

Brock University Students' Administrative Council



Meeting: 8

Date: December 2, 2015, 7:00pm

Speaker: Chris Ventura

Deputy Speaker: John Pappas

Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn Daw

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Call to Order

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Approval of the Agenda

Motion to open the agenda: Add letter from the executive.
Dawson, Rose

Passes by general consent

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the December 2, 2015 meeting.

32-In favor 0-Against 0-Abstain

3.0

Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the November 18, 2015 minutes.

-In favor -Against -Abstain

Passes by general consent.

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Presentation – Audited Financial Statement

Christine presents the audited financial statement.

Aggarwal: Emergency student loans between last year and this year have a \$100,000 less in receivables. On the cash flow page you're only showing about \$40,000 coming in from receivables, so does that mean we wrote off \$60,000 in student loans?

Thornton: Yes, they were deemed uncollectable.

Dawson: There was a number of ESLPs that were given years ago, and these students aren't on our campus anymore, which is why we opted to write it off.

Aggarwal: With the loan that was taken from Brock for the roof repair, why wasn't it taken out as deferred maintenance?

Thornton: The deferred maintenance fund is new this year, so it doesn't have enough to cover this kind of repair. It will take some time for the funds to accumulate enough to go towards things like this.

Rose: Just as a supplementary answer to that, we would have needed to go to referendum to get that money which is a route we didn't want to go down, so we elected for this option instead.

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In-Camera Session

Motion to move into camera.

Hanula, Regier

29-In favor 0-Against 3-Abstain

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Open Question Period

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Notes from the Speaker

Chris Green has requested to be in this meeting. Our lawyers recommended he be privy to this conversation. We'll have a conversation in camera, and Chris or Kyle will be giving a statement based on the details and way we're moving forward. They can't talk about who said what or the tone of the conversation afterwards though.

Most of you got your reports in. As you have noticed three clubs have cancelled their presentations for tonight so they'll be coming back next year or may be going back to CPC depending on if the changes to the CPC bylaw goes through.

The Christmas party is on Saturday. There is a poll that you need to fill out on Facebook so please RSVP as soon as you can.

We're going to speaker through me during the remainder of the meeting. Quorum is 17, and we need 21 votes for 2/3 majority. There have been two petitions added to the agenda as well.

Pappas: As you may or may not know, there were two recall petitions submitted. We're still in the process of validating them, but with the numbers so far we need to ratify the language of the petition. Only the wording itself can be changed. If we can't come to an agreement, we'll have to go through a costly arbitration issue.

To clarify, you'll notice two items of new business that says petitions, which is about voting about the language. It's not about agreeing or disagreeing, it's about the language itself. BUSAC, as with other elections, can appoint someone to do with the yes or no side and it could happen during next meeting.

Sergi: Do we have the prevue to make a recommendation to the spirit of the petition?

Speaker: Yes. It would be a motion to support in writing, but doesn't have any actual weight.

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~~Presentation – Club Funding Request (UNICEF)~~

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~~Presentation – Club Funding Request (French Club)~~

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Presentation – Club Funding Request (Concurrent Ed. Students' Association)

Alyssa Berardocco presents the Club Funding Request for Concurrent Ed. Students' Association

Eady: I was approached by two students this week studying a bachelor of arts in early childhood education who were told they weren't allowed to be a part of this club. Mr. Speaker, can Miss Berardocco please explain why these students weren't allowed to join this club?

Berardocco: We have an application process where we have eligible candidates fill out a questionnaire and we go through an interview and hiring process. I don't know who these two students are, but if they submitted the applications by the deadline and were successful in the application screening and received an interview, they had an equal opportunity to join the association.

Bezaire: It was mentioned Brock would be hosting a conference similar to this in March. Can Miss Berardocco please explain the benefits for Brock and the St. Catharines community?

Berardocco: These students do have the opportunity to learn about the current teaching practices and we will be bringing in community members and gain new contacts. I should also note that this conference hasn't taken place in two years and we want to make sure we come back with a bang.

Sufi: Can you elaborate on the interview screening process you spoke of?

Berardocco: There is a question form available where people who were interested in applying could fill out the application. The screening is based on the candidates who applied; we interviewed every candidate that submitted an application and the numbers worked out quite well. That's the application process.

Aggarwal: How much money does this club have in the bank right now? Does it have enough to cover this \$2000?

Berardocco: We don't have enough to cover the \$2000 because we've specifically budgeted to fund our other events. That being said we can't afford to pay for the registration fee. We did help to subsidize the cost last year ourselves, and we crunched the numbers but it's just not feasible this year.

Dawson: I want to speak to one of the questions that was raised before about our community. I have been in several meetings with Alyssa to talk with the Dean of the faculty, associate dean, and some other professors; they do have faculty support and see a huge benefit in hosting a conference like this. I don't believe they've explicitly said they will support them financially.

Berardocco: We won't be incurring a lot of financials with the conference because the delegates are required to pay a fee. We do not have students paying fees to participate in activities, students are asked to pay for things out of pocket. We give back to the community in donations, so we do give back in that sense.

Verrier: It was brought up last week for BMUN to look into getting jobs to pay for their fees. Has that possibility come up in your club?

Berardocco: We do have our association members and everyone involved contributing quite a few hours. We have not asked them to get jobs to pay for their attendance at the conference.

Eady: Why does this club screen people who wish to be members?

Berardocco: We screen because they are required to do specific jobs to benefit the students and community at large and we have to ensure they have the necessary qualifications, such as a fundraising coordinator. It's like a job application based on the candidates' skillset and qualities, they will either be successful in getting the position or they can volunteer with the association in other ways.

Kayitaba: How much money did you say you have in the bank right now?

Berardocco: We have \$4,142, our current funds are 2749, and our expected fundraising is \$1,392. With all of that being said we are hoping to have a bit of money to continue next year so we don't have to come back to BUSAC. We've been pretty self-sufficient the past few years aside for a few asks.

Bezaire: They talked about bringing extra delegates to the conference that are not a part of your association. How many extras are attending?

Berardocco: There are 6 out of the 26 that are attending who are not a part of the association. Some of our own members were not able to get a spot because of the Queen's registration system.

Bezaire: Mr. Speaker, there are 6 people not in the association that are going. Does she believe that is a big benefit to Brock?

Berardocco: We think it's a great opportunity for every student. Each delegate is required to submit a reflection about every workshop they attend, so yes I do think they will be able to provide information to Brock students.

Sufi: Can you make it clear what the difference between an executive and a normal member is?

Kayleigh: I think you are referring to executives when you're talking about the screening process, right Alyssa?

Berardocco: Regular members can join on Experience BU, they don't have to go through the interview process for specific roles.

Speaker: The screening process is only for executive members.

Verrier: Can we go back to the slide with buses. You've selected the Coach bus instead of the school bus?

Berardocco: The company that provided us with the quote earlier and we needed to confirm the transportation earlier. We knew they were similar in price and that it would be in our best interest to book sooner rather than later.

Eady: My question earlier about the students, they wished to join the club

Berardocco: Technically we don't have the option of the member to pay a fee to join the club, all of the executives pay the member fee. Like I mentioned, anyone can be involved with the association if they want to be.

Jaberi: It has been mentioned the money in the bank is to cover other events. What's the point in being worried for next year when you can come to BUSAC with a funding request?

Berardocco: Every year we ask for a little less which is indicative of what we do. We're asking them to do it for free because we do a lot of fundraising, donations, and sponsorships. We've come to ask for \$2000, last year was for Queen's conference *and* kid's Christmas. Next year we would like to not have to come at all.

11.0**Presentation—Club Funding Request (Catholic Students' Association)**

12.0**Presentation – Board of Trustees Report**

Mr. Aggarwal presents the Board of Trustees report.

Eady: Could the presenter elaborate on what committees undergraduates have a seat on?

Aggarwal: I have a position on the executive committee, and the another student has a position on the strategic planning committee.

Horvath: When you talk about accessibility regarding money spent, do you know any details on how those can become more accessible?

Aggarwal: I would have to go back to see what was done, but I would be happy to provide that to anyone if they're interested.

13.0**Presentation – Division One Review**

Spencer Dawson presents the Division One review.

Berryman: Is Skybar included?

Dawson: Yes.

Eady: Could Mr. Dawson explain why there's no comparison to last year's budget?

Dawson: This is the one that was posted online so I thought this would be the most appropriate version to present to BUSAC. The ones from last year were not far off from this year's budget, but that is also available online.

Sufi: Can Mr. Dawson please elaborate as to why the grocery shuttle is costing us \$3,000. I thought because it was through Sobeys it was supposed to be free?

Dawson: We originally expected the shuttle to cost \$3,000 just in case we couldn't get any sponsorship. Fortunately Greener and Kate were able to convince Sobeys to pay for it.

Aggarwal: I was wondering if Mr. Dawson can clarify the research projects item? From my understanding, students can apply for up to \$1000 to do their own research project which may impact the student union in some way. Is that not correct?

Dawson: I believe that's no correct. That is probably the student initiative funding.

Eady: Could Mr. Dawson give his opinion on why BUSU spends more money on a party for staff and volunteers than it does for BUSAC?

Dawson: Aren't BUSAC councilors considered to be volunteers? Spending money on BUSAC in what way? The Buzies is an annual way to celebrate our success as a whole organization at the end of the year. Why is it more than the BUSAC retreat and expenses? I would say it's because more people involved

Rose: (Point of information) Councilors are invited to the Buzies as well.

Speaker: Our budget is very straight and narrow. It pays for my salary, Kaitlyn's salary, and materials like your nametags. Kayleigh and I are exploring more options to add more services that we can provide, although it's not going to be that much.

Sergi: I wanted to say that not only is BUSAC invited, the costs are often associated with the awards and food. This is a piece for the 300 staff members too.

14.0

Clubs Policy Committee Report (Club Funding)

Concurrent Education Students' Association Request

Budgeon: They're only asking for their administrative costs. They are a self-sufficient club and they continuously ask for less and less each year.

Motion to amend to \$1300

Verrier, Piovesan

Verrier: This is given that they go with a student bus rather than a coach bus.

Budgeon: To clarify, they are not asking for coverage of their transportation, transportation is not a part of their ask and they intend to cover it entirely by themselves.

Verrier: I do understand that, but the reason why I say this is because the money we are giving them is money for the club and they already have money in the bank. If you were to spend less money on the buses from the club you would have more money to spend on the event. Since we don't have a plethora of funds left in the account [club funding], I think it would be wise to cut back where we can since that's what we started doing last week.

Rose: My impression was that they had already secured the payment for the coach bus. If that's the case it's a little late.

Aggarwal: I would like to add some rationale for Mr. Verrier's motion to amend. The coach bus is costing \$110, while the school bus is costing \$80 each. So that \$30 difference is what that number is based on. I think they could pay \$30 more.

Budgeon: Pardon me if I'm wrong, but he's thinking that money in their budget is going to cover the cost of the bus but they are completely paying out of pocket. All the money in the bank account is purely for their other events that they are planning next term. The only money they're asking for is the entrance into this conference. They aren't paying from their club money.

Piovesan: I recognize the money they are asking for has nothing to do with the buses themselves. I wanted to make a comment that in the presentation it was presented to us that the money they did have already was being spent in the most responsible way in order to only ask for the minimal amount. Because it was shown to us that there was a cheaper option that was not chosen, I think this is a reasonable modification to the request.

Hanula: I would say the decision to choose coach buses makes more sense because it's more professional representation as delegates from Brock. It would be better and more professional for Brock as an organization and I believe the cost is justified.

Eady: I just have concerns about how we're treating clubs differently depending on who they are because last meeting model UN was criticized for stuff they weren't specifically asking for but we thought they could reduce the costs of, as well as they are very professional as a club yet one of the recommendations was to stay in hostels instead of a hotel room. I'm just curious why there is a clear bias against certain clubs?

Hashmi: Last meeting when Model UN presented, CPC encouraged to cover their delegation fee to participate in the conference which is exactly what we are recommending for this club.

Verrier: The difference in what each student would be forced to pay between the two clubs, each student--I can't remember the exact number--but I think it was about \$800 each out of their own pocket. We're looking at \$80 and we're seeing that as something we should pay for but that more than \$800 per student was made to seem like an issue. Instead we recommended they get jobs to pay for their way, and I think that is the point Mr. Eady was trying to bring about.

Hejazi: We're covering their delegation cost. They're paying for their own food and they raised their own money. I don't think by any means it's biased to cover their delegation costs. I think it's very unprofessional to show up in a school bus to a conference.

Fuller: Just talking about bias. They're here to get funding about their clubs, when listening to a club funding request you can't let that affect your decision. They are here for funding not advice about how to run their club.

Dawson: I agree with everything that Hejazi said.

Call to question

Rose, Horvath

BIRT BUSAC concludes debate.
25-In favor 6-Against (Verrier) 4-Abstain (Budgeon)

Call to question passes successfully.

BIRT BUSAC amend the club funding request to read “BIRT BUSAC approve \$1300 from Club Funding to the Concurrent Education Students’ Association.”
3-In favor (Verrier) 24-Against (Sufi) 6-Abstain (Budgeon, Berardocco)

Amendment is defeated

BIRT BUSAC approves \$2,080.00 grant from Club Funding to the Concurrent Education Students’ Association.
Horvath, Sufi

28-In favor 1-Against (Verrier) 4-Abstain (Budgeon, Berardocco)

15.0

Governance Report

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 101 (Legislation of the Students’ Union) in its reading.
Hashmi, Bezaire

32-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 602 (The Governance Committee) in its second reading.

Hashmi, Bezaire

33-In favor

0-Against

0-Abstain

Sergi: I understand the spirit of this is to allow for electronic submissions for leaves of absences. I was wondering if there would be special circumstances where there might be exceptions?

Speaker: I believe it's for every situation.

Sergi: Is it within the prevue of council to ask for an in person leave of absence under certain circumstances?

Speaker: Anyone could submit one in person, but we still need an email that says it.

Verrier: If we have an all candidates meeting the week after a BUSAC meeting, we can still go to that BUSAC meeting as long we hand in our leave of absence electronically before that all candidates meeting?

Speaker: As long as your leave of absence is in before the all candidates meeting, yes. Any BUSAC meeting you attend before then is fine, but anyone after that you cannot attend.

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to bylaw 103 (BUSAC) in its second reading.

Hashmi, Hobbs

33-In favor

0-Against

0-Abstain

Aggarwal: I would like more background on this. What was that number that they could approve before going to busac and what is the total amount of funding per academic year?

Budgeon: CPC can approve up to \$800. CPC started the year with \$63,545 and we're down to roughly \$16,474.

Sergi: There have been concerns and conversations among council to evaluate how we can streamline the process. Some of the other recommendations included

time cap and other options, and this was one of the proposed ways of alleviating some of those concerns.

Verrier: Why \$1500?

Hashmi: I think the rationale was based on how the trend seems to be that funding up to \$1500 is well researched and there isn't much discussion to it. CPC's recommendations usually go through for those requests. To resolve the issue of going over time we suggest increasing the amount of funding CPC can approve.

Verrier: Someone had asked CPC to come in with numbers of how many cases we had below \$1500, do we have that?

Kayleigh: 19 clubs have come in under \$1500 and 8 were over \$1500.

Aggarwal: I'm not sure how this got to second reading without some serious discussion. We're taking a lot of power from the students as a whole. There are a lot of good reasons why it's \$800, anything over there should be a lot of student representation, I don't think it should be \$1500. I understand the merit, but BUSAC has been approving club funding forever. I don't think we should be doing it during the middle of the school year, maybe to 100 or 1200 at most. I don't think it's appropriate.

Horvath: I feel that all of the power is in the trust with the people you vote on. That's why you voted us in, to analyze what should be covered and what should not.

Rose: It's a logical fallacy to assume that something is valid because it has been done in the past. I think sometimes you need to innovate processes. I think the motion is on the table because it's been decided by the people who handle club funding, i.e. CPC, that this is the most efficient way to move forward. BUSAC is an opportunity for discourse to be engaged in and that's what we're doing. If you're not in favour of the motion I would encourage you to educate the councilors as to why. Clubs have been educated to present their entire budget at once the beginning of the year which is part of the legitimacy as to why CPC would like to head in this direction.

Kayitaba: I do agree with Harish is coming from because whenever they present to CPC they represent a small minority in comparison to BUSAC. I do feel that \$1500 is may be a bit too high. I do think it should be reduced to \$1000.

Piovesan: I think the difference between what they [Aggarwal and Horvath] is that Mr. Aggarwal was looking for participatory democracy whereas Mr. Horvath is saying we have more of a representational democracy, so there is a difference in how much power is in the hands of the students. I think that's something we should keep in mind.

Sufi: I understand the concerns. I think one way we could alleviate some of these concerns is by setting standards for how CPC gives out money in the bylaw.

Speaker: You could put it in the bylaw, but I would recommend that putting it into a policy might be a better idea.

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to bylaw 609 (CPC) in its second reading.

Hashmi, Berryman

-In favor

-Against

-Abstain

Motion to amend to \$1000

Verrier, Piovesan

Verrier: I think \$1500 is a bit much to put a stamp on. If we have 10 people come in with requests of \$1500, that is \$15,000 out of the clubs funding budget. I think \$1000 is much easier to handle and I do think that if we don't believe \$1000 is fitting then at least table it until we can make a decision.

BIRT BUSAC approves the motion to amend CPC funding limit to \$1000.
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10-In favor (Craig, Verrier)

18-Against

6-Abstain (Budgeon)

Amendment is defeated

Aggarwal: Given that council has some desire for approving \$1500, I'm not explicitly opposed to exploring this option. Before I'm comfortable making a decision I would like to see CPC draft the guidelines or policy that was proposed earlier and see how that money would be spent.

Hashmi: What would those guidelines consist of specifically?

Speaker: CPC would approve things like delegate fees, but wouldn't approve jackets for executives, as an example. I would say that we could absolutely move to start writing a political policy. You could pass that motion and have the policy done.

Eady: I would like to comment on something said earlier about this motion in regards to CPC being elected to deal with this money. I am in favour of whatever BUSAC decides; it isn't a big deal to me. I just wanted to say that CPC was elected under the idea that they would be approving up to \$800, not \$1500.

Motion to table item until next BUSAC meeting.

Piovesan, Kayitaba

Piovesan: I get what you're saying. I would feel more comfortable voting on this after seeing this policy.

Coetzee: It's not fair to make uneducated decisions.

Verrier: Given that we all have cold feet about this, and the fact that we only have \$16,000 in change, being able to provide that much money per club could become risky. I think we should look into this more. We're not going to be approving \$1500 per club at this point. I think that it's reasonable to table this.

Call to question

Rose, Bezaire

Passes by general consent.

BIRT BUSAC table the item until the next BUSAC meeting.

20-In favor (Verrier)

5-Against

6-Abstain (Budgeon)

16.0

Letter from the Executive

The Executive presents a letter to BUSAC

Rose: On behalf of the executive we appreciate what just happened. This has been a learning experience for us as a team, and it's not done. As we get into these questions the floor is open now to have any conversation you want to have. Any of us will be happy to talk to you. If you're uncomfortable to bring anything up to the group or on camera, or just want to do it privately, just keep in mind that you have mechanisms available to you.

Banava: I would like to make clear that even though I was contacted, my opinion is not reflected in the first letter read by Horvath. I have been working closely with Dawson and Sergi and I haven't been discouraged by any of them.

Piovesan: It was mentioned a few times, the first letter was seen as an opportunity more so than anything and I thought that cool and I appreciate that. I see a lot of strengths in the executives and I believe they are going to take this as an opportunity to grow. However, just to speak to the integrity of the petitions and why they were started, there were some changes that could have happened but weren't dealt with right away and I want to speak to what those were. On the November 4th meeting, we talked about the breakfast that is going on right now. That's where there were issues with the attitudes of the executives that made it difficult to approach them. It would be hypocritical of me to say it was only them

because I also made an impolite comment toward the executives and I take responsibility for that. On the 12th they were approached with this letter, and on the 18th most of the executives were in Halifax. I do find that he [Horvath] is growing, I did find at that meeting I found some of the attitude unapproachable. However, I do see improvements being made. The other concern I had was in saying this was an opportunity for growth. It did take until today to see the budget that was due in July. The reason for the petitions—I support them being pulled—but I wanted to speak to their integrity.

Rose: Thank you for your comment. Just to underline things that you said, it's something that has been made a priority for the executive, the way we articulate ourselves and composure. I think a large part of the reason we're strong at this meeting is because we're together and we've had time to reflect. I want to applaud to the councilor who just spoke and the ones who moved forward with the petitions because we do appreciate the passion and being held accountable, it will definitely be something we carry with us for the rest of our careers.

Campbell: Even though I was approached, I didn't sign the petition. I wasn't in support of impeaching them. Before the executives have room to grow, the most important concern I would like to see addressed is vocal disagreement. Whether you agree or not I think you should be respectful. We're working together and I don't want to be working against each other.

Amin: I can't speak on behalf of other social science councilors. Nothing came through me, I wasn't mentioned or privy to anything that was going on. Dividing BUSAC and BUSU should have been more collective.

Eady: Although I will be updating council in January, there is one thing that I would like to make note. The letter that was read that I had seen previous was the letter I co-authored. The concerns that were mentioned were our own, and to correct what Amin just said, it was just to represent Madi and I. We were signing as a --- not as a representation of the whole.

Sufi: Speaking of accountability and food. Good job Brian with the breakfast. Could you please bring a budget as well about the breakfast to the next meeting? It is more so because we took that fee because it wasn't being used properly, and I just want to see how we as BUSU are using it.

Horvath: You would like to see the receipts? Yes I can do that.

Verrier: This is speaking to some concerns I've been told by students when they're watching meetings from home. They talked about members of the executive speaking out of turn, and councilors calling point of order and it made them uneasy as student leaders. This has improved since then. This is one of the issues that has been looked at and it's great we're seeing improvement there as well.

Irandoost: Thank you everyone for keeping it respectful and professional. As councilors, we're also learning. We're hoping you can keep that into consideration as well.

Dawson: Something that I wanted to say while I was up there, on the surface when we're on the job the number one thing we look at is what's on paper. Our positions are not just defined by our bylaws or the title on our door. The day-to-day activities we're perusing everyday is not in our bylaw, it's not written on paper. The student union is a unique environment to work within because it's student run. It's amazing and ridiculous that we as students have power, all of us students. I think, I'll speak for myself although I think I can speak for all four of us, we had no idea what we were getting ourselves into. No one is qualified for these positions. This is the first time we're all in it together. It's a huge learning curve for each of us. It's empowering because none of us are qualified, and now we are all qualified. That's encouraging. That's probably what made me take the jump between running and not running. It's exciting. The day-to-day operations that you unfortunately don't get to see, we'd love to see you with us side by side. It's all about perspective. What do you all see and what is your perception on it? Obviously what has been perceived hasn't been the greatest and we realize that. But I hope that you realize we're all in this together, we're trying our hardest, we love what we're doing, and we want this to be the best year yet.

Horvath: Thank you, I understand that in council it is apparent I can be pretty aggressive. I am growing, I'm trying to learn in foundations in leadership. I am taking steps, please just be patient. I never had BUSAC before this year, my pushiness will come out and when I'm trying to get things done being pushy helps me get things done, but this isn't the right place for that.

Rose: What's just been said and what I've said in conversation and I've heard from a lot of councilors, this is exactly why we encourage people to get involved. When I was a member of smart start and realized BUSU existed after seeing their presentation I knew I wanted to be involved. It's astronomical to see what the student body can do—one thing as an executive we preach a lot of, is that anyone can do it. There's nothing that separates us from anyone else in the population. We're super passionate, but that's not to say that none of you are qualified to run next year. That's the reason why we innovate so constantly and consistently because when people sit in a job for a long time they become comfortable with it, and this is part of why we constantly have a new executive. We value it a lot. Thank you for the opportunities you've given us and for working with us. We can all learn from this. We actually used this to become closer as a council, and it will continue with the Christmas party on Saturday. Reach out to us get involved, there's so many opportunities to get involved with this organization to make a huge difference. Regardless of the hierarchy, no one is above anyone and we try to act that way. Do these executive positions attract people with egos? Yes. It also inspires people who are passionate and aren't afraid to be dreamers. I encourage collaboration from everyone.

Kayitaba: I want to let you executives know you're more than capable to do your jobs. The big red flag is to hear out your constituents' voices first and make them the priority. With great power comes great responsibility. I truly encourage everyone to take this red flag as a means to say we should really listen to what our constituents have to say seriously.

Sergi: Some amazing things have been said, I wanted to reiterate we have an open door policy. It's our first time in a role like this, and there is a huge learning curve. We recognize right off the bat some of the decorum and the way we reacted to things was a bit uncalled for. I've never seen a group quite as passionate. Bear with us and keep those lines of communication open. We see it as one organization, part of my job is learning from other organizations, and no school can be successful if students don't work together. We set the direction and what the reputation of this organization is. We'll make the best effort to change those issues which you present to us.

Banava: I'm honoured to serve as an undergraduate senator. I want to publicly thank Spencer for his support as a first time senator. He's always prepared and knows all the information on the agenda, and is more than willing to help. He gives us all the information we don't know, so thank you.

17.0

Referendum Petitions and Polls Oversight Committee Report (CASA)

18.0

Councillor Leave of Absence

BIRT BUSAC approves Sarah Bhardwaj's leave of absence.
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Eady, Craig

24-In favor
0-Against
1-Abstain

19.0

Petition to Recall BUSU Vice President Finance and Administration

BIRT BUSAC approves the language of the VPFA recall petition.

-In favor
-Against
-Abstain

20.0

~~Petition to Recall BUSU Vice-President Student Services~~

BIRT BUSAC approves the language of the VPSS recall petition.

-In favor
-Against
-Abstain

21.0

Responsibilities to the Board until January 13th 2016

BIRT BUSAC transfers responsibilities to the Board until January 13, 2016 meeting.
Hanula, Sergi

20-In favor
0-Against
5-Abstain

22.0

Committee Reports

23.0

Report – VP Student Services

24.0

Report – VP External Affairs

Piovesan: When you reroute the 116, it might slightly affect the bus schedule times. Can you ask them to update the schedule on the website when it changes?

Dawson: The timing shouldn't change too much. The bus would leave the terminal at 7:30 and get to Marilyn I Walker at 7:34, but I'll mention it.

Eady: Speaking of the 16 and the 116, it's late consistently. I'm constantly waiting in the rain for the bus.

Craig: I was wondering how long do you expect the trial period to last before adjustments can be made?

Dawson: 1 to 2 months into it, I don't think it would be something they'd be opposed to. We pay a lot of money into the public transit system in St. Catharines.

Verrier: One of the biggest concerns I get the most is the Pen Centre buses need to be offsetting. They all arrive within 15 minutes of each other and then for the rest of that time there are no buses. Is it possible to have them staggered so the 124 leaves at the 0:40 and 0:10 and so on?

Dawson: I love all that. Can we sit down and talk?

Berryman: Concerning the overnight parking, you said it was only for zone one pass holders?

Dawson: Zone two as well. It was also brought up, "why the heck can't students with zone two parking passes park in zone one during weekends?" We'll make it happen.

Nagib: What are the possibilities to get free parking for designated drivers on Isaac's nights?

Dawson: I can definitely look into it. I hear you, but I don't think that should be a thing though since they should be paying for parking regardless. People who don't have a parking pass, if you're not paying for parking on campus you'll be paying the fine.

Eady: I forget what the lot number or letter of the parking lot is, but it's the pay for the day parking (D) lot. Could you try getting that as overnight parking so that people who don't have a pass could pay overnight.

Speaker: Parking services is a profit making service on campus. If we are talking about adding these things it's going to come from Division 1 budget, they won't do it for free.

Dawson: I think the hours of the person working in the booth might be the only major barrier.

Sufi: They have a pay machine for the day.

Dawson: We also intend on negotiating for student discounts for the downtown campus. There are a couple of city lots they can use, but the prices are outrageous.

25.0

Report – VP Finance and Administration

26.0

Report –President

Campbell: When are we going to see the new GM start?

Rose: None of us can answer that yet, our optimistic start date is June.

27.0

Closed Question Period

Bezaire: I noticed there was an action item that we didn't address. Was there a reason for this?

Speaker: This is a new seat that has been created by our actions tonight. I don't think governance is meeting for anything over the break. This was an oversight on our part and we can address it at the next meeting.

Banava: Is next semester meetings going to be at the same time and day?

Speaker: Yes.

28.0

Information and Reminders

Motion to adjourn.

Horvath, Bezaire