

1st Meeting of CUSA Council 2009/2010
Friday May 1, 2009

Attendance:

Erik Halliwell	President
Meera Chander	Vice President Finance
Cameron McKenzie	Vice President Internal
Nick Bergamini	Vice President Student Issues
Alex Sirois	Vice President Student Life
Jessica Vasquez	Vice President Student Services
James Witherspoon	FASS Rep
Christina Anderson	FASS Rep
Fatima Hassan (proxy Kweku Winful)	FASS Rep
Adam Dewar	Public Affairs Rep
Brittany Smyth	Public Affairs Rep
Natalie Pinto	Public Affairs Rep
Hashem Hamdy	Public Affairs Rep
Ryan Anthony	Public Affairs Rep
Austin Smith (proxy Carlos Chacon)	Public Affairs Rep
Komaljit Minhas	Public Affairs Rep
Omar Shammass	Engineering and Design Rep
Mahdi Yusef (proxy Ali Salaheddin)	Engineering and Design Rep
Allison Elwell (proxy Graham Perrin)	Journalism Rep
Chris Gillen (proxy James Splinter)	Science Rep
Brian Mattock (proxy Michael Monks)	Engineering and Design Rep
Kyle Purdy (proxy Nick Curtis)	Business Rep
Brian Mason (proxy Shaun Cawley)	Business Rep
James Craig	PAPM Rep
Terrah Smith	Humanities Rep
Devon Wensink	Special Student Rep
Nicholas Osborne	Computer Science Rep
Garima Talwar	RRRA Rep
Kimalee Philip	GSA Rep
Caleigh Campbell	Science Rep

1. Announcements and Correspondence

The chair welcomed everyone to the first CUSA Council meeting of the year. He gave a brief overview of the rules of CUSA Council.

2. Approval of the Agenda

James/Nick B

Carried

3. Motion to Strike and Fill Constitutional Board

Council Members (2)

Nominated:

Nicholas Osbourne

Natalie Pinto

Hashem Hamdy

Ryan Anthony

Brittany Smyth (Declined)

Ryan and Natalie are elected

Council Members (1 alternate)

Nominated:

James Witherspoon

Nicholas Osbourne

James is elected

Non-council members (2)

Nominated:

Dina Skvirsky

Shaun Cawley

Tim Rose

Sam Heaton

Dina and Tim are elected

Non-council members (1 alternate)

Nominations:

Heather Murley

Shaun Cawley

Sam Heaton

Heather is elected

Executive member (1)

Nominations:

Erik Halliwell

Jessica Vasquez

Erik is elected

Executive member (1 alternate)

Nominations:
Meera Chander
Jessica Vasquez

Meera is elected

Motion to accept the above elections
Brittany/James
Carried

Motion to destroy ballots
Micheal/Natalie
Carried

4. Approval of Past Minutes

The chair informed council that the April 2009 minutes were not yet available, but would be made available at the next council meeting.

5. President Report

Erik welcomed everyone to the first council meeting, he said that it was his first day so he doesn't have a report, but is looking forward to working with everyone in the year ahead.

6. Vice Presidents' Reports

a. VP Finance
No report

b. VP Internal Affairs
No report

c. VP Student Issues
No report

d. VP Student Services
No report

e. VP Student Life
Alex said that he has been working with the new Orientation Coordinators, Court and Virginia. They have completed Facil interviews and have begun planning the week's activities.

7. RRRR Report

Garima, the Vice President Administration, introduced herself to council and said she was looking forward to working with everyone in the year ahead.

8. GSA Report

Kimalee Philip, President, said that the GSA is looking forward to working with CUSA throughout the year.

9. CASG Report

Matt Dick reported that the new Students Rights and Responsibilities Policy is being reviewed and forwarded on to administration with recommendations by CASG, will keep you posted on this.

10. Senate Report

Matt Dick said that the CASG Constitution was entrenched in Senate

11. BOG Report

Brittany Smyth reported that the Board of Governors recently met and approved increases to tuition fees for all students. She said that many student representatives spoke strongly against the motion, but it passed overwhelmingly.

12. Constituency Report

No reports

13. Committee Reports

No reports

14. Items for Information

No items for information

15. Question Period

Michael Monks asked Brittany about the increase to the health and dental plan. Why was it sent to the Board of Governors before Council?

Brittany said that it was an oversight. She said that it is simply that the Board of Governors has agreed to collect a fee of up to \$178 per year, but the increase still has to be approved by Council.

16. Other Business

a. Passing of Comity Rules

Question period

Andrew Monkhouse asked if the Comity Rules can be made available on the website

Cameron: They can and will be

Motion to strike #11 – gender parity
Garnett/Nick B

Kimalee spoke against this amendment, she thinks it is a good idea to advocate gender parity

James S speaks to the motion, he said that he wants to be treated as an individual not as a man or woman

Brittany spoke in favour of the amendment and said that she believed that the number of men speaking against this amendment is indicative of the need for equality and helping those who are less willing to speak up and be heard

Heather speaking against this amendment: it is very chauvinistic

Adam speaking against this amendment: it is a good decision to keep a gender parity clause

Nick C (Kyle Purdy proxy) - speaking against this amendment—Carleton advocates equality so this is a good clause to have

Garima speaking against this amendment: this is not about asserting women, it's merely asserting equality

Call amendment to question
James W/Kweku
Carried

Garnett challenges the chair on the basis that he should have been able to speak before it was called to question

Vote to uphold the chair's decision to call to question.
Challenge fails

Amendment Fails

Amendment to #8—to strike words “of council” from #8
Andrew M/Michael

Carlos speaking in favor of this motion—makes sense that you can
answer the question yourself

Call amendment to question
Hashem/Cameron
Carried

Amendment Carried

Tim speaks in favor of this motion

Call the main motion to question
Adam/Cameron
Carried

Comity rules with amendment carried

b. Striking of Summer Standing Committees

Motion carries

c. Striking of Ad-Hoc Committees

Motion carries

d. Motion to strike and fill the Accessibility Fund Committee

Student With a Disability (4 seats)

Nominations:

Devon Wensink

Christina Anderson

Carlos Chacon

Nick Curtis

Tim Rose (declined)

4 seats acclaimed

CUSA Councillors (2 seats)

Nominations:

Alex Sirois

Kyle Purdy

2 seats acclaimed

Students At Large (2 seats)

Nominations:

Graham Perrin

Tim Rose

Garnett Genuis

Shaun Cawley

Tim Rose and Graham Perrin elected as students at large

Motion to ratify the results

Brittany/Kweku

Carried

e. Striking and filling of the Conference and Discretionary Fund committee

Councillors (3 seats)

Nominations:

Omar Shammis

Natalie Pinto

Christina Anderson

Hashem Hamdy

James Witherspoon

Komaljit Minhas

Graeme Owens

Brian Mattock

Adam Dewar

Natalie, James and Omar all elected as councillors

Students at Large (3)

Nominations:

Sam Heaton

Shaun Cawley

Matt Dick

Michael Monks

Nick Curtis

Tim Rose

Carlos Chacon

Sam, Matt and Carlos elected as students at large

Motion to ratify results
Erik/Ryan
Carried

f. Motion to approve an increase to the student health and dental plan

James Splinter asked Brittany if the plan has changed?

Brittany said no, but CUSA has seen more claims go through than previously expected, and eye exam benefits had been added in the last year without increasing any prices.

Brian M: has a trend analysis been done?

Brittany deferred question to Danielle Sampson, the health plan manager for the last two years

Danielle- yes a trend analysis is done every summer. She said that CUSA saw an increase in claims due to the new eye exams and additional physiotherapy claims. She said that if the increase did not go through, CUSA would have to claw back some of the benefits currently offered.

Andrew M- do we make money off the health plan?

Brit- the extra money of opt-outs that are never picked up don't get put back into CUSA as 'extra money'—it pays staff, covers cheque printing costs etc. and facilitates the health plan process

Andrew: was there any suggestion to put this to a referendum question?

Brittany said that there is no need to, it was incorporated into the question that students voted for that increases can be decided by CUSA council.

Motion to table this motion until the Finance committee can meet
Andrew M/James S
motion fails

Call motion to question
Kyle/Adam
Carried

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn
Adam/Kweku

[Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm]

As adopted by council on Thursday, June 25, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron McKenzie', written in a cursive style.

Cameron McKenzie, V.P. Internal
Carleton University Students' Association.