

Brock University Students' Administrative Council



Meeting: 6

Date: November 4, 2015, 7:00pm

Speaker: Chris Ventura

Deputy Speaker: John Pappas

Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn Daw

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Adjournment

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Call to Order

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Approval of the Agenda

Add CUPE 4207 Letter and Fed Up – Moving Forward to New Business as a discussion items.

Rose, Sergi

Rose: I'm assuming everyone got an email from CUPE addressing what BUSU has done in the event of last year's Halloween event. I have what I'm going to say back, I want to talk about that letter and what we're going to do moving forward in response. As many of you have realized the referendum to defund Fed Up was successful, but that isn't the end of it.

Add Affordable Food Funds – Funding Request to New Business as an action item.

Brian, Banava

Brian: BUSAC needs to vote about spending the funds of Fed Up. Our plan was to provide free breakfast to students during wellness week, and have a BYOT (Bring Your Own Tupperware) party where they can bring their own tupperware and get free vegetables. The idea is that students can study without needing to take a break for food [because they'll have vegetables to snack on].

Add the Governance Report to New Business as an action item.

Hobbs, Sufi

Hobbs: Governance right now is looking at some information and data regarding governance reform. That's what the presentation is going to be about. We're looking for BUSAC to allow us to look at speaking terms from the last meeting until the end of the year.

Add the Environment Committee Report to New Business as an information item.

Sufi, Kayitaba

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the October 21, 2015 meeting as amended.

30-In favor 0-Against 3-Abstain

3.0

Adoption of the Minutes

Banava: Can my name be removed from being noted as abstained from page 14 regarding the in camera session, please?

BIRT BUSAC approves the October 21, 2015 minutes as amended.
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29-In favor 0-Against 4-Abstain

4.0

Ratification of the October 2015 Election Results

Pappas: If you're in the room right now and you weren't at the last meeting, can you stand up and introduce yourselves please? The information that was sent out to everyone about the election results is raw data, and I think it's pretty self-explanatory. If you have any questions about it, just ask me.

BIRT BUSAC ratifies the October 2015 election results.
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Dawson, Verrier

29-In favor 0-Against 4-Abstain

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Open Question Period

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Notes from the Speaker

I'd like to remind you about writing your end of semester report, which is mandatory for all councilors to do. It's a small brief overview of everything you've accomplished this semester and areas you would like to improve. I will send a good example from last year to give you an idea of what I'm expecting. I'm expecting no more than two paragraphs, however, if you'd like to write a longer report you're more than welcome to. It's handy for you to use as a reflection piece on what you've done. This report is due the last meeting of December. Last year we gave councilors ten minutes to write their report during the meeting, which made it ten minutes longer; if you don't want this to happen be sure to complete it by the last meeting in December. You can email it to us on the day of as well. If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email and I'll get back to you.

We had 27 people fill out our internal survey last week. We'll be sending those surveys around to anyone who didn't fill it out or wasn't at the last meeting. We want to release the data once everyone has had a chance to complete the survey.

I would like to congratulate and welcome our new councilors. We look forward to working with you folds the rest of the year.

I should have mentioned this when we were approving the agenda, but we've moved the CCGHR presentation up as per request, since the students have class to get to.

Motion to open the agenda.

Sufi, Craig

Sufi: Councilors have the opportunity to task RILRC to focus on evaluating certain items. Last year what council decided to do was ask RILRC to focus on the Student Life Fee and CASA, and I just wanted to open that opportunity up to you everyone again, especially since we have new councilors with us who may not have known that was an option.

Add to the agenda: "BIRT BUSAC approves the RILRC Master Tracking Sheet"
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Sufi, Campbell

Motion passes by general consent.

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Presentation – Club Funding Request (Canadian Coalition Global Health Research)

Katie Cheliak and Isabella Churchill present about the Brock Student Chapter of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research 3rd annual Undergraduate Global Health Forum.

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Presentation – Turf Field

Robert Hilson and Karen McAllister-Kenny present an update regarding the Turf Field.

Eady: What's the feasibility of turning it into an indoor field?

Hilson: When we did our feasibility study on it, for the purposes of catching water you have to dig down—where the bubble would come over, you have to dig a trench and pour a lot of concrete like a big kite. We would have poured concrete about 20-25 feet down as anchors, we also would have had to have a tremendous amount of crushed gravel going down about another 20-25 feet because when all of the snow melts it all centralizes in the small area right where the bubble is. The cost of the bubble was about 2 million dollars; the additional anchoring costs were about \$250,000; the cost of putting up the bubble and storing each year was about \$60,000. We deemed it at that point in time, for this particular field, as unfeasible. If there's a desire moving forward with the students and institution, there are other footprints on campus where we could look at a dome or bubble structure.

Campbell: Are there any plans to expand seating?

Hilson: What we did for this particular field was look at what this field would be used for. For a typical game, the seating is sufficient. Any other special events we could bring portable bleachers. This is not a stadium solution; it was designed as a field. If we're looking at a stadium in the future we would have to look at new footprints.

Craig: I just wanted to know about the maintenance after the winter, since it is outdoors and you can't really climatize the material. What is your plan for maintenance whenever spring arrives?

Hilson: The first thing is, in the winter, I would love—other schools have snow football. There's a whole club based snow football for women that takes place at other universities. I would love to see our school field a team. Playing on this field in the winter is not a problem at all. When we looked for our quote, they would have had to install a minimum of 25 fields in cold climate. The product that we purchased is for a cold climate environment. The company that we purchased it from is based out of Guelph, Ontario, so it's made to do that.

It's made to do that. In terms of maintenance it requires less maintenance than grass, because for grass you have to seed it, water it, and fertilize it. Our facilities services unit is going to manage our maintenance. If you want more details I would be happy to connect you with my business card to show you the equipment and everything we use to protect this turf field. It has an 8 year manufacture warranty. It will last between 10 and 15 years. There is a capital renewal fee. There's a big tank and crushed gravel underneath that we can use for the next 40 years. I expect by the time we have to replace it, it will cost somewhere between \$300,000-400,000 to replace the carpet.

Smaiya: How does insurance work for students playing on the field?

McAllister-Kenny: Same as any other injury at Brock. You're covered under student insurance.

Presentation – Club Funding Request (Brock Musical Theatre)

Adam Caranfa and company presents Brock Musical Theatre's funding request for their new production of "American Idiot".

Motion to amend to extend presentation by 5 minutes.

Hobbs, Hanula

Sergi: I'm wondering, where you are selling tickets from and when you will be selling them?

Brock Musical Theatre: We will absolutely be using the box office. In previous years before the Centre for the Performing Arts closed down, we always had our tickets available on sale through them. We've been working with Linda Hilco to ensure a similar kind of experience. Tickets should be available online as soon as we put down a deposit for the actual theatre. As soon as we get the money to put the deposit down tickets will become available as soon as possible.

Sergi: Have you explored the idea of tabling or doing hallway promotion?

Brock Musical Theatre: We would need to sign the tickets out and provide the applicable cash to the box office. That is something we'll probably be able to do effectively around the main campus because there's no box office on the main campus. We're going to be selling tickets everywhere.

Verrier: How pumped are you for this show?

Brock Musical Theatre: I've been a part of this club for five years. Last year and the year before I wanted to be involved with this show. We're really excited—I wish I was in it. Cast and people outside of the show are really excited for it too. I've had people come up to me that I haven't met before talking about their interest in the show.

Hobbs: What is your carry over from last year, based on your slides you're projected to make more than last year?

Brock Musical Theatre: Our goal last year was to work through the year without accumulating extraneous debt. We have had issues in previous years in which our attendance was a little bit low because it was more difficult for us to get a theatre on campus. We went a couple of years off campus to the old Niagara Falls theatre, Ridley College. Attendance was a little low in those cases. Last year we did manage to reach our goal. We set our expectations a little lower on a profit and expense standpoint, focusing on a bare-bones method keeping everything within our own ends last year. This year we have 100 odd some dollars from last year. It's a lot better than the year before where we owed money. We should be able to blow out our expectations from last year.

Bezaire: You were moving your date up, why?

Brock Musical Theatre: We need to take a few serious things into account. Brock has a strong dramatic arts department. We need to make sure to not conflict with their show dates. February 4-7 or wait until after the winter main stage which

would be the second week of March which conflicts with midterms. It's easier to get things done and focus our priorities on schoolwork.

Kayitaba: I'm curious more about the numbers. Is there a reason you chose the Performing Arts Centre rather than the sites you used before, and how many tickets have you sold in the past?

Brock Musical Theatre: To address your first question, it's a brand new building with more draw in the downtown area for people that can actually attend. We got a better price down there than when we rented Dhowes. The show cost us \$20,000 last year. The ticket sales were close to the 60% ticket sale goal. Unfortunately we didn't get into the plus margin, but we didn't go into debt. We had less ticket sales the year before, but I don't have the number offhand. We had over 125 people in each show, so around \$6000. In regards to other locations we've previously used, there was no direct transportation to Ridley College, which affected attendance. With downtown we won't have that issue, hopefully.

Berryman: I was wondering what your capacity was at Ridley and Niagara Falls compared to the performing arts centre.

Brock Musical Theatre: There capacity for this year is about 250 people, which is a bit smaller than Dhowes. There were about 425 seats at Ridley and 536 at Dhowes.

Coetzee: I understand the change in venue, but is there any change in ticket pricing?

Brock Musical Theatre: Our plan is to keep the ticket the same price at \$15. We think it's a fair price because most of those in attendance will be students, and many of them have access to free shows as DART students, and we want them to actually come.

McCrimmon: Have you looked at sponsorship or other downtown businesses?

Brock Musical Theatre: We have looked into that. We contacted Popeyes, and we are looking into other businesses as well like Rise Above and Beechwood Donuts. We're trying to target our audience in downtown St. Catharines, since it's known as the artistic core.

Hejazi: I wanted to clarify that it was \$1350 x 6 shows, that's \$9720 in revenue at 60% ticket sale.

Brock Musical Theatre: That's correct. If we get \$3000 people coming out that would be great.

Demachkie: Are all shows within the period of one night?

Brock Musical Theatre: the show dates are 4-7. We want to do evening shows for Thursday and Friday, and matinees on the weekend. We're looking for volunteers to help out. We are planning to speak with the drama head to see if we can get first years to act as ushers.

Craig: Do you have methods of fundraising over the course of the year?

Brock Musical Theatre: The convenient thing about Mahtay is it is free to do these things, but we are looking into other options. We're focusing on sponsorship since fundraising events can be tricky to coordinate.

McCrimmon: what's the minimum capacity to break even

Brock Musical Theatre: It is higher than the 60% occupancy that we've estimated, but that doesn't include any other sponsorships that we may get. About 80% is the projected amount that we need. 100% is about 22,000.

Verrier: With your set you want to go with a dystopian propaganda. Have you thought of making some of those paper sponsorship related?

Brock Musical Theatre: We have actually. Our guitarist will have a specific quality guitar sound. We want to sell places on his guitar where we'll cover it with advertisements. He's offering his drum kits up to offer advertisement/sponsorships as well.

Berryman: Looking at your set you're projecting \$270 per TV, have you thought about how you're going to connect those TVs and any additional equipment you'll need like connectors?

Brock Musical Theatre: If we go down that route that has synced TVs, that would need a central hub to run any propaganda piece we end up showing. The budget we've set up with the float we feel is adequate enough to cover those expenses. We don't need speakers, we are okay with just having a picture. Having a central system would be great, but it's covered. No one external to the club would be setting it up either, so we'd save money there.

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Presentation – Club Funding Request (Brock Italian Club)

Horvath: When is it?

Brock Italian Club: The event will be hosted on Friday, January 29, 2016 at Club Roma.

Horvath: What time?

Brock Italian Club: Doors open at 6:30pm and the four course meal will begin to be served 7:30pm.

Kayitaba: Looking at the numbers, it says \$5000 for Club Roma and you're asking for \$2000—is that a combination of \$7000?

Brock Italian Club: No. The \$5000 is for Club Roma, which includes the cost per plate for the estimated attendance of 150 people, the tip, and the tax has been added to that amount as well. They've given us an exceptional deal and all of the dinner options were around \$30 per the 5 other different halls we checked out. Because we'll be making a profit from the dinner dance, the \$2000 request is so that we have money to kick-start the revenue coming in.

Kayitaba: Do you have a list of what you intend to use the \$2000 for throughout the year?

Brock Italian Club: In the bottom half of our budget is club events. All of the hardcopies have been emailed to Ms. Munro.

Speaker: After this presentation we're going to photocopy the new version and take a few minutes to read through it. We'll get more into the budget details later.

Piovesan: I understand the difficulty of this question. Will there be vegan options?

Brock Italian Club: Yes, 100%. There will be vegan and vegetarian options. Everything will be listed and the food options will be authentic.

Jaberi: How much will you make out of selling tickets?

Brock Italian Club: Probably borderline of \$1500-2000 if we get an attendance of 150 people. The money that we are asking for is to help us get the ball rolling with the other events we're trying to host as well.

Eady: Your budget here that you gave us says that your estimated revenue from the Dinner Dance ticket sales is 150 tickets sold for \$25 each, for a total of \$3750. That slide right there says estimated ticket price is \$35 per student, \$40 per non-student.

Brock Italian Club: This budget was from our presentation that we made to CPC last week. Our treasurer hasn't updated this since she's been extremely busy. It was a suggestion from the committee to update our price and have a non-student price as well. Most of our numbers are estimates; we're still trying to work out the details.

Eady: Will that be the price for sure then?

Brock Italian Club: Yes, that [\$35] will be the price.

Budgeon: Just to clarify, at CPC we asked them to make the price to be \$40 for non-brock community members.

Eady: What percentage of your ticket sales do you estimate will not be Brock students?

Brock Italian Club: 50%.

Jaberi: The slide shows \$5000 will be going towards Club Roma. What other things will you be spending money on?

Brock Italian Club: This \$5000 is what Club Roma is charging. We will be hosting a soccer night and botchy ball. We are going to try to get a raffle going with donations from companies too. Some of those prizes we will have to be paid for from our budget.

Jaberi: Do you have an estimate for other spending for the Dinner Dance?

Brock Italian Club: The DJ is going to be around \$500. Probably around \$1000 or \$700? None of those details have been finalized because we don't know how much we have to work with. It will be dependent on what we get.

Rose: There's a possibility that they could apply for separate funding as per the referendum that was just passed. I'm sure you probably haven't factored this into your budget right now, but have you estimated how much it will cost for food?

Brock Italian Club: We would have to talk to Club Roma about it.

Speaker: There's no way to differentiate between the bar, tip, etc. for the price of \$24 per plate.

Eady: You said that there are about \$1000 in cost for the dinner dance on top of the plates, DJ, decorations, and photographer. Why is that not in your budget?

Brock Italian Club: It's not updated, but the estimated cost for the DJ is there. The other smaller stuff is not there because it hasn't been updated.

Eady: Why?

Brock Italian Club: The time frame, and we haven't figured out club wise what we have to work with. Those details haven't been discussed because we haven't signed yet.

11.0

Referendum Implementation and Levy Review Committee

Istafa Sufi and Alex Hobbs present about the Referendum Implementation and Levy Review Committee.

Speaker: Did we come to a decision on CASA?

Sufi: We did not. The policy was approved, but we haven't gone beyond that.

Rose: I wanted to shed light on the student life fee in terms of when that committee is going to be meeting. The first meeting for this year will have been to review and discuss the 2015-2016 budget priorities. Meeting number 2 is when they'll set the budget for the 2016-2017 year. They're set to meet at least three times this year and they're going to make a presentation first semester to BUSAC. There will be a first meeting, which will be this semester unless it already happened, is when they'll discuss their budget for this year's priorities, but they always set the budget the year before. The third time will be a review on how it went to make any improvements moving forward.

Speaker: I believe they were supposed to come to meeting three or four but something came up and they weren't able to present.

Dawson: Are you going to formalize this report and send it to council?

Sufi: I can definitely do that if that is the wish of council.

Kayitaba: In the report it says there will be a review of OPIRG, does that include the Sexual Violence Support Centre?

Sufi: No those are two separate entities.

Kayitaba: Would it be possible to do so?

Hobbs: You would set a motion through BUSAC, and if BUSAC tasks us to do that, then we will do it.

Sergi: In the last chart that we saw council do last year, they had a gradient of red, yellow, and green indicating when the fees were set to expire to determine when to evaluate certain items. I'm wondering if all of the fees that you talked about in your report are in that red zone that need to be reviewed within the next year or two, and if you feel that it is within the right time scope from now until the end of the year to do a full report, to the best of our ability, on all of these items?

Sufi: Not all of the fees were necessarily being "reviewed" this year, because this is the first year that we are reviewing anything at all. There were timelines set out initially, but given that the committee had been functioning for two years not on a timeline—since things come up; a lot of times these things are based on how long it takes for third party organizations to get back to us. We can't really speed that process up. In lieu of that we had to remove the timelines last year, so there are no more timelines for exactly when we will be reviewing them. However, the order was kept the same. The only one that falls outside of that order this year is WUSC because of the student refugee crisis going on to make sure we are maximizing what we can do.

Sergi: When you say that we want to look to review the fees, I'm wondering what methods of empowerment, or how are we able to influence the recommendations that fall outside of our scope? For example, if we ask the Student Life Fee to meet once a month, what do we do if that request isn't fulfilled? We can make as many recommendations as we want, but we can't actually enforce them.

Sufi: The committee only makes recommendations, right? In the end it is up to council what they want to do. If they aren't happy with the oversight or transparency of the student life fee, they're more than welcome to do that. The committee itself can only recommend this, and that's why we were very careful when we chose the language in that policy because we know we don't have the power to make them meet one a month.

Smaiya: You said that the committee recommends that the CASA fee be recognized as constitutional, what did you mean by that?

Hobbs: The committee found that CASA should remain constitutional. When we looked in the files there is no indication that all the right procedures were being followed.

12.0

Clubs Policy Committee Report (Club Funding)

Brock Musical Theatre Club Request

Speaker: BUSU would only lose what they don't make back in ticket sales.

BIRT BUSAC approve up to the club's requested amount \$15,856.80 loan from Clubs Funding to the Brock Musical Theatre Club
Horvath, Amin

26-In favor 0-Against 2-Abstain (Budgeon)

Brock CCGHR Request

BIRT BUSAC approves \$1185.00 as a grant from Club Funding to CCGHR.
Horvath, Dawson

25-In favor 0-Against 3-Abstain (Budgeon)

Brock Italian Club Request

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2000.00 grant from Club Funding to the Brock Italian Club
Horvath, Dawson

-In favor -Against -Abstain (Budgeon)

Motion to amend to “BIRT BUSAC approves a grant of \$777 and a \$1000 loan from club funding to the Brock Italian Club.”

Eady: After changing their numbers, the difference between their incoming and outgoing revenue and expenses was \$177. They will break even.

Horvath: They can only buy things as they sell tickets. You’re limiting their effectiveness as a club.

Eady: They would still be getting the \$1000 loan, so they would be getting \$1777 to start things off.

Hobbs: The only concern I have is that they only have 150 to put down. We don’t really know how much everything else is going to cost. There’s a lot that we don’t know in terms of cost. How do we know that won’t be extremely detrimental to them?

Speaker: We could refer it back to CPC to work on producing a more fluid budget. BUSAC can empower CPC to make an agreeable term by suspending the bylaw.

BIRT BUSAC amend the club funding request to read
“BIRT BUSAC approve a grant of \$777 and a \$1000 loan
from club funding to the Brock Italian Club”

-In favor
-Against
-Abstain (Budgeon)

Motion: BIRT BUSAC refer this back to CPC for further consideration.

Sergi, Dawson

BIFRT BUSAC suspends section 81 of the Clubs Bylaw to empower CPC to grant up to \$1800 in grants and loans specifically to the Brock Italian Club’s ask on November 4, 2015.

Sergi, Amin

Eady: I think it’s not a good thing to suspend the bylaws because we have them for a reason. I would rather rewrite the bylaws than suspend them. There is a reason why CPC is only allowed to approve up to \$800.

Call to question

Amin, Dawson

BIRT BUSAC concludes debate.

23-In favor
2-Against (Eady)
3-Abstain (Budgeon)

Question is called successfully.

BIRT BUSAC amend the club funding request to read
“BIRT BUSAC refer this back to CPC for further
consideration.”

Sergi, Dawson

20-In favor
2-Against (Eady)
6-Abstain (Budgeon)

Amendment passes.

BIFRT BUSAC suspends section 81 of the Clubs Bylaw to
empower CPC to grant up to 1800 in grants and loans
specifically to the Brock Italian Club’s ask on November 4,
2015.

Sergi, Amin

21-In favor 1-Against (Eady) 6-Abstain (Budgeon)
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Motion to open the agenda.

Kayitaba, Rose

Kayitaba: Hearing the presentation I feel like we should eliminate anything that has Em included in it. I wanted to review this and how the

Rose: Continue if you like to, I would like to offer a possible amendment to task me to look into it.

Sergi: I totally understand the spirit of where you're coming from, and the factors of Em and everything we've heard in the in camera session to make this a priority. But part of the legal procedures, I think it would be more appropriate to wrap up the Fed Up issue before we get into that. Although the referendum has passed there are still doors open.

Hobbs: As a clarification, we do have a lot on the go so it is possible to task RILRC with highest priority. Second thing is whether the fee is performing to what is written down on the MOU. When it comes to personal things that have been done, it doesn't fall in line of what we do. It's only what goes against those documents that we deal with.

BIRT BUSAC directs RILRC to evaluate A Student Sexual Assault Violence Support Centre.
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Kayitaba, Eady

3-In favor 5-Against 15-Abstain (Sufi, Hobbs)

Motion is defeated.

Motion to move into camera for the next three agenda items.

Rose, Sergi

21-In favor 0-Against 2-Abstain (Banava)
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Motion passes.

14.0

Fed Up – Moving Forward

In camera

15.0

Affordable Food Funds – Funding Request \$18,080

Brian Horvath gives a presentation regarding the use of Affordable Food Funds.

Amin: I want to make sure there will be options for vegetarian, kosher, and vegan options as well.

Horvath: We can definitely look into that for sure. There are vegetables for students in addition to the eggs, bacon, and hash browns.

Amin: What's about the main breakfast itself?

Horvath: Bacon, eggs, and home fries. The breakfast is supposed to be BYOT, bring your own tupperware. Free vegetables, including celery, carrots, broccoli will be given to students who bring a tupperware container.

Piovesan: Vegans eat more than just vegetables. This is a proposal for what to do with the Fed Up money, am I correct?

Horvath: Yes.

Piovesan: I think that because you guys just said you are open to having students come meet with you to talk about how that money should be spent, to talk in this meeting about how that money should be spent without giving any opportunity for that is kind of hypocritical and misleading.

Eady: Will the home fries be vegan, and would you be open to offering something else for breakfast for students that don't eat bacon or eggs?

Horvath: I'm totally open to providing the best breakfast you've ever seen. If you want to talk about my commitment to food on campus, I was the one that said no when they wanted to put 2-for-1 pizza and I opted for burritos. I put up microwaves around campus. I am so dedicated to making the best food. The reason I bought bacon and eggs and vegetables is because it speaks to almost 90% of the people, and I'm over here trying to plan Wellness Week and I have to know whether I'm going to have this money so I can plan Wellness Week to start letting people know. I am more than happy to talk to folks about what they would like to see. I'm under the gun, I need to put this into the budget and start planning wellness week. So yes, I'm more than happy to inquire into anything else. Is there such thing as vegan home fries?

Eady: It depends on the oil you use.

Sufi: Do you have a laid out budget for everything you will be getting?

Horvath: As I mentioned, I talked to Mike and he said that for the bacon, eggs, and home fries it will be \$4.99 plus tax per person, and then for the veggies

including celery, carrots, broccoli and red peppers it would be about \$3 per person.

Sufi: With the new suggestions I think we should go back and see what it would cost if we added vegan options.

Horvath: If you folks would like to approve more money for vegan options that would be fantastic, up to this amount of money. But at the end of the day, planning the events—I need to know how much money we have available. You guys come here and you say “no,” well there goes Wellness Week because we can’t plan with money we don’t have accounted for. I’m here saying trust me as the person who turned down Pizza Pizza, the person who put 10 microwaves across campus, to serve students at the best possible availability, at which I am hands down doing over here.

Rose: I don’t think the pitch is so much limited to just what was said. The concerns being raised hold true to the MOU in terms of diverse food being affordable accessible to students. I think a possible amendment to what is being offered is diverse options included in the request. I’m just putting this out there that it be looked into. I don’t know, and haven’t been privy to the conversation about budgets. Wellness week in terms of accessibility to students, it is the opportunity to get in front of students to talk about food affordability and everything in the original MOU with Fed Up. When we do it and how we do it is the question. I think there is some room for potential flexibility, and the options in terms of what you folks are looking for in terms of diversity, there are ways you can make it work. We all want the same thing, to provide affordable and diverse food options. I think there’s a way to get this done peacefully by putting amendments out there. We have two fully certified chefs that are able to accommodate those needs. I would open the potential to see what that looks in the best capacity, or outsourcing. I think we can all get behind the idea of it happening. There’s a way to make it happen.

Sergi: Part of the MOU and our agreement moving forward was that we don’t trust Fed Up and we need to use those funds to provide for as many students as possible. I’ve seen this concept go from how we can use these funds to best serve students. It’s not to say that more diversity can’t be used. This is the best way to use dollars that have already been invested by providing a breakfast to students and it’s important to consider that wellness week is coming up fast. I think that the request he’s put in front of us tonight is reasonable.

Craig: From your perspective, what would you say the percentage of diversification is, and what’s your plan for risk management?

Horvath: That’s nothing more than day-to-day operations. As far as vegetables, everyone should leave with veggies because they keep your blood sugar stable. As for food options offered, I like Early Bird grub. I would probably say 10-15%, top 20% eat specialty. There will be more than enough for people with dietary concerns.

Craig: How are we going to plan to ensure an adequate amount of food to serve those people?

Horvath: We'll start off the first day with 35% options for vegans and non-vegans to eat, depending on waste we'll adjust what we offer from there. Vegan options or any specialty options are more expensive. You're not going to be offering those options for \$5. The reason I brought this amount is because I am under a time crunch. If you want to see this for wellness week we need to make a decision tonight. I'm asking you folks to trust me on this whim.

McCrimmon: He's not saying he's going to buy eggs, bacon and whatever else, I also think we should look into the large Muslim population and options for that. He's trying to get a baseline to work with right now. If you're that interested I would just reach out to him.

Jaberi: How much money does BUSU have from Fed Up funds?

Rose: We have the cheque that we don't believe is to be given to Fed Up for \$68,714. The rest of the funding, we know how much we are going to get based on how many students are enrolled. There's very little room in terms of fluctuation. In terms of how much money we're working with, we don't have that money now. BUSU is financially stable enough that if we know we have x amount of money coming in, we can spend it from somewhere else in the meantime. Things like this happen in the Union all the time. If a fridge breaks at GB they might use money from one pool to pay for repairs and those funds will be replenished later.

Call to question

Dawson, Hobbs

BIRT BUSAC concludes discussion about the amendment.
9-In favor
7-Against
5-Abstain

Question is called successfully.

BIRT BUSAC approves Horvath's funding request for \$18,080 from the Affordable Food Project for Wellness Week.
14-In favor
4-Against (Eady)
6-Abstain (Craig)

16.0

Governance Report

Alex Hobbs presents about governance reform.

Motion to open the agenda.

Piovesan, Sufi

BIRT BUSAC strike an ad-hoc committee to handle the monies from the de-funding of Fed-Up

Sergi: Does this need to be formalized into a committee?

Rose: This is a mechanism to make it happen.

BIRT BUSAC adds “BIRT BUSAC strike an ad-hoc committee to handle the monies from the de-funding of Fed-Up” to the agenda.

Piovesan, Sufi

18-In favor

3-Against

4-Abstain

Motion passes.

17.0

Environmental Committee Report

Istafa Sufi presents an update on the Environmental Committee Report.

Eady: When are you inviting us to come out?

Sufi: Tuesday at 1pm in the BUSU Board Room.

18.0

Striking of Ad-hoc Committee

Piovesan: I think we should have students outside of the executive decide what is done with this money that students paid for out of their own pockets. I think that more people than just the executive should and be more directly involved.

Horvath: We are open to hear your ideas. However, in times such as this where something needs to be done quickly, it is extremely convenient to provide you folks with a question to receive a result. If this didn't pass then we wouldn't have the opportunity to provide breakfast for Wellness Week.

Rose: I want to be very clear about the fact that this committee will be a mechanism by which ideas are brought to the Board and BUSAC. It won't be a decision-making committee, there's no capacity for that. Second, being the person most involved with Fed Up institutionally over time with BUSU, I volunteer myself to Chair this committee.

Eady: To comment on what Brian said, if this committee had of been formed sooner, by the time this funding request came to BUSAC, vegan options could have been included.

Piovesan: The idea that we would have a committee would help make these things more efficient. Allowing students to come talk to you would probably take longer than having an actual committee, so these decisions would be able to be made faster.

BIRT BUSAC strike an ad-hoc committee to handle the monies from the de-funding of Fed-Up.
Piovesan, Craig

-In favor
-Against
-Abstain

Motion to amend to include “advisory” before “committee”.
Hobbs, Rose

Campbell: So they’re not allowed to handle money is what you’re saying?

Rose: The terms of reference of the MOU that went to referendum is what dictates how the money gets spent. We can’t change that. It would be the same as changing the U-Pass or Green Levy. The process is in place and that’s how it’s going to be until it goes to referendum. That being said, the way that the terms of reference describes how funding is accessed, sees that if it’s under \$500 or up to \$500 it is to be approved by Board. If it’s over \$500 it gets approved at BUSAC, which, to be clear, is not comprised of just executives.

Call to question

Dawson, Hobbs

BIRT BUSAC concludes discussion about the amendment.
18-In favor
0-Against
2-Abstain

Question is called successfully.

BIRT BUSAC strike an ad-hoc advisory committee to handle the monies from the de-funding of Fed-Up.
Hobbs, Rose

13-In favor
0-Against
7-Abstain

Dawson: So if someone has an idea about how to spend these monies, they have to go through the committee first before they come to BUSAC?

Speaker: Right now the committee is simply going to form and work out its terms of reference and its primary mandate is to advise how those monies are spent. If you're familiar with Senate, it's kind of like PPBAC committee which is there be an advisor to the process because it has no control over the budget. The MOU terms won't change, but if this is the vehicle that BUSAC wishes to use to address how the monies are spent then that's well within their purview.

19.0

Approval of the RILRC Master Tracking Sheet

Sufi: The whole purpose of this is to show you the five fees that we will be focusing on. If at any point in the year you want us to focus on something different, just let us know.

Dawson: Is this tracking sheet the one you had in your hand?

Sufi: This tracking sheet is the one that went out to all of the councilors.

Motion to amend to "BIRT BUSAC send the RILRC Master Tracking Sheet back to RILRC for further review."

Sergi, Dawson

Sergi: Quorum was met, however there were several members of the committee that weren't present. I think that five is a little extraneous for the amount of months we have left and the office being shut down in December. I would like one more discussion about it. I don't think that's unreasonable to ask.

Sufi: An email was sent out to all members before the meeting, and all members who were not present at the meeting had various ways to attend.

Dawson: I want to make it clear that it was Tony and I who were not able to attend the meeting. I had a midterm and Tony was in Toronto at a conference so we couldn't actually attend if we wanted to. It was made clear in the chat and that is why we would like to be at the table when these things are discussed.

Sufi: Speaking to the five items on the list, again we talked about why we chose those five. We will be able to get through all of these items because we've worked on OPIRG in the past already. I honestly don't believe it's going to be that hard to get through all five. I can understand your concerns, I know that you've been on the committee before and have run into those problems. If you want to send it back to RILRC to talk about it more, that's totally fine. Whatever works for you I'm happy with.

Eady: If you are not happy with the Master Tracking Sheet then why don't you motion to amend it instead of sending it back to RILRC?

Dawson: Because we would rather motion to send it back to RILRC.

Sergi: You folks elected a committee of people who you trust to review and collect levies, and that is what we want to do to the best of our abilities. Given the commitments that I have as our External Affairs representative that wasn't there, I think a more in depth conversation with more members present is not unreasonable to ask.

Hobbs: I just wanted to speak to the workload. I absolutely do not think the workload is too much for this committee. In three weeks a single person was able to put together a CASA referendum with more documentation than we need for any of the others. I'm not speaking against anything else you've said, since I get where you're coming from. However, in terms of workload I don't think there's too much.

Sufi: If you don't agree with this at any point in time, you can make the decision to tell us to look at something or not look at something, or completely shut us down as a committee. That is your purview to do so.

7-In favor 8-Against 7-Abstain (Sufi)

Amendment is defeated.

BIRT BUSAC approves the RILRC Master Tracking Sheet
Sufi, Hobbs

10-In favor 0-Against 12-Abstain (Sergi)
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20.0

Report – VP Student Services

21.0

Report – VP External Affairs

Craig: I have met with a few students that have safety concerns about Glenridge Avenue, and I'm wondering who would be the best person to contact?

Dawson: What concerns specifically?

Craig: There have been students almost run over by cars because there's not a crosswalk in convenient locations. I live in that section too so I understand the safety concern of that. There are some maintenance issues that people have addressed to me as well.

Sergi: I would encourage them to participate in the ride with me campaign that Spencer and myself worked on for a long time to put together. They are able to provide suggestions within the survey and we will be analysing all of that data and responding to suggestions based on that. Tell them to email us so we are cognisant of the issue so we can put it on our radar, however, students often cross the road instead of using crosswalks to get to their house faster. We do want to ensure they're as safe as possible when doing that, so we'd encourage them to use existing crosswalks

Eady: I was curious what your original goal for pledges was [in the Get Out to Vote campaign]?

Sergi: 3200-3500.

Eady: Why don't you think we reached your goal?

Sergi: We met with more than 1700 students, but not all of them took the time to take the pledge. I'm very happy with our performance.

Smaiya: Do you have exact numbers with regards to the Ride With Me campaign?

Sergi: The first day was around 100 surveys.

Smaiya: Will that be happening all week?

Sergi: Yes, but the survey is open until the end of the month.

22.0

Report – VP Finance and Administration

Eady: When did the first fiscal quarter end?

Dawson: September 1st?

Eady: Do you know why BUSAC hasn't received an update from the Internal Affairs committee regarding the first fiscal quarter and why BUSAC hasn't received a budget from BUSU when it was supposed to be presented in July?

Dawson: Division 1?

Eady: Yes.

Dawson: It took some time to approve. We have taken it to Board already. We are looking to re-examine the budget within the next couple of weeks because we have overspent in certain areas. There is a budget that is posted online, but other than that I have no reasoning.

Jaberi: Any updates on the bus shelters?

Dawson: We're aiming to have them by next semester.

Rose: They are insulated, not heated. It's too cold to do the construction. They are putting the pads down, so as soon as it's warm enough they will start building by the end of winter.

Jaberi: So will it be happening this year or next year?

Rose: By the end of the winter semester they will be installed.

Eady: Section 11G of the VPFA Bylaw says that upon approval by the finance committee and the Board of Directors, the VPFA shall present a finalized budget to the July meeting of BUSAC—why didn't this happen?

Dawson: It wasn't presented; I don't have an explanation for you.

23.0

Report – President

Piovesan: A couple weeks ago there was a meeting between interested people about the Syrian refugee crisis. They talked about WUSC as a potential avenue for getting refugees in. I think WUSC is great and what they do is really great, and I appreciate what you're doing with asking for donations and everything but it seems strange. At the meeting it was talked about how students from WUSC aren't always from Syria and it was also discussed that making a special request to have them be from Syria would be unfair since Syria isn't the only country we need to be accepting refugees from. To say we'll forget about students from other countries and accepting Syrian refugees through WUSC wouldn't be solving any problems, we'd just be helping different students. I personally like everything you're doing with WUSC, but I was just wondering if BUSU was going to be doing anything else to help with the Syrian refugee crisis?

Rose: Mr. Lightstone and I came to the conclusion of using WUSC in our letters as an interim solution to put in place until we set up a long term strategy. That working group that we were at was a compiling of resources, and that's something that I'm really trying to make clear. Now we're more than aware of all the different community initiatives and as well as comparatively other universities are doing. It's not exactly as simple as it might look, what they're doing with the external groups they're working with. Ryerson was talked a lot about during that time because it committed to a large number and they have a website up where it talks about how much they're doing. Essentially what's being done is the university deans used it as an umbrella to funnel volunteers and funding to specific organizations. It's not Ryerson at large collecting money towards this, but using their brand as a platform. The issue with us doing that is it takes time to find out where that money is going to go. What we've done in the interim this week is, we're going to use United Way because BUSU has been working with them in different capacities for the last three years. It came to our attention this year that they have the capacity hold funds that are collected through donations. They're incentive to do so is, say they raise a million dollars and we raise a million dollars, they would get to say, "United Way handled 2 million dollars this year". For whatever reason, that's their incentive for that. We will draft the terms of

reference for the funds we raise, a committee will be struck, and that committee will decide in a little bit longer term to give us the chance to be efficient and effective and how. That's the long-term strategy. There will be an announcement soon about this.

Piovesan: To be perfectly clear, United Way would *just* be holding the funds?

Rose: Yes.

24.0

Closed Question Period

Dawson: I wanted to go off why I didn't present it. A legitimate reason was because the transfer of powers from the Board didn't happen until the end of July. It didn't get presented in July as per the bylaw. It needs to get approved by Board before I can present it to BUSAC.

Speaker: We should have reminded you to come in September too.

Horvath: If you want to talk about vegan options for the Wellness Week breakfast, I'm more than open to do so.

25.0

Information and Reminders