Heppler: Personal mail goes to a different address.

Speaker: I can clarify that as well. According to the 1980s Corporations Act, you can set any address as your company's address. So yes, legally speaking you can set your mailing address to a business location. From my research into corporations, many people say that their mailing address is their lawyer's office. It is a common practice and doesn't have to be your own home address, even if you're a small business owner or corporation.

Public: I happen to be the less than professional realtor that did attend the building. Do you recall me questioning you several times about mandate? Did you have the authority to enter into a purchase decision for a building?

Heppler: I remember you bringing it up and the Board of Directors was well within their right to purchase the building legally.

Public: Being that I am related to the volunteer I'm well aware of the MOU for the organization and have been following it closely. That's part of the reason why I was not going to represent this organization. I questioned you if you had a partnership agreement worked out, because you're buying 50% interest in a building and I'm not sure if you do or if BUSU has asked to see that or not, and I'm not sure that you do or if BUSU has asked to see that or not or what the ramifications are if you would have to sell that. I don't know what the legal ramifications are if there are any injuries related to the property.

Public: Do you recall me asking which part of the building is most valuable in terms of rental rates and how you were defining the most marketable spot as the main floor, which is being used as a comedy club. I don't understand how you're dividing the rent.

Heppler: The way the rents are, there are four floors; Fed up has the lower two floors. The main floor is being rented out for \$2600, the upper apartment is being rented out for about \$1200, and then the club's rent is \$1300. Total revenue is around \$5000 and we get half of that revenue, so around \$2500.

Public: You told me that you had estimated \$150,000 in terms of renovations, and my comment to you was make sure you have double because it's going to be double.

Heppler: Yeah, we're just about finished our renovations, and it looks like it will be about just under \$150,000. We just need to put the finishing touches on the kitchen, but everything's there.

Nagib: And these are the ones you want to feed students out of?

Heppler: It will be certified by public health and we've done everything we can to ensure it will be set up. There isn't a piece of drywall, plumbing, or wood on our floor that

Public: I'm curious why if your organization is so concerned about food affordability, accessibility, and special dietary needs, then why has there been zero collaboration with Fed Up and other on campus organization? There's the food culture club, the community garden and many others. Why has there been zero collaboration for active groups on campus?

Heppler: I wouldn't be the person to collaborate with.

Public: I'm talking about in the past, not now.

Heppler: We haven't had staff. We've had very limited staff. There should be collaboration and I encourage you to email one of our staff and get that started.

Eady: In the package that you gave us. You list Tammy Mayor as an honorary Director. Who is she and what does that mean? It's on page 14.

Heppler: Truthfully she hasn't played a significant role with the organization yet. She is involved with an organization that collects fruits from unharvested trees and donates them to non profits. We were looking to have someone who has more professional experience to be on our Board, and she was interested. We are looking for more people like that who have professional background and experience with food. She just entered her contract at Brock.

Eady: Do you understand people's hesitation about joining a Board Of Directors when there is a liability issue and huge scandal going on?

Heppler: Now I get it. We're going to be getting liability insurance.

Dawson: I think it's pretty clear that you've dug Fed Up into a pretty deep hole. You continue saying that you're stepping down and you're not going to affiliate yourself with the program anymore. My question to you is why? And my other

question is directed at Jamie: Why are you affiliating yourself with this program if the conversation in this room is not going anymore in your favour?

Coughler: When I got involved my hope was to turn things around. And I still hope that when M[atthew] steps away from the project that I will be able to stay on the project because I believe in what Fed Up stands for, which is anti-poverty and food security. My interpretation, because I wasn't involved at the political level of the organization, my understanding of the climate this was happening in wasn't full. My first job as President and member of Board was meeting with BUSU and the General Manager. That was a big leap and was a little intimidating and made me think about the different jobs we can do to turn things around. I agree that it wasn't managed the best, to say the least, and that there can be things that can remain intact.

Smaiya: If you know you're at fault for all the mistakes, why haven't you stepped down a long time ago? Why are you admitting fault now?

Heppler: There's a ton of work to do. I'm helping with the renovations and with every little bit that I can. Right now the project isn't in the best state with this atmosphere and I don't want to simply leave when there are problems. I want to stay and do what I can to fix it. I don't want to be doing this. I want the services to exist and the project to go well, and I won't leave until someone is able to officially take my place on the Board. I want to be done with it.

Coughler: I appreciate that he's stepped down, but I also appreciate that he's sticking around. One of the reasons being that there are still problems that need to be fixed that only he can answer to.

Berryman: How many people were in attendance at the AGM that you were elected to the Board?

Coughler: 4

Berryman: And how many people do you need to meet quorum?

Heppler: 2

Rose: (Point of Clarification) That's per their document, not provincial legislation, which it doesn't follow.

Speaker: Are you federally or provincially incorporated?

Heppler: Federally.

Speaker: You do need a minimum of 3 board members for a federally incorporated organization.

Rose: In response to your comment, do you think it's in your purview to answer the questions that have been asked so far?

Caughler: Absolutely. I can review meeting minutes and documentation, but I can't speak to M[atthew]'s personal decisions or thought processes. It's better to come from him, not my interpretations.

Rose: Does the responsibility fall solely on him?

Caughler: As president he has contributed a lot into the decisions that were made.

Presentation – October Elections and Referenda Update

Motion to amend the agenda

Eady, Fuller

BIRT BUSAC approves the postponing of items 14 through 19 until the next BUSAC meeting on October 21, 2015.

21-In favor

1-Against

0-Abstain

Motion passes.

Public: With respect to the OPIRG election, there have been some serious concerns raised about process, specifically in regards to membership and I’m hoping you’re looking into that. It seems to be difficult to get confirmation about whether you’re a member or not. My reading of the document says that anyone who pays a fee could become member from the community. There are people who are not students that would like to know if they can become members and participate in this election.

Pappas: The purpose of this election will be to elect student members to the Board. The Board is going to be comprised of seven members, five of which will be students, two being community members for a total of seven. We’ll only be electing student members.

Public: The community members are appointed?

Pappas: I’m not certain how they are chosen, I’ve just been asked to step in in regards to student elections. I think that’s a question to be posed to someone from OPIRG, I’m not familiar with their practices.

Public: Community members are also supposed to be allowed to vote for student members of the Board because they are members of the organization. Is that not true?

Pappas: To be honest I’m not certain.

Public: Can I sit down with you sometime to talk about it?

Pappas: Certainly.

Public: In OPIRG’s bylaws, the graduate student position is really unclear about whether they can be members. I’m not sure if you have an answer to that right

now, but with many people in this room, could you have a meeting to discuss these things?

Pappas: My email is cro@busu.net and yes, we can discuss.

Public: Have any nominations been submitted?

Pappas: None have been received.

Smaiya: When do the by-election nominations begin?

Pappas: This Monday

Eady: Does anyone who runs have to take a leave of absence?

Pappas: OPIRG wants to run it by our bylaw, so yes.

Eady: But they can't ignore their constitution.

Pappas: If you have any questions or concerns regarding their constitution, I would suggest bringing it to them.

11.0

Referendum Question and MOU (RPPOC)

Public: I was wondering if there were any bylaws or restrictions on how you can talk or campaign to students in regards to this referendum question?

Pappas: Are you talking about the movers of a referendum?

Public: If a referendum does go forward to students, what are the parameters of people talking to students about this referendum? Are there restrictions?

Pappas: If you log onto busu.net we have all of our bylaws online. Bylaw 675 outlines how referenda are to be held. Should this go to referendum, I will be forced to open a "yes" and "no" side. There are rules outlining the process by which each party has to abide, but for the most part, from a student perspective you're free to share your thoughts.

Speaker: I would highly recommend you check on campus and off campus sections of the bylaw. Social media is allowed anytime anywhere. However, encouraging someone to vote a certain way in a public place, you can't talk to them about it.

Motion to open the agenda

Sufi, Dawson

BIRT BUSAC adds "BIRT BUSAC approve a referendum to defund Fed Up in the October Election" and "BIRT BUSAC appoint BUSU President as a representative of BUSU to manage the "Yes" side" to the agenda.
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22-In favor

0-Against

0-Abstain

Motion passes

BIRT BUSAC approves the Referendum Question and MOU from RPPOC
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Sufi, Rose

22-In favor

0-Against

0-Abstain

12.0

Approval to Send Fed Up to Referendum

Sufi: I think we've heard enough from both sides of the story and I think it's time to let the students decide what they would like. As Mr. Rose is pointing out he does have a petition that will send it anyway.

Smaiya: Last meeting we agreed after a lengthy discussion that we will have a referendum question ready for our meeting, however we would wait for Fed Up to present. It seems like this was useless because he already had a petition. If we like it or not, we can agree or disagree to go to referendum.

Speaker: From our position, it's never a waste of time to get more information. They didn't want to just hear the executive's side.

Rose: I would like to add that I did clarify during my presentation my rationale as to why I did this petition. The petition isn't being used, BUSAC is deciding right now. Effectively your opinion that it is useless is invalid.

Sergi: I wanted to recognize Smaiya's point and the utilization of resources. I understand the value of having 1700 signatures, this is not only something that we've put on people's radar but we've shown that it's student driven. We appreciate all the time and dedication that you've contributed to the organization.

Hanula: I would like to say it wasn't a waste of time, we should still have to deal with the situation. It's not a waste of time.

Piovesan: If it doesn't go to referendum, can we vote again next meeting?

Speaker: If we decide not to, we won't have enough time to send it to referendum for the October election period. It's still going on in February no matter what though.

Call to question

Dawson, Amin

BIRT BUSAC concludes debate.

20-In Favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

Call to question succeeds.

Motion to roll call.

Eady

Eady: I want everyone's vote noted.

BIRT BUSAC approve a referendum to defund Fed Up in the October Election
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Sufi, Sergi

Demachkie: Yes Kyitaba: Yes Campbell: Yes Craig: Yes Amin: Yes Hejazi: Yes Horvath: Yes Rose: Yes Sergi: Yes Dawson: Yes Hobbs: Yes Fuller: Yes Hanula: Yes Smaiya: Abstain Eady: Yes Piovesan: Yes Berryman: Yes Budgeon: Yes Hook: Yes Sufi: Yes Berardocco: Yes
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14.0

Appoint BUSU President to Manage "Yes" Side

Rose: I've had everything to do with this process up to this point. I'm confident I'll do a great job.

Pappas: In the case he was appointed, that wouldn't preclude any member of BUSU as in support of the Yes side.

Speaker: Anyone looking to volunteer, contact Mr. Rose, you will have to take a leave from BUSAC. BUSU employees will also have to take an unpaid leave of absence for the election period of two weeks.

BIRT BUSAC appoint BUSU President as a representative of BUSU to manage the “Yes” side
Fuller, Hobbs

21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

14.0

Elections Referendum Motions

Eady: Is it appropriate to use a standing order to circumvent the bylaws?

Pappas: For a procedural thing like this, yes. I understand that the hierarchy of the way our legislation is structure there are some implications. Any member could hypothetically pass a motion to the standing orders to include a certain position be added to the executive committee. It’s a procedural method.

Speaker: This change is only in effect for the election period as defined in the referendum motions. They will expire.

Motion to open the Standing Orders.

Dawson, Rose

BIRT BUSAC approves the motion to open the Standing Orders
21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain (Eady)

Motion passes.

BIRT BUSAC approves the Elections Referendum Motions
Dawson, Rose

21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain (Eady)
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15.0

Student at Large Approval

BIRT BUSAC approves the Student at Larges
Rose, Amin

21-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

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Report – Student Senate Caucus

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Report – VP Student Services

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Report – VP External Affairs

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Report – VP Finance and Administration

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Report - President

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Closed Question Period

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Information and Reminders