

12th Meeting of CUSA Council 2008/09 Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Attendance

Brittany Smyth	President
Kweku Winful	Vice President Finance
Carlos Chacon	Vice President Internal
Erik Halliwell	Vice President Student Issues
James Witherspoon	Vice President Student Life
Shewit Kalaty	Vice President Student Services
Justin Mohammed	PAPM
Nathan Hauch	GSA
Fatima Hassan	FASS
Adam Dewar	FASS
Garima Talwar	RRRA
Michael Wiseman	Public Affairs
Chelsea Dunn	Public Affairs
Heather Murley	FASS
Sarah Leone	FASS
Michael Monks	Commerce
Joel Prentice	FASS
Sean Maguire	Special Student

[Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:43pm]

1. Announcements and Correspondence

There were no announcements or correspondence at this time.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Joel/Michael M

Carried

3. Approval of March 2008 Meeting Minutes

Fatima/Nathan

Carried

4. President's Report

Brittany wished everyone a great summer, and thanked everyone for participating in council this year.

5. Vice Presidents' Reports

a. VP Finance

Kweku thanked everyone for their service over the past year.

- b. VP Internal Affairs
Carlos said that he hopes that everyone learns from the ups and downs of this year so that we can keep our student union strong
- c. VP Student Issues
Erik said that he attended National Aboriginal Caucus this past weekend and that he is looking forward to launching a campaign in the fall.
- d. VP Student Services
Shewit said that she is pleased to announce that there were record volunteer hours recorded this year for service centers. She said that the Rwanda genocide commemoration is currently being held in collaboration with REC Hall, for more info please email REC Hall.
She also announced that the National Society of Black Engineers is holding a Walk for Education, get in touch with them for more information or event is on facebook.
- d. VP Student Life
James thanked everyone for a great year.

5. RRRR Report

Garima said that RRRR is in the midst of the transition period from old to new exec; hiring board beginning for Abstentions and other RRRR jobs over the summer, check in for more info.

6. GSA Report

Nathan Hauch said that the executive is currently transitioning as well. He noted that the annual softball tournament coming up.

7. CASG Report

Still working on examination policies and issues surrounding restrictions on how many minors or concentrations students can have

Will be submitting final reports of the past year as we are wrapping up the year as well

8. Senate Report

Cameron reported that elections have occurred and all members have been chosen for next year.

9. BOG Report

Brittany said that the next meeting on the 23rd, will be passing budget; also tuition fee hikes will be discussed so student attendance at this meeting is highly recommended.

10. Constituency Report

Mike Monks: held the Sprott business gala at the Chateau Laurier, was a very successful event; looking to up the number of business student representatives on CUSA council.

Fatima: encourages everyone to go out and support Tamil population

11. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

Constitution and Policy Committee

Brittany said that the Constitution and Policy Committee met and is recommending the adoption of two motions: “Motion to Amend the CUSA Constitution, Article 3—section 2.0.1 Proper Notice” and “Motion to Amend the CUSA Constitution, Article 3—section 2.0.1 Public Notice

Equity Committee

Did not meet

Financial Review Committee

Did not meet

Spirit Committee

Chelsea reported that Spirit Committee has been great, there have been lots of people interested in Red Zone this year, and thanked everyone for their help.

Student Issues Action Committee

Did not meet

b. Ad-Hoc Committees

Sustainability Committee

Did not meet

Elections Review Committee

Did not meet

c. Other Committees

Accessibility Fund Committee

Did not meet

Conference and Discretionary Committee

Did not meet

12. Items for Information

There were no items for information.

13. Question Period

Sean asked Kweku when the audit will be completed

Kweku responded that it is still being worked on, will be ready before the year's end

Chelsea asked a question for Shewit—why is REC Hall the 'most important service center?'

Shewit said that the new VPSS-elect wants to put more money into just REC Hall but I believe that all service centers are equally important

Michael Monks—can the VP Finance give a more detailed explanation as to why the audit is yet again a year late? And what can be done to fix this for next year?

Kweku said that our situation this year for our finance officer has been unfortunate and we have had many setbacks over the course of the year, but I will put some recommendations forward for next year. We have been working with reduced staffing hours due to a death in the family and have also been working through the first year of finances of Haven Books as well which is taking longer than anticipated.

Sean M—question for BOG reps—there is a case in BC that is discussing the notion that the university cannot administer parking offense tickets. Do they actually have legal authority to do so here, and can it be brought up at a future BOG meeting.

Brittany responded that if your car/ license plate has ever been registered at Carleton, they can attach fees to your student account.

Andrew- they can go after you even if you're not registered. With regards to the BC case, the question was whether the car should be towed instead of ticketed if tickets couldn't be administered by the university.

Sean M—If Carleton is private property, how do they legally have authority to administer these tickets? Can it please be brought up at a BOG meeting.

Brit- yes, I can try my best but they are not usually responsive to student questions

14. Other Business

- a. Motion to fill vacant council seats

Motion to ratify Sean Maguire as acclaimed Special Student Representative
Adam/Kweku
Carried

Motion to ratify Andrew Monkhouse as Public Affairs representative
Kweku/Adam
Carried

- b. Motion to change the membership of the Constitutional Board cp51
Emile Scheffel/Michael M

Adam, Sarah L and Carlos all spoke against this motion as it is unrealistic

Mike M- speaking in favor of the motion—this is something that should be changed for years to come

Brittany- speaking against the motion- there is a conflict of interest section in the bylaws, but this outlines financial issues as conflicts of interest and this was not the case this year

Kweku—speaking against the motion—the decisions made at these meetings are run through each member not only the executive member of the board

Call the Question
Sean/Mike W
Carried

Motion is Defeated

- c. Motion to amend CUSA Constitution section 2 ASC cp53
Chelsea/Shewit
No debate
Carried

- d. Motion to amend CUSA Constitution section 2 Proper Notice cp54
Chelsea/Mike W

Sean M.—why was the word “oral” removed from this motion?

Chelsea- because I feel like written notification can be given at council.

Debate

Adam D—spoke in favor of this motion

Andrew—wants to move an amendment to add “members” after the word “council” on the first line. Motion not substantive.

Carlos—speaking in favor of motion—doesn’t think that this needs to be discussed any further because that’s what happened at the C&P meeting

Justin—speaking against this motion—thinks that the wording of this motion is confusing and that bringing motions to council a month beforehand is very important

Call the Question

Heather/Adam

Carried

Original motion, with friendly amendment carries

- e. Motion to amend CUSA Constitution section 2 Public Notice cp55
Chelsea/Mike W

Debate

Justin—speaking against this motion—if this motion passes, only 10 days notice is required for something as serious as a Constitutional amendments and that is pretty unacceptable

Adam—speaking in favor of this motion

Call the Question

Heather/Adam

Carried

**Original motion, with friendly amendment by C&P, carries

- f. Motion to confer honorary membership status cp57
Fatima/Heather

Motion to add “Justin Mohammed”

Mike M/Carlos

Fatima- speaking against the motion—if we were to adopt this motion then I think there would be more candidates for honorary membership

Mike M—speaking in favor of the motion—Seam M was never an exec and is an honorary member

Call the Question
Justin/Adam
Carried

Amendment fails

Motion to add “Chelsea Dunn and Mike Wiseman” to this amendment
Adam/Mike M

**Amendment fails

Original Motion Passed as Presented

15. Adjournment

Erik/Heather
Carried

[Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm]