



Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Meeting: 1

Date: May 6th, 2018, 10:30am

Speaker: Niveditha Sethumadhavan

Deputy Speaker: Kayleigh Rossetto (in the place of James Hall)

Recording Secretary: Emma Evans

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Call to Order

2.0

Approval of the Speaker

BIRT BUSAC approves Niveditha Sethumadhavan as the Speaker for the 2018-2019 year

Mover: Johnson Secunder: Persia

<i>Motion Passed by General Consent</i>

3.0

Approval of the Deputy Speaker

BIRT BUSAC approves James Hall as the Deputy Speaker for the 2018-2019 year

Mover: Ali Secunder: Khan

<i>Motion Passed by General Consent</i>

4.0

Approval of the Standing Orders of Council

BIRT BUSAC approves the use of the 2017-2018 Standing Orders for the May 6 th , 2018 meeting

Mover: Johnson Secunder: Gilhula

<i>Motion Passed by General Consent</i>

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Territorial Recognition

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Approval of the Agenda

BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the May 6, 2018 meeting
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Mover: Legros

Secunder: Henen

<i>Motion Passed by General Consent</i>

7.0

Adoption of the Minutes

BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes from the April 4 th , (Meeting 15)

Mover: Kaminsky

Secunder: Kerr

<i>Motion Passed by General Consent</i>

Yes: 4

No: 0

Abstention: 9

8.0

Open Questions Period

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Notes from the Speaker

Speaker: Welcome

Total Voting Members= 14

Quorum:

- 50% + 1= 8
- 2/3 Majority: 10

10.0

BUSAC July Retreat Dates

Deputy Speaker: This meeting is meant for team building, learning Robert’s Rules of Order, and preparing for the upcoming year.

Henen: Point of information is the retreat in 2018?

Deputy Speaker: Yes, it is.

Johnson: I have a Soccer tournament booked for those days.

Deputy Speaker: How about the weekend after?

Johnson: I think that would be okay.

Gilhula: There is Smart Start most Saturdays but I could come the Sunday.

Deputy Speaker: Yes, that is okay. We will switch the retreat to the 28th-29th.

BIRT BUSAC approves July 28 th and 29 th for the 2018 retreat

Mover: Gilhula Secunder: Khan

<i>Motion Passed by General Consent</i>

11.0

Appointment – BUSU Board of Directors (Executive)

BIRT BUSAC appoints Bilal Khan, VP of Finance and Administration, to the BUSU Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 year

Mover: Ali Secunder: Legros

<i>Motion Passed by General Consent</i>

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstention: 1

12.0

Election – BUSU Board of Directors (2 Voting Councilors)

Questions to Candidates:

Kaminsky: How would you go about changes to human resources?

Johnson: From what I know there the BUSU Board of Directors can make changes to job descriptions and responsibilities as well as hiring. My approach to these decisions, is focusing on what is in the interest of the students and how BUSU impacts students. I would keep in mind that the job of those working for BUSU is to make BUSU provide the best experience to students and

help students by both helping further their career and bringing them personal success, while fostering a sense of community, which is what BUSU is about.

Ali: I feel my colleague has summed up but to add to that I would make sure any grievances put forward by an employee would be handled well. I would not be the only one involved in making decisions on the board, I would only be one vote. But I would make sure as far as my power is concerned, I would make the best decisions to make sure everyone is happy working at Brock University.

Henen: What do you think is the most relevant strength you have and your biggest weakness?

Ali: To start with my weakness, I think I am very soft-hearted. If I come to someone and see them crying I can't help but also cry. For my strength, I don't give up. Whatever happens, when I get disappointed or dejected, I keep doing what I need until I achieve my objectives.

Johnson: I think my greatest strength is being serious about analytics and data, which drive decisions in business environments like BUSU. As a science student, I like to get to the deepest part of information. I want to make sure we know what the information represents with councilors and use it for decisions. My weakness is almost being too patient, which relates to my drive for analytics. Sometimes for decisions related to BUSAC/BUSU I am patient to make sure we have all information and really wait until all information is there.

Khan: How will you cope with your weakness? For you Ali how will you cope with your soft-heartedness within the job and Johnson how will you manage your cautiousness in decision making?

Ali: Thank you Bilal, I do understand my weakness exists, but when it comes to my job I take it very seriously. My weakness only relates to people who are very emotional, crying for example, and that is when I get sympathetic. I don't think this weakness will hinder my decision-making abilities.

Johnson: That is a great question Bilal. Going back to my leadership experience, the board of directors is a group decision making board and as a group, many individuals can all bring multiple voices to a decision and impact how we make decisions for human resources or finance. My teamwork element can support me in making these decisions and to work with the other directors to use their information to help make the decision.

BIRT BUSAC elects Cara Persia and Mohamed Ali to the Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 year

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Election – Clubs Policy Committee (3 Members)

BIRT BUSAC elects Sadia Hasan and Benjamin Johnson to the Clubs Policy Committee for the 2018-2019 year

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Election – Governance Committee (3 Councilors + 1 Member)

BIRT BUSAC elects Benjamin Johnson, Christopher Yendt, Sabastian Legros, and Allesandra Gabriel to the Governance Committee for the 2018-2019 year

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Election – Internal Affairs Committee (3 Councilors)

Questions to Candidates:

Henen: Very briefly can you explain what gives you an edge over the other candidate?

Kerr: I do have a business background and experience on council. I also have a unique perspective of the international experience at Brock University, as I myself am from Jamaica.

Bernatsky: I would say I have a competitive edge. I will talk to the students and other reps and find out what is the best for the school and fight to make that happen.

Ali: We know we have many problems with the bus pass over the summer. How would you like to handle this if you were given the position?

Kerr: I personally had to buy the semester pass which was \$290. BUSU said the subsidy may or may not happen. I think bringing it back is a good idea as I know for myself that currently the summer pass is almost a month rent. I know there is a lot of improvement to be made. Also, when purchasing my pass, I overheard an individual bragging that they had found a lost pass. Currently there is nothing that ties a student to the pass, so if the pass gets lost or stolen they must buy another. I think that is problematic.

Bernatsky: I ride my bike during the summer and it sucks but we can't ask all students to pay for the pass because they don't use it during the summer if they are not in the city. I think what would be best is to discuss further discounting the pass and consider expanding the regional access. For example, if I need to go to Niagara On the Lake, as I currently do, I would need to buy another pass. This is incredibly expensive so I feel we should look to expanding the access of the pass.

BIRT BUSAC elects Brielle Kaminsky, Sadia Hasan, and Jaden Bernatsky to the Internal Affairs Committee for the 2018-2019 year

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Transfer of Power to the Board

BIRT BUSAC transfers it's power to the BUSU Board of Directors until the July retreat meeting

Mover: Kaminsky

Seconder: Henen

Motion Passed by General Consent

17.0

Report – VP Student Services

VPSS, Ms. Khouzam, report is presented.

Deputy Speaker: If you have any questions for Joyce you can reach out to her. I will provide information as to how later.

18.0

Report – VP External Affairs

VPEA, Mr. Henen, presents report.

Henen: I would just like to thank everyone here for getting involved. Secondly, I would like to thoroughly encourage you to speak your thoughts. Don't just go with the flow. You are here to represent the students. A genuine individual will understand a disagreement does not mean you dislike them. Use your time and don't feel forced to conform. Speak your mind and speak your thoughts, it is important to have that drive.

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Report – VP Finance and Administration

VPFA, Mr. Khan, presents report.

Khan: For those who don't know me I would just like to introduce myself. The council this year seems very passionate which is always good to see. I have been transitioning since early March and will further the transitioning process during July retreat. Thank you for coming to the first meeting of the year and I do apologize for the couple of typos on my report.

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Report – President

President, Mr. Hibma, report is presented.

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Close Question Period

Kerr: I know one of the committee's is the appeal committee. Is that voting taking place at a different date?

Deputy Speaker: Yes, anything we have not voted on today will be voted in July.

Information and Reminders

Johnson: I just wanted to say welcome to everyone especially those who are new. I had a great experience last year on BUSAC and I hope to work with all of you to make a great year at Brock.

Gilhula: The Business Students' Association (BSA) had their first Goodman Students Advisory Board (GSAB) yesterday. Where we approved Steven Simons and I to attend Canadian Business Student's Conference (CBSC) which is a mandatory the Canadian Association of Business Schools (CABS) conference. Steven is one of two JDCC captains who will have input on how this year's competition is run. It is taking place June 14-17 in Fredricton, New Brunswick.

Yenft: June 4th is quickly approaching which means so is Ride Don't Hide which we will be hosting at Brock University this year. Early bird registration is open until end of today. You don't have to ride you can be a virtual rider and support that way. I am doing the 24K myself. It is a lot of fun there will be food trucks. My dad and I rode side by side during the event and was a really great experience as someone who has struggled with mental health myself. It is a great event and should be fun this year again.

Ali: Thank you everyone for electing me to my position. For those who have not been a member of BUSAC this year, as Peter Henen said don't be afraid to speak your mind

Henen: If anyone is here in the area and is interested to help me out with some policy writing and research please let me know. There is a lot to go through and a bunch of policy writing we are doing for Brock if you are interested in helping.

Khan: Welcome aboard and I look forward to working with you all next year.

Henen: I forgot to mention one thing. Does everyone know how to contact me? You can add me on Facebook and just message me there.

Speaker: Thank you all. This was my first day as speaker. I remember my first time on council it was so daunting but it grows on you and it is a great learning experience. You will learn more about BUSU and the school and it is great to get involved.

Rossetto: Please block off the retreat days in your schedule. If you are elected to any committee hold on until next week and I will get in touch and set up meetings for the start of the year. We still have 5 seats for student representative's at large, the Marilyn I. Walker representative, and Hamilton campus representative that need to be filled so if you know anyone interested please reach out. Hopefully these can be filled in the October election. New for this year is first year representatives, which we created last year. We are starting these positions this year. We will be reaching out at Smart Start so if you are involved and want to help on that let me know. I am a full-time member at BUSU so I am here over the summer if you want to reach out. My new office is at the Student Justice Center I am here if you need me.

Recording Secretary: Hi everyone I am excited for the year. Should I need you to speak louder or go over anything again I will make point of orders occasionally. Other than that, looking forward to hearing what you all have to say this year and writing it down.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:08pm

Mover: Henen