

Brock University Students' Administrative Council



Meeting: 9

Date: January 14, 2016, 7:00pm

Speaker: Chris Ventura

Deputy Speaker: John Pappas

Recording Secretary: Kaitlyn Daw

OVERVIEW

Opening Procedures

	Description
1 Call to Order	
2 Approval of the Agenda	Administrative
3 Adoption of the Minutes (Meeting 8)	Administrative
4 Open Question Period	
5 Notes from the Speaker	

Presentations

6 OUSA Updates	Information
7 Club Funding Request (French Club)	Information
8 Club Funding Request (Catholic Students' Association)	Information
9 Wellness Week Breakfast	Information

New Business

10 Clubs Policy Committee Report (Club Funding)	Action Item
11 Governance Report	Action Item
Bylaw 103 (BUSAC) – First Reading	
I. BIFRT The Governance Committee of BUSAC amend the Elections Bylaw to reflect the changes in Bylaw 103.	
II. BIFRT The Board of Directors Bylaw, The President, Vice President Student Services, Vice President Finance & Administration, Vice President External Affairs Bylaws be amended to reflect item 12 & 12a in the BUSAC Bylaw	
Bylaw 600 (Committees) – First Reading	
Bylaw 609 (Clubs Policy Committee) – First Reading	
12 Board of Directors Election	
13 Governance Committee Election	
14 In-Camera Session	

Reports

15 General Manager	Information
16 VP Student Service	Information
17 VP External Affairs	Information
18 VP Finance and Administration	Information
19 President	Information

Question Period

- 20 Close Question Period
- 21 Information and Reminders

Adjournment

1.0

Call to Order

2.0

Approval of the Agenda

Add presentation about Fed Up money spent for the Wellness Week Breakfast
Horvath, Banava

Horvath: I told you folks I would make a full presentation about it, so here it is.
Added by general consent

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

25-In favor 0-Against 2-Abstain

3.0

Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the January 14, 2015 minutes.

Bezaire, Campbell

27-In favor 0-Against 0-Abstain

4.0

Open Question Period

5.0

Notes from the Speaker

We have two councilors taking a leave of absence, Ms. Piovesan and Mr. Nyugen. We will respect their decision to take a leave of absence due to personal issues and scheduling conflicts. I believe Ms. Piovesan will be coming to this evening a bit later.

There are also two resignations. Both Stewart and Eady have submitted their resignation and we will accept their decision as they stand.

You will look at me as you speak, that's still happening. During club presentations you will talk to the presenters.

We have a lot on the agenda tonight, so let's keep our comments on a good pace.

At the last meeting, bylaw 2550 was tabled. It's bylaw 609 now. It's a first reading all over again.

Welcome back Mr. Green as our new General Manager.

This is the last election before the election period. We made a revision to the way that leave of absences are submitted. You no longer have to declare at this meeting, you just have to email me. As before, you will be able to attend at BUSAC meetings but won't be able to speak. You're probably better served campaigning while we're here.

We're electing three board replacements in case anyone on the board takes a leave. If someone declares they are going to be running. Anyone considering to be on a campaign team or running, please do not put yourself up for election. You may not have to serve, it's just in case someone decides to take a leave.

6.0

OUSA Updates

Zachary Rose presents OUSA's mid-year update.

Motion to extend presentation by 5 minutes.

Banava, Bezaire

Craig: Going back to your time out program. I'm wondering if it's strictly for domestic students or if it includes international students as well?

Z. Rose: We do have a standing policy on the restraining of international fees. The timeout campaign just focuses on the framework though, which is specifically a domestic issue.

7.0

Presentation – Club Funding Request (French Club)

The French Club presents their club funding request.

Banava: You said 16 students will participate. How many of these students are studying French as their major?

French Club: Not everyone who is a member is majoring in French. I don't remember off the top of my head who is or isn't in French. Majority of our club is, so at least 10 are in French studies.

Berardocco: How much is each member required to pay to partake in this trip?

French Club: We haven't set that yet because we're waiting to see how much we get from club funding.

Berardocco: How much were you required last year?

French Club: Last year we were very disorganized. We asked for our funding last minute and strange enough we got our request, so it only cost each person \$100. We learned from last year and fundraised ahead of time to get cheaper prices.

Berardocco: And the cost is \$178 per person at the moment?

French Club: Yes, if we don't get any funding that's how much it will be.

Fuller: How many are going on the trip?

French Club: 16.

Craig: Have you considered booking a tourist package at all, rather than having them pay for everything individually once they're there?

French Club: The hotel and busing is already booked.

Craig: I mean the tourist packages for site seeing and the Biodome, etc.

French Club: I think it would be more expensive to do it that way. From our research and the way we've planned to do it, it's about \$6 a day and much cheaper from what we paid last year.

8.0

Presentation – Club Funding Request (Catholic Students Association)

Ann presents on behalf of the Catholic Students Association.

9.0

Presentation – Wellness Week Breakfast

Brian Horvath presents the Wellness Week Breakfast budget breakdown.

Fuller: How many people attended the one that just happened?

Horvath: I'd say about 600-700 people.

Sufi: Was this just for Wellness Week, or does it include the breakfast that just happened?

Horvath: This was just for Wellness Week in November.

Irاندost: Did you have any food left over?

Horvath: Not during the Wellness Week breakfast. However, for the Frost Week breakfast we had 2 packs of croissants and at least 2-3 packs of muffins leftover.

Horvath: I have two questions I'd like to ask you. Although it costs about \$2200-\$3300 for an all day breakfast I'll probably be requesting \$2500 because whatever we don't spend stays there anyway. I am not running in these upcoming elections, but I am very invested in creating an informed student body. How would everyone in this room feel about having a "get to know the candidates" lunch or breakfast? I just want to have informed students and give them an opportunity to talk to current executives and staff about the positions.

Speaker: Looks like everyone is generally in support of it.

Smaiya: So how much was the breakfast in total?

Horvath: \$6733

Smaiya: What happens to the money that's left over?

Speaker: The money just goes back into the account if it isn't used.

10.0

Clubs Policy Report

French Club Funding Request

Horvath: CPC has stuck with its original recommendation. We would like to cover their funding for the club shirts. They did remove their shirts from their funding request tonight, which would bring our recommendation to \$72.42, however, if they would like to add it back on then CPC would be happy to cover the funding still.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$4,467.05 grant from Club Funding to the French Club.
--

Horvath, Campbell

-In favor

-Against

-Abstain

Motion to amend to CPC's recommendation.

Verrier, Bezaire

Hobbs: Are we assuming that they do want to get funding for their t-shirts?

Speaker: It's up to the approved amount, so they can use all of the grant or part of it if they wish.

BIRT BUSAC amend the club funding request to CPC's recommendation of approving \$427.29 from club funding to the French Club

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

Amendment passes successfully.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$427.29 grant from club funding to the French Club.
Horvath,

23-In favor 0-Against 4-Abstain (Budgeon)

Catholic Students Association Funding Request

Budgeon: The difference between their ask and our recommendation, we talked to them about setting a real membership fee rather than one that was contingent on them going on this trip. They were very friendly with us working on getting a membership fee. The discount they were going to get from the bookstore wasn't calculated so we helped them figure that out. The \$838.15 comes from establishing the real membership fee and the discount from the bookstore.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$1,105.00 grant from Club Funding to the Catholic Students' Association.
Horvath, Sufi

-In favor -Against -Abstain

Motion to amend to CPC's recommendation.

Sufi, Craig

BIRT BUSAC amend the club funding request to CPC's recommendation of approving \$838.15 grant from club funding to the Catholic Students' Association.
--

26-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain (Budgeon)

Amendment passes successfully.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$838.15 grant from club funding to the Catholic Students' Association.

26-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain (Budgeon)

Brock National Model United Nations Funding Request

Hashmi: On January 6, CPC met with two of the executives to review their funding request for the second time. CPC recognizes the importance of this club but we want to stress that there was no additional effort by the club to raise funding or find cheaper transportation with the exception of the \$200 option made available to them which would have saved the club a considerable amount of money. \$500 a night is very expensive. CPC made several recommendations. They said it would take significant amount of member's time to accommodate these recommended efforts, but as involved students ourselves I imagine we can all understand that. The club did express making a promotional video with Brock TV. On the Model UN website they include a list of different fundraising initiatives, so they had an abundance of fundraising opportunities. We would have appreciated more effort. It's an important trip, unfortunately there are over 100 clubs, we have limited funding, so we cannot pay for the ask they've requested because we would be drastically reducing opportunities for clubs this year. It's entirely up to council what we do moving forward.

Budgeon: The Club Funding balance is currently at \$14,134.79.

BIRT BUSAC approves \$10,000 grant from Clubs Funding to Brock National Model United Nations.
Horvath, Banava

-In favor
-Against
-Abstain

Motion to amend to CPCs recommendation

Verrier, Dawson

Sergi: Were there any integral parts of the conference that were taken out of the budget that might hinder their ability to participate?

Hashmi: They are still able to participate. It just affects the travel and room costs.

BIRT BUSAC amend the club funding request to CPC's recommendation of approving a \$4,240.56 grant from Club Funding to Brock National Model United Nations.

20-In favor
0-Against
7-Abstain (Budgeon)

Amendment passes

Sergi: I'm wondering if anyone from the club itself or CPC could comment on whether any funding from other departments were made available?

Budgeon: They talked to the Political Science department and managed to receive \$200. That's all they could get.

BIRT BUSAC approves a \$4,240.56 grant from Club Funding to Brock National Model United Nations.

19-In favor
0-Against
8-Abstain (Hobbs, Sergi, Budgeon, Banava, Fuller, Craig, Irandost)

11.0

Governance Report

Verrier: Speaking to us about speaking from our faculty perspectives. I'm the only humanities councilor. It is very difficult because my views are coming from a drama background. I'm the only voice for the downtown campus usually when it comes to things like Humanities concerns. Personally, whenever I do speak it usually sounds like it comes from me, but I still speak about things that I don't necessarily agree with. I talk to Humanities students all the time, so I speak from that experience. If we were to make it so that they are At Large positions, I think it would take away from the diversity of the representation. While we talk from

our own voice we talk from our experiences, and that background in each specific faculty is what we bring to the table.

Hobbs: How do you see that changing?

Verrier: I love what you did with the faculty representatives, putting the onus on them. If we were to have it that way, it would make it so they are more involved in their faculties.

Fuller: Thank you for doing all of this work, I like how it's looking. How did you guys decide on the two year term? For example, if I run as a Student At Large, I only have one year left after this year.

Hashmi: You have the option of saying no.

Fuller: So if someone says no?

Hashmi and Hobbs: It goes to the next person.

Bezair: Is there any mechanism if other student groups want representation on council, such as the Sport Management Council?

Hashmi: There's an edit in the bylaw for the creation of new seats as well. So if you have a student run organization that wishes to create a seat on council then that is an option.

Speaker: The only reason the BSA is there is because it's in their MOU. It's required that they be there.

Hashmi: They would represent their association.

Verrier: Speaking to the two-year term, I think that by giving them a two year term we're creating a safety net. I think having the accountability of needing to go to election again places more accountability on them.

Hashmi: This is my second year on council, if you have 15 new councilors that are being voted in we have a much greater chance of different councilors coming in. I may not have been as involved or voiced my concerns as much as I could have in my first year because we don't have many meetings year, and at the beginning you're just getting used to how it works. I think if you have councilors for two years you are ensuring there are councilors with experience sitting on council. There's previous perspective and experience being brought to the table.

Hobbs: That's also the reason why BUSU's Board Of Directors has two-year terms.

Sufi: In regards to section 12A. I'm wondering why there was no change made to that as we discussed about not doing a transcript at the round table discussion.

Hashmi: I think that was my mistake.

Sufi: We discussed removing the transcript and changing the language to read something along the lines of, "in consultation with the registrar's office."

Sergi: I think anyone who is on the governance committee would say I've come a long way from the first reading. I'm appreciative of how much work has gone into this and I understand the ultimate goal is to create an efficient forward-moving council. I still have some concerns though. Firstly I think having a February

election where we are electing for 12 positions will be a bit extensive. Should this pass here tonight, we will see the faculty representatives elected in March, but moving forward the faculty representatives would be elected at the same time as the executives. I think it should continuously be held in March. We've seen increase voter turnout. That usually comes somewhere north of 10 candidates, and by adding these other races we may lose some of the pull. That might just be my opinion. I also want to address the role of the off campus representative. Right now any student could vote for the off campus representative. I'm wondering if the off campus councilor is still necessary and something we might want to include. If we decide it isn't necessary, it would be possible to move that seat into another At Large position.

Hashmi: We did discuss that. We are open to moving it to an At Large seat; I'm not opposed to that. The number of voting positions would stay the same.

Sergi: What would the process look like to leave it as March, and to evaluate it for future years?

Hashmi: Our rationale as governance was that you would get three questions about your executives, board of directors, and faculty representatives during the February elections. It would be a cleaner race, and those candidates who didn't win would have the option to run again in March. If it so happens that the March elections aren't so hectic we can explore other options. It was our understanding that if you have faculty representatives and At Large voting happening at the same time it might get confusing.

Speaker: The elections piece is not a part of this bylaw, it's a part of the elections bylaw. When we pass this, there will a "BIFRT upon further approval of this bylaw governance will be tasked to work on the elections bylaw." We're looking creating a new voting system that has a lot of other pieces that need to come together, but don't need to get decided on today. If this goes through, we need to figure out how this works out moving forward.

Green: Back to the off campus discussion about moving the off campus position to an at large seat, it sounded like a friendly amendment among council. If it's friendly with the mover perhaps we could change that.

Jaberi: You guys are doing a great job. Who would the undeclared representative be contacting? Is there a Dean for undeclared majors? These seats are designed for students to get in close contact with faculty deans so I'm wondering how they fit into this.

Hashmi: We felt it odd to leave them out because there are quite a few students who are undeclared majors.

Hobbs: If we removed the seat then undeclared students wouldn't have any representation, which is problematic.

Green: There is technically faculty for undeclared majors. The registered students in those faculties are very different from general studies. There is a population of about 500-600 students that don't fit into those categories. We can get those numbers if you'd like to see them.

Sergi: I'm curious, Mr. Speaker, if you would you be able to give us some historical context from your own experience as an undergraduate student councilor and Speaker of BUSAC is this issue has been brought forward before, and if so, why it was unsuccessful then?

Speaker: To my knowledge it has not been brought to council since I've been involved. Conversations have been going on about this particular formation of council since at least last year, in which several students asked me to help them with a proposal and research.

Green: The last major change was around 2007/2008 when the population spiked. The bylaw didn't have the capacity to handle the fluctuation in student population so they created the process we currently have. The increase from back then didn't carry on after 2010, and the current system was built to handle the large influx during that time.

Bezaire: My question is in reference to item 6. You alluded to this a bit, but as far as the following organization—for residence specifically—are you talking about the students overall, or would there be any departmental input? There are some students that hold an administrative role within the department structure. I'm curious if those people would be put on this. There are 8 residence staff members that are high-ranking members that are real employees of the university, and I was wondering if there could be some conflicts of interest.

Hashmi: That's something we didn't consider in regards to administrative influences.

Speaker: We would consult with residence on the best way to fill the seat. We would figure out what the process would look like with them.

Demachkie: Does the bachelor of arts degree fall under the faculty of humanities?

Green: When you declare your major you identify which stream you would be interested in.

Jaberi: I don't think one seat for faculty representatives is enough; it's more responsibility and work for a single person to perform. I think it would be better to have 2-3 seats that would improve communication between the students and deans. If you cut the seats to 2 or 3 faculty seats you would have less overall voting seats.

Hashmi: I understand where you're coming from. As a faculty of applied health science, there are about 6 or 7 of us. If you try to get in contact with the dean, trying to accumulate the schedules of 6 students in a room with the incredibly busy dean of a faculty, and ensure everyone's on the same page is a lot to ask on its own. During the July retreat we all talked about putting together a report and meeting on a regular basis, and to this day that report has never materialized because it wasn't feasible or realistic with our schedules. I understand your worry. Our mandate for our faculty representative is so that the faculty is aware that an able bodied student is addressing student issues, so if they have questions on anything BUSU or BUSAC related they can report it directly to that person.

Jaberi: I understand what you're saying, but I'm saying 2-3 is reasonable, not 6 or 7. They should be able to contact the Dean regularly.

Campbell: I was going to say the same thing.

.....
Sufi: Can we go to item 12 please? The way it stands now, we have one that says BUSAC representative and one that says faculty representative. Can we make a distinction on which one?

Speaker: It would be anyone running for BUSAC.

Jaberi: Should we distinguish the requirements between an At Large and Faculty Representative?

Hashmi: There is no difference in importance of the At Large or Faculty representative positions.

Horvath: Your ability to connect with students does not reflect your average. I'm not a scholar, but that does not reflect my ability to connect with students or hear from people.

Jaberi: I think if you represent a faculty you should be aware of everything going on in your faculty. You should have more knowledge and outstanding status than any other student.

Hashmi: The reason we have included this average requirement is for the benefit of students. Other schools implement this average system and we're not asking anything above what is typically required to stay in any of the programs. This is a simple amendment and we need to ensure we're not failing our students.

Hobbs: This is a protectionary measure. The goal of this has nothing to do with saying this student is a good student; it's to ensure they stay in the program they originally came to university for before becoming involved.

Sergi: In specific reference to the 60 average, 60 was more appropriate because it's the minimum requirement for most programs. We want to lead by example. Having said that, I recognize there's a standard we want to hold BUSAC to. I think the 60% average should not just be implemented for BUSAC but should also be applied to the executive positions and Board of Directors members as well. I don't think it's optimal to have a varying standard among the executives, councilors, and members of the Board. If we expect our councilors to maintain a certain academic standard and lead by example, then we as the executive, as well as the Board, should be held to that same standard.

Speaker: I think we need to make it a BIFRT because other bylaws would have to be changed. This bylaw can only hold councilors accountable. We would need to change those bylaws to reflect what your saying to hold them to the same standard.

Campbell: I was going to agree and to make a change to require that all candidates for Executive or Board of Directors positions be held to the same standard.

Craig: I was looking at your diagram here and I'm concerned that it says for a voting member you would only have the chair of the Board. From personal experience, we have a tendency to discuss and disagree on things and I'm worried there could be a bias. There should be more seats for the board of directors.

Hobbs: BUSAC is here to keep BUSU accountable. I understand there could be some apparent bias with having only one Board member with a voting seat. However, you as Board members can come to BUSAC to speak or contest any bias, although you wouldn't have a vote. That one vote should represent the entirety of the board. Most governing bodies function this way, and unfortunately they're no perfect system to ensure there's no biases.

Bezaire: I'm curious if someone can't meet that average, would they be removed from council? And if an executive would be removed?

Speaker: It would be when you do your nomination. You wouldn't get a chance to run if your average didn't meet the requirement.

Bezaire: So someone could have a 60 average when they get their nomination, but could that average potentially drop down after they've been elected?

Speaker: They would still be able to represent for that year, but at the end of the year they would get bumped out of their seat if their average did not meet the requirement.

Sergi: I wanted to know if it would be possible to make the distinction between major or overall average?

Hashmi: Overall.

Sergi: So if your overall average maintained above 60 but your major courses didn't you would still be okay to run?

Hashmi: Yes.

Demachkie: When would you like to implement these newly proposed seats?

Hashmi: During the March 2016 elections.

Demachkie: In respect to the time we have for this BUSAC meeting, I believe we should have another meeting because every time we talk about this we have more ideas that seem to have strong weight in terms of voter seats. I think we should possibly have another round table discussion because we're covering more and more concerns about this.

Speaker: We can certainly have another conversation about this next week if people want to get together. There's another BUSAC meeting as well where this will have to be passed. What you're saying though, is what we're currently doing with the BIFRT and language changes we've made up to this point from our discussion. This is why we have a two-step processes with the first and second readings.

Sheikh: I was wondering what happened to the accessibility representative?

Hashmi: They will be represented.

Smaiya: From my understanding, you don't have to be a student to be an executive of BUSU?

Speaker: You must be a student at the time you run, but not when you serve.

Deb: I had a question about the average. Would it be the current year or semester that you run? Or would it be the semester before that?

Speaker: It would be the fall semester of the year that you run because those would be the official grades the registrar has access to.

Deb: What if you run in the fall election?

Speaker: The last official grades would be the ones taken into account.

Deb: What if a student wants to run in their first year during the fall elections?

Speaker: We don't have a minimum yet. I'm not sure what would happen there.

Sergi: We determined we were talking about the overall average in the previous question I asked, which would take into account previous years as well. In response to the question that was just asked you said it would take into account the semester before?

Speaker: Yes, so all of the grades up to the semester before.

Hashmi: If you went to get your transcript printed at the registrar's office, all of the official grades that would be printed on that transcript would be the ones taken into account.

Fuller: If we wanted to implement this new structure and we wanted to wait until next year... I feel it would be more beneficial to start in February as it's suggested. Could we vote for it at the last meeting?

Hashmi: That was something we discussed at the governance committee. Our only fear is that you would have a new boardroom, new governance committee, and a new sort of student body working at this. If we are all on the same page and say that this is happening next year, then you're telling the councilors that you elect that their seats don't really matter because we're going to be changing the structure.

Verrier: Since we're not going to be able to put this into effect until after everything is in place in February election, I see some conflict in that with two people running for social science position, those two running may be more qualified but only one of them gets in and we lose that person.

Hashmi: That's how elections work. The reality is that we are electing a specific amount of people and the increased competition for seats will encourage students to bring their full effort forward. We're not trying to be mean, we're trying to clean up the election process and solidify it.

Verrier: I think everyone pays more attention to the February elections. I'm concerned that all of the faculty positions will be overshadowed with the executive elections.

Hashmi: If you have more people that are aware of the executive elections, then wouldn't there be more people aware of the faculty representative elections too? They'd receive all of the information in a single ballot.

Campbell: I want to say that if we are worried if we don't spend enough time researching, if we did wait until next year, why should it matter that the new council rejects it?

.....

Bezaire: I think it was item 23 about the 5 things. How is that going to be held accountable?

Speaker: Kayleigh and I are going to draft a protocol. Having a ticket, photo, or some other token of proof to verify the experience. We're going to think of a point for each one. We didn't see the point in drafting a protocol before it was approved, so as to not waste time.

Fuller: I think one of the options should be a "member of a club".

Verrier: The only problem is that you have the records of when they go to these things, but there's no deadline.

Speaker: There is a deadline: in the fall semester.

Sufi: Would you mind adding equity seeking groups?

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Section 1 (parts 1 to 8) in Bylaw 101 (Brock University Students' Administrative Council) in its first reading.
--

Hashmi, Fuller

17-In favor

5-Against (Verrier, Craig, Jaber)

1-Abstain

Sergi: I'm wondering if it would be friendly with the councilor or movers to address the staff component of it. If we were to give front end staff one seat that could be run for to represent the staff perspective. What would that look like?

Hashmi: That would have to go into creating seats.

Speaker: The GM is here to represent staff. That's a conversation we could have.

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Section 2 (parts numbers 9 to 13) in Bylaw 101 (Brock University Students' Administrative Council) in its first reading.

Hashmi, Rose

23-In favor (Verrier) 1-Against 3-Abstain

BIRT BUSAC approves the remaining changes to Bylaw 101 (Brock University Students' Administrative Council) in its first reading.
Hashmi, Rose

24-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

BIRT BUSAC Passes Bylaw 103 in its first reading as presented.
BIFRT The Governance Committee of BUSAC amend the Elections Bylaw to reflect the changes in Bylaw 103.
BIFRT The Board of Directors Bylaw, The President, Vice President Student Services, Vice President Finance & Administration, Vice President External Affairs Bylaws be amended to reflect item 12 & 12a in the BUSAC Bylaw
Hashmi, Verrier

24-In favor 0-Against 1-Abstain

Sufi: #32 please. Although I like the idea of having this in the BUSAC councilor bylaw, I don't think it adds anything to the SAL positions, specifically because they are going for specific committees. I don't think someone from RILRC is going to benefit from volunteering at homecoming or anything like that. It's a certain set of skills that they already need to have. That's why we've included the interview process. I would recommend removing that part of the bylaw.

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 2000 (Committees) in its first reading.
Hashmi, Sufi

18-In favor 1-Against 3-Abstain

Verrier: There is a history of student clubs that will ask for the most amount of money they can before they have to go to BUSAC. If we increase the amount, people are going to be asking for \$1500 instead of the \$800 because of the fact that they can ask for that much without having to do a second presentation. So many people have told me they have done this and I'm worried how it will affect how the club funding budget is spent.

Hashmi: If a club decides to adjust their funding to avoid a second presentation we don't have control over it. It's CPC's responsibility to evaluate funding requests and make calculated decisions on how those funds are distributed.

BIRT BUSAC approves the changes to Bylaw 2500 (Club Policy Committee) in its first reading. Hashmi, Campbell

22-In favor 2-Against (Verrier) 2-Abstain (Budgeon)

12.0

Board of Directors Election

BIRT BUSAC elects Argho Utsav Deb, Kyle Bezaire, Wasim Demachkie to the Board of Directors for the duration of the February election period.
--

-In favor -Against -Abstain

13.0

Governance Committee Election

BIRT BUSAC elects Abby Budgeon to the Governance Committee.

-In favor -Against -Abstain

14.0

In-Camera Session

Motion to move into camera.

Hanula, Sufi

15.0

Report – General Manager

16.0

Report – VP Student Services

Sufi: I was wondering what paid for the Frost Week breakfast. Where did that money come from?

Horvath: That came from the Fed Up money and was approved by the Board.

Berardocco: What were those questions you were going to ask us earlier?

Horvath: They were about having the candidates lunch. I already asked them.

Fuller: What's the status on the new Isaac's Army coordinator?

Horvath: We've interviewed two candidates and we will be following with two more.

17.0

Report – VP External Affairs

18.0

Report – VP Finance and Administration

Bezaire: Could you clear up what the purpose of the survey was? There were a lot of students wondering why we need to have the bus pass. There was a big debate and they were wondering what that survey was supposed to be.

Dawson: The U-Pass is always going to be the most discussed fee. The survey clearly states what it is for, so I don't know how it could be any clearer.

Sergi: The survey acts as a data collection component, but from an External Affairs perspective it gives us some fuel to motivate change when we make certain requests. In terms of conversations around the effectiveness of the U-Pass fee, I think the needs of the few tend to be outweighed by the views of the many. If we allowed massive opt outs there would be no U-Pass. So many students rely on this and that was the spirit of this pass in the first place.

Dawson: It was clearly stated that, moving forward, it would benefit Brock students and give BUSU insight into the wants and needs of students. We were as clear as we could be.

Verrier: For the Ride with Me campaign, the best times to travel on the bus are between 4:30 and 6pm. I also recommend you take them to East St. Catharines because it takes 50 minutes by bus, but only approximately 20 minutes by car. Have you looked into the offsetting of the buses I mentioned last meeting?

Dawson: I haven't yet.

Verrier: I was also curious about how you sent out the survey to every undergraduate student. It was my understanding that the only time we were allowed to do this is for elections because of university policy. Is that true? And if not, why can't we do this for the AGM?

Dawson: I asked the registrars office to send out the survey, I'm not sure about the specific policies.

19.0

Report – President

20.0

Closed Question Period

Jaberi: Mr. Rose and Green, are there any updates on Fed Up?

Rose: Em has disappeared. We are going to move forward with pursuing the building, but as of late we were very busy, especially with the hiring of our new General Manager. It's something we can resume now.

Green: We'll have something within the next week or two.

21.0

Information and Reminders

Budgeon: BMT tickets are on sale now.

Speaker: Even though you don't have to declare in person, you are required to send me an email for leave of absences.

Jaberi: What's the deadline?

Speaker: 4:55PM next Friday

Green: On Tuesday from 11-1 we will be holding an office hour for anyone interested in learning more about administrative stuff for BUSU. Reach out to BUSU executives if you're interested in running. We keep everything you talk about confidential, so please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you again for accommodating me and having this meeting on Thursday. Unfortunately, I had conflicts with this Wednesday and since this is my first meeting as GM I would have liked to be here, so thank you all again.

Sergi: On Thursday, January 21 we have mayors and councilors coming to present the Ride With Me data. We'll be on the buses, so please come out if you want to participate.