



Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Meeting: 6

Date: November 1st, 2017, 6:30pm

Speaker: Ian Beaumont

Deputy Speaker: Fiona Purkiss

Recording Secretary: Maddie Staruch

OVERVIEW

Opening Procedures

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| 5 | Notes from the Speaker | |

Presentations

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| 7 | Club Funding Presentation – Model UN | Information |

New Business

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| 8 | Clubs Policy Committee Report (Mover – Wassink) | Action Item |
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| 17 | Close Question Period | |
| 18 | Information and Reminders | |

Adjournment

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Call to Order

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Approval of the Agenda

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| BIRT BUSAC approves the addition of an item to the agenda at the end of new business, making it item number 11 |
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| BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the November 1st, 2017 meeting |
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Adoption of the Minutes

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| BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes for the October 18 th meeting |
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| Mover: Hibma Secunder: Wassink |
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BIRT BUSAC approves the amendment of the agenda to instead start with reports and then have presentations afterwards.

Mover: Hejazi

Second: Wassink

Motion Passed

Yes: 21

No: 0

Abstention: 0

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Open Question Period

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Notes from Speaker

I would like to remind members that you only have one question and one follow up per discussion. I would invite members to please give your full attention and respect to the presenters that are going to be talking with us.

Total Voting Members = 24

Quorum:

- 50% + 1 = 13
- 2/3rds = 16

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Library Presentation (Laurie Morrison)

Laurie Morrison presents.

Wassink: I think the fact that you have such an open space is fantastic; it's nice to see that you're utilizing your space to create more space on campus. To be able to have more seating is especially important during exams.

Hibma: One thing I really love is more study space, I think following this comment, I don't really have a solution, but I know six and seven have the most table space and I don't know if you can send someone upstairs to keep a tally of how many free tables there are. Showcasing this information would be really helpful for students, perhaps on the student monitors.

Harber: Going off Aidan's idea, on the new Brock app they have it if floors are busy/not busy, maybe specifying how many seats are available. From personal experience I like to study in silence, and I can vouch for the fact that floor ten is always really busy. I know the individual

study rooms are always in high demand, so maybe we can look into getting more of those in the future.

Napper: I definitely agree with what Jacqueline and Aidan are saying, we have a lot of spaces where people can work loudly (Market, Hungry Badger), I think adding more individual study spaces to lower floors, I think we have a lot of group space on campus but more individual would be great. Just an idea to add on to Aidan's, we have cameras or something to be able to tally people on how many people are on each floor. Someone can update monitors.

Sholok: I like the long tables that you're putting in, and you want to do group work and you'll see a whole table being taken up by one person means you can really take advantage of the space rather than losing seats.

Morrison: Maybe we can laminate something on the table that indicates that the table is shared working space, so we can let the students at the table know that they need to welcome other students at the table and can't take it up all by themselves.

Hibma: Just with the 5th floor, because we're moving to the point where everything is being put online, when they renovated the SOS theatre, they could've spent extra money to make sure there were charging ports. Maybe similarly with the library, we can make sure that we have access to being able to charge our laptops so we can use those online resources.

Morrison: We will be able to do that, it's already in the plan.

Hejazi: One thing I'd like to note is we have a lot of space in the tower, and a lot of it is taken up by textbooks... Is there a way to find out if books have recently been used so we can store them and create more study space? The MakerSpace is something that's been great, I was wondering what your plans are moving forward with the new research and innovation complex are going to be like.

Morrison: In regards to your first comment about recovering more space, the reason we're able to do the 5th floor renovation is because we were able to make that space. We know physically where that electronic resource resides, and in a lot of cases, when a journal goes on line, we can have it physically housed electronically at UofT and we get rid of the print. We also very carefully got rid of paper copies that were no longer necessary. Ontario Universities are collaborating more and more on their physical collections, so you can see online in a catalogue more than one university library at a time. We're trying to have one catalogue for the entire province.

Morrison: With the MakerSpace, it's in ST211. When the Linc opens up, I think it's going to increase by about 3000 square feet. If you stand facing the tower, it's going to take up a third of the footprint on the left hand side.

Harris: I just wanted to share a potential solution to monitoring business, we track attendance, people come and sign in using their Brock mail, people can sign in at a seat when they're using

it, or they can potentially select that they're occupying a seat and sign out when they leave. I think this would be more efficient than doing a head count.

7.0

Club Funding Presentation – Model UN

Model UN Presents.

Ali: How are you making up the additional expenses?

MUN: So every year our delegates pay over 1000 dollars to travel with us. Anything we don't receive as a grant or through fundraising it comes from the delegate's pockets. No one expects it to be free, but at the same time without any funding, the cost is closer to 2000 dollars rather than 1000 dollars.

Saleeb: How much have members paid in the past to go to this event?

MUN: Last year it was 900 just for travel, not including meals, souvenirs, or other expenses. It's ranged every year depending on how many team members we have. It's ranged anywhere between 900 to upwards of 1000

Sethumadhavan: Last year I went on the trip and it was about 900 dollars, this year if everything goes according to plan we would be paying around 700 dollars. We really proved ourselves last year and this would be a great way to represent Brock.

Hibma: One thing you could do to increase your sales is to get in contact with other club members, and I think you can make a lot of money off of your bottle drive through these connections.

Verrier: Will the amount you're asking for change due to the exchange rate?

MUN: No, we're just asking for 8000 dollars.

Verrier: So when is it that you would be submitting the bulk of your money?

MUN: We take our first down deposit in November. You have to have your whole hotel cost paid by February 1st. Our team fees are paid so they know we're attending. Everything else is due February 1st, except for the bus which is due in March.

Napper: I know last year you brought a professor from the political science department last year, are you doing that again this year? And who is paying for that.

MUN: If a professor does come, it's paid for by the political science department, he receives none of our funding money. The Poli-Sci department considers a professor attending our conference as they would any other conference.

Hejazi: How many delegates have confirmed they're going?

MUN: We finalized 26 delegates are coming out with us. We have an A/B team rotation, so if an A team member gets sick, we would switch them out with a B team member. They have all been informed that their deposits are non refundable. We can only have so many delegates with us due to the country we represent.

Hejazi: I think it might be more appropriate to have the dollar amount based off of the amount of delegates going.

MUN: I think that's what's been done in years past.

Witta: I wanted to congratulate you guys on the initiatives you're taking to fund yourselves. I was a part of Model UN and at the time we were one of the only Ontario Universities at the conference. How many students do you have representing for each team, and how would you choose a filler?

MUN: So we had tryouts, and the exec grade each person based on research skills, public speaking. We sat down for 6 hours and compared notes, and ranked performance of students. We took into consideration everything from attendance to respect. We made the A team based on how many we could take for the country, so 24 for the actual country plus 2 for security. B team are encouraged to stay a part to get practice. We rank the B team, and so if we have a B team that still comes to every single meeting every week, we would favour them to replace someone. This conference is a competition, Brock places in top 20% of delegates. We want to make sure we're best representing Brock. There are only a few Ontario schools that go and we want to put our best foot forward.

Muhammed: What is the criteria for the selection of the delegates?

MUN: We had tryouts for 2 months, and it's based off of public speaking, teamwork, research, writing, etc. We would base our decision off of how well their speeches were each week, how their attitudes were, how well they worked with others, etc.

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| BIRT BUSAC extends the question period for MUN by five minutes. |
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| Mover: Napper Secunder: Verrier |
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Napper: I know that something that was discussed last year was attending the Canadian conference so you didn't have to deal with the exchange rate. It was said that it was too early in the year, and I was wondering if you were supposed to

MUN: In our constitution it says our purpose is to compete in the New York competition. It was also more expensive to do the Banff one as we had to fly. We also wouldn't have been able to bring any first years. Banff is 'lower tier' while New York is top tier as you compete with top schools. The experience is better as New York is on a different playing field. The UN Headquarters are in New York, and each participant is allowed to go see the UN on the last day of the conference.

Verrier: What would be the approximate amount from the 8000 that would attribute to each person? Is it 8000 divided by 26 people?

MUN: Yes, everyone gets the exact same amount, and everyone pays the exact same amount.

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Clubs Policy Committee Report (Mover – Wassink)

Verrier: Motion to amend the amount to \$5662.40 American, so they don't have to worry to American dollar

- Seconded by Seliman

Wassink: I don't know if we're able to do that.

Verrier: I did this two years ago and we were able to.

Khan: I don't believe that's necessary because BUSU will have to issue the cheque in Canadian dollars. The dollar amount will fluctuate in the upcoming days.

Verrier: The reason why I offered to do it in American dollars is because there will be no fluctuation, they will have the American amount and not have to worry about it for the upcoming year. If our dollar plummets it will cause them issues.

Wassink: They will not be receiving the funding right away. They have to bring the receipts to us. Their bussing won't be available until March almost. I think it's easier to keep it in Canadian so the amount is more clear for everyone. If we give them 10,000 dollars and they only spend 7,000, it's whatever on the receipts that they can spend.

Napper: Because they won't be bringing in their receipts until March, it would be impossible to have a fluctuating number beside MUN's name to deal with the Canadian dollar. It wouldn't be fair to other clubs who also request funding.

Khan: The club mentioned that the exchange rate is a risk they're willing to take, it would have to be made up by their members.

Wassink: They also can come back next semester if there is a dramatic difference that their delegates could no longer afford.

Verrier: Retracts his amendment.

Hibma: Call to question.

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| BIRT BUSAC calls to question. |
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| BIRT BUSAC approves \$7296 as a grant to Model UN Club from Clubs Funding |
| Mover: Wassink Secunder: Lillo |

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Governance Committee Report (Mover – Sheikh)

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| BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 500 (Club Bylaws) in its second reading. |
| Mover: Sheikh Secunder: Sehumadhavan |

Motion Passed

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No: 0

Abstention: 2

Napper: Regarding motion two, why did we take out the annual report?

Wassink: Prior to this it was done by VPSS, it's just a change in who is writing it, it's now a combination between the clubs manager and myself.

Napper: I just have the new bylaw open, it's stricken from the bottom of the bylaw. I just think it's a really important part of clubs and CPC.

Wassink: It's under 3C, and it was put in twice, so we took it out so it wouldn't be redundant.

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to bylaw 609, the Clubs Policy Committee in its second reading.

Mover: Sheikh

Secunder: Sayers

Motion Passed

Yes: 20

No: 0

Abstention: 3

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Election – Clubs Policy Committee

Benjamin: I'm committed to seeing the growth of clubs, I'm involved in a lot of clubs at Brock. Being a part of clubs is a big motivation aside from my studies.

Muhammed: I'm involved in a lot of clubs and club policies. I'm really outgoing and I'd reach out to a lot of people. If I get the change, I'll bring a lot of knowledge to the club.

Ali: I really like engaging with new people, improving my skills. I just want to expand my skills on human resources, if I am given the chance I think I will be a great asset.

Sethumadhavan: When a club that you're involved in comes to you for funding, how do you put your bias aside?

Ali: When it comes to making the final decision, one has to be transparent about their intentions. It comes down to being transparent and honest. Personally I know that if I'm given the chance I will always be sincere.

Johnson: I would reflect on why I'm involved in clubs in the first place. I want to give some contribution to the Brock/Niagara community. I want to be on clubs committee to help clubs reach their full potential to positively affect the Brock community. I don't join clubs because I think they're better than another club, I just think that it offers some kind of impact. I wouldn't want to show favoritism in that sense. If there's doubt, I would stick to abstaining.

Muhammad: All these position are a big responsibility. I've been quite popular in my social groups and in my clubs for not being biased at all. I would make sure that none of decisions are biased, they will be fair and unbiased.

Sayers: Let's say you have 10000 dollars in your budget, and you have 3 clubs requesting the money. What's your criteria for who gets it?

Ali: I think this has to do a lot with team work. Some of the things that should be taken into consideration are how do these clubs help the Brock students, how effective is their proposal. Is it actually reasonable to give to them? In a summary, how is this club helping the students, and how is it helping the community at large? Is what they're asking fair?

Muhammed: It depends a lot of the proposal, how many people are in the club, how is the club affecting the community socially and morally?

Johnson: All of those are great reasons that I would consider as well. And a third thing I would consider is alternative sources of funding. Two weeks ago we saw the prosthetics club and though they're great for the community, there were alternative modes of funding that were a big question for people. Considering these alternative funding decisions is also important to take into consideration. For example, the model UN club is taking a lot of funding fro their own club members. Their request was significantly lower than their total cost. Their members are knowledgeable about the costs when they sing up. I would take into consideration all these factors.

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| BIRT BUSAC elects Johnson to the Clubs Policy Committee |
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Club Funding Update – Brock Prosthetics

Wassink: We will be meeting with them to discuss

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Report – General Manager

General Manager, Mr. Green was absent with regrets and did not report.

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Report – VP Student Services

VPSS, Ms. Wassink, presents report.

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Report – VP External Affairs

VPEA, Ms. Bathish, presents report.

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Report – VP Finance & Administration

VPFA, Mr. Hibma, presents report.

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Report – President

President, Mr. Hejazi presents report.

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Close Question Period

Napper: In the future can we make sure the amount left in the clubs funding so we know how much we have left?

Wassink: Yes

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Information and Reminders

Hejazi: I'd like to congratulate our Ultimate Frisbee team and our rowing team, and if we could support our lacrosse team on social media that'd be awesome.

Wassink: The basketball double header is coming up, tickets are available for the Ryerson game for 5 dollars at the welcome desk. Continue to go to our wellness day events!

Hibma: Next week in the relax part of Skybar we're having an international photo contest, feel free to go and check out these photos which are the perspective of people from those countries. You can also vote on those photos. I just wanted to say thank you to all the counselors for coming out today, this is the best turn out we've had all year.

Saleeb: We're having a UN speaker come down November 11th, from 10:30am – 5:30pm, and there is a training event. Tickets are 15 dollars and if you're interested, you can promote your network if you want to help out. You also get to network with a bunch of NGO's.

Castano: We have an inspirational speaker coming this Friday at Pond Inlet, you can register for free, it'll be about an hour! You can find more info at brocku.ca/biolinc.

Napper: I just want to take the opportunity to say it's my first year as a councilor, and when we voted to call to question, it stopped all conversation right away. I just want to remind people that they could have continued to discuss.

Verrier: I just want to make sure councilors understand that when they don't use their voice, we're all elected, and this was one of our highest turn outs, but there were very few people who spoke today. Unfortunately I don't really see people speaking in this room. I don't like taking over the conversation but I feel like sometimes I need to. When you don't use your voice in this room, you make it so you're not speaking when someone who could've spoken lost out on your seat. If you have questions, please ask, so we know all of council is together and unified in a democratic conversation.

Beaumont: Please read the reports of the people who were not here today, and make sure you keep informed. If you have any questions, please contact those people separately or bring those questions up in the closed question period next meeting.

Ali: When you are choosing the time for having BUSAC, was class time considered?

Ehima: We voted on that time.

Verrier: Chris Ventura sat in on our first meeting this year when we voted on when the meeting would be. We voted on it on our first meeting, and we will revisit this next semester.

Adjournment: 8:44pm