

10th Meeting of CUSA Council 2009/2010
Wednesday, February 24, 2009 6:00 PM

Attendance:

Erik Halliwell	President
Meera Chander	Vice President Finance
Cameron McKenzie	Vice President Internal
Nick Bergamini	Vice President Student Issues
Jessica Vasquez	Vice President Student Services
Alex Sirois	Vice President Student Life
Karim Khamisa (Proxy Alykhan Gillani)	Public Affairs
Brittany Smyth	Public Affairs
Graeme Owens	Public Affairs
Hashem Hamdy	Public Affairs
Natalie Pinto	Public Affairs
Ryan Anthony	Public Affairs
Fatima Hassan (Proxy Yamikani Msosa)	FASS
James Witherspoon	FASS
Donnie Northrup	FASS
Graham Perrin (Proxy Josh Leigh-Mosley)	FASS
Heather Murley (Proxy Samantha Whittle)	FASS
Allison Elwell	Journalism
Caleigh Campbell	Science
Chris Gillen	Science
Brian Mattock	Eng and Design
Omar Shammas	Eng and Design
Brian Mason	Business
Austin Miller	GSA Rep
Garima Talwar	RRRA Rep

[Meeting Called to Order at 6:07]

1. Announcements and Correspondence

None

2. Approval of the Agenda

Halliwell/Hamdy

Carried

3. Approval of Past Minutes

Motion to table until circulation

Hamdy/Elwell

Carried

4. President's Report

He said that they had Angela Davis come to speak which was great, and that it was cool to be able to talk to her after. He said the BOG elections are coming up, and last year there were a lot of complaints from members regarding rules. Erik said they met with the administration to institute general rules, and the details will be up on the Carleton site. He said the CFS Ontario general meeting was very productive. He said that the Haiti fundraising raised a lot of money, and it was great for such a short time, raising 15 thousand dollars which went to several charities. He said that as many know, the U –Pass passed with 72% in favour, so it will be up to this and the next executive to make sure it works for students in Fall 2010.

5. Vice Presidents' Reports

a. Vice President Finance

Meera said, in regards to Oliver's, you may notice there are now video games and jukeboxes, as well as leather couches to watch the game. She said they are working on new breakfast, lunch, and dinner items, and that TVs are in Roosters too for the Olympics. Meera said that students probably heard about an admin policy for professors to be forced to sell through the admin bookstore, which would be detrimental to haven books, but the policy is now on hold.

b. Vice President Internal Affairs

Cameron said they will be filling some vacant council seats tonight, but some will not be filled and he encouraged people to pick up forms. He said FACCS funding is done, and around 45 thousand was distributed, with surplus remaining given to clubs. He said they invested in a new projector for clubs. He said they met with people in the Board of Governors in terms of changes for the February election ,and many of the changes requested will be implemented.

c. Vice President for Student Issues

Nick said that they will be meeting with OC Transpo to work on smaller details of U-Pass. He said Relay for Life is coming up, an all-night event which will probably raise 20 thousand for the Canadian Cancer Society, and he said he's a volunteer chair and would love to see councilors out. He said the Hurricane is coming, Rueben Carter, for ten dollars. He said there are a lot of CUSA awards which students and professors can be nominated for, including scholarships.

d. Vice President of Student Services

Jessica said that in regards to that policy, students can still purchase from the haven books delivery service. She said that 10 orders were done at the beginning of the year through the delivery service, and she said hopefully it continues to the next executive. She said February is Black History Month, and the BHM show is on Saturday for \$5 at the door, with proceeds to Haiti. She said critical awareness week is happening on March 8 – 12, including

crafts for causes and Able Arts, happening on the 9th. The International Gala is March 20, with tickets at \$45. This year is the first when we join with Ottawa U, so it will be a bigger and better event.

e. Vice President Student Life

Alex said that the nice thing about the arcade games at Oliver's is that they cost us nothing and we get 50% revenue. He said the 'Super bowl' party was a big success, and that Frosh Facil apps are out, deadline March 5, and auditions will be March 13 and 14. He said the new coordinator positions are posted as well, and one should apply by Friday. He apologized to anyone who got late replies during elections, and reminded council that Oliver's gear is available at CUSA office.

6. RRRR Report

Garima said Rez Idol is finally over, and it was a huge success with hundreds of people coming out to support. She thanked councilors who came. She said the RRRR elections are underway, and that nominations are over 6 PM on Sunday. Garima said they are working with GLBTQ for a mystery bus tour to Montreal, and to speak to herself, John, or Sam Whittle. She said they're working with Store Your Dorm, a small company, to help people store their stuff from res over the four months of summer. They deliver you boxes, give instructions, store for four months, and then deliver. Res formal will be on March 26, at Lago, 18 plus. She added that for the Day of Pink, RRRR moved a motion to support Day of Pink and hoped council does the same.

7. GSA Report

Austin said they are doing departmental town halls with free pizza to bribe people to come, and said they're getting feedback on issues people are facing. He said they're preparing for their elections and referenda for the last couple of weeks. He said congratulations on CUSA's U-PASS passing, and said that today they lobbied city council on the issue of urban sprawl. He said they're lobbying for the sexual assault centre, doing speed dating at mike's place.

8. CASG Report

None

9. Senate Report

Cameron said they met two weeks ago. He said the only major thing of interest is that Duncan Watt was going over the budget and some questions were raised at looking at ways to not increase tuition.

10. Board of Governors Report

Cameron said board has still not met, was cancelled in January, and hopefully happens in March.

11. Constituency Report

Brian Mason said that the Sprott Business students are organizing Five Days for the Homeless, with 6 business schools taking part. He said business students will be sleeping out in front of Unicentre for five nights. He said that any food eaten must be donated. He said he was elected president in SBSS elections and announced the other winners.

Brittany Smyth said she sits on the criminology faculty board, and that Duncan Watt has been telling every Faculty and Department to cut five per cent of their budgets. She said some had asked for operating increases, and now every department is forced to budget five percent less next year, though this doesn't necessarily mean they will be cut. She said cutting five per cent from Criminology is impossible because costs are entirely faculty, and that one position would have to be lost should they enforce this five percent cut. She said this could result in increased class sizes, cuts in services, or profs teaching more classes.

12. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- **Constitution and Policy Committee**
Not met, meeting March 11 at 6 PM in this room.
- **Equity Committee**
Not met.
- **Financial Review Committee**
Not met, meeting for March 12 at 1 PM.
- **Spirit Committee**
Not met.
- **Student Issues Action Committee**
Nothing to report

b. Ad Hoc Committees

- Sustainability Committee**
Nothing
- **Elections Review**
Done for the year.

c. Other Committees

- Accessibility Committee**
Meeting March 3 at 10:30 am in 513 Unicentre.
- **Conference and Discretionary Policy Committee**
Meeting tomorrow at 5:30 in cam's office

13. Items for Information

14. Questions Period

15. Other Business

a. Motion to fill vacant council seats

Special Student: Hayley Duncan

Motion to ratify Hayley Duncan as Spec Student rep
Owens/Halliwell
Carried

Public Affairs: Hillary Lutes
Motion to ratify Hillary Lutes to Public Affairs rep
Sirois/Northrup

Carried

b. Motion to endorse day of pink

Whittle/Northrup

Sam Whittle motivated, saying that a Carleton student woke up a few weeks ago with a homophobic slur written across her door, and wanted to do something proactive about it. So they collaborated on the Day of Pink, which started when someone came to school in Manitoba wearing pink and was bullied, the next day students came in pink in solidarity. So in March 11, pink shirts will be given out in the Atrium, and on March 15 everyone is encouraged to wear pink. She said there will be a speak-out for those who have experienced gay, bi, or transphobia at Carleton, and that RRRA passed as well.

Liban asked if this would occur every year or just one time.

Sam said it depends on who takes her job when she leaves.

Chair said that it would take notice to make it for more than one year.
Carried

c. Motion to strike awards committee

Cameron said that it is done every year, the committee must be struck to give awards to students which they love doing, and hopefully people support it.

Carried

Nominations for awards committee, one seat available:

Nick Bergamini nominated Graeme Owens

Erik nominated Natalie Pinto

Chris Gillen nominated Hashem Hamdy

Donnie nominated Hillary Lutes

Motion to appoint Natalie Pinto as council rep to Committee
Chander/Sirois
Carried

Student at Large motions for nominees:

Meera nominated Hillary Lutes

Alex nominated Hayley Duncan

Ryan nominated Graeme Owens

Motion to appoint Hayley Duncan as student at large
Halliwell/McKenzie
Carried

- 16. Motion to Approve Past Minutes**
Hamdy/Gillen
Carried

- 17. Adjournment**
Vasquez/Mason
Carried

[Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 PM]