

7th Meeting of CUSA Council 2008/09
Monday, November 24, 2008

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:52pm

Attendance:

Brittany Smyth	President
Carlos Chacon	Vice President Internal
Kweku Winful	Vice President Finance
Erik Halliwell	Vice President Student Issues
Shewit Kalaty	Vice President Student Services
James Witherspoon	Vice President Student Life
Sean Maguire	Special Students
Nick Bergamini	Journalism
Justin Mohammed	PAPM
Michael Wiseman	Public Affairs
Meera Chander	Pubic Affairs
Sean Finnigan (present by proxy)	Public Affairs
Kailey Gervais (present by proxy)	Public Affairs
Chauncy Boulogne	Engineering and Design
Donnie Northrup	Science
Cameron McKenzie	RRRA
Lesley Vaage	GSA
Michael Monks	Business

Absent:

Fatima Hassan	FASS
Joel Prentice	FASS
Sarah Leone	FASS
Heather Murley	FASS
Josh Nadeau	FASS
Natalie Pinto	FASS
Prince Afram	Public Affairs
Chelsea Dunn	Public Affairs
D. Andrew Smith	Public Affairs
Lydia Downing	Engineering and Design
Adam Dewar	Science
Nicholas Osbourne	Science
Devon Sivill	Humanities

1. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Mike W- this past Thursday November 20 Trans Day Remembrance, had a great turnout

2. Approval of the Agenda

Kweku/Carlos

3. Approval of Past Minutes

Kweku/Carlos

4. President's report

- a. Sexual Assault Service Coordinator—Meera has now replaced Brittany on the board
- b. Fire Safety Training—one representative from each of the areas of CUSA went through fire safety training this month
- c. CFS—AGM beginning Wednesday of this week

5. Vice Presidents' Reports

- a. VP Finance
 - i. Oliver's—many Clubs and Societies have begun to use Oliver's as their venue for their events
 - ii. Kweku is working with Oliver's staff to come up with more new innovative events
 - iii. Roosters has been acquiring a high volume of customers this year
 - iv. Haven Books update-- \$5/\$7 to get your (new) books delivered directly to you depending where you live
 - v. Working to bring Haven Books completely under CUSA's jurisdiction
 - vi. Audits are almost done, will be presented soon
- b. VP Internal Affairs
 - i. two spots still open for council, there have been applicants, we will discuss them
 - ii. approved 5 more clubs to get more funding, held another FACCS funding day
 - iii. we have had an issue with improper space booking by C&S whereby clubs are booking space for other people/ organizations or are moving tables and blocking fire exits
- c. VP Student Issues
 - i. City of Ottawa is proposing some budget cuts- this includes the proposed cancellation of the 117 bus route—there are ways for you to get involved and have your say
 - ii. CUPE 4600—still negotiating
- d. VP Student Services
 - i. have been having weekly meetings still
 - ii. two new hirings—Admin Coordinators for ISC and REC Hall
 - iii. ISC Soccer Tournament was held
 - iv. Womyn's Center hold yoga on Fridays
 - v. "The Colorful Vagina"
- e. VP Student Life
 - i. Red Zone- recruitment station in the Atrium has been a great success; 3 new captains, over 300 Red Zone members
 - ii. Sailesh the hypnotist was a great success
 - iii. Comedy Club on Wednesday- \$5
 - iv. November 27—Sens vs. Leafs game in Ollies, big event, post-game super party
 - v. fall formal tickets still available—\$10; all CUSA Exec, staff, councilors allowed to go to the Al Capone room
 - vi.

6. RRRR Report

- a. Yuk Yuk's comedy tour this upcoming Sunday
- b. Residence Idol—December 1

- c. Sustainability Challenge—some time in mid-January
- d. Constitution committee to meet this year—newspaper name could potentially be changed
- e. Brand new cash machine at Abstentions

7. GSA Report

- a. CUPE 4600—potential strike vote for mid-January
- b. met with CASG—let them know that grad students are not represented by anyone but grad students
- c. graduate tuition potentially going up next year 8%

8. CASG Report

- a. next meeting on November 28 in the senate room in Robertson Hall

9. Senate Report

- a. next meeting on November 28th

10. BOG Report

- a. next meeting December 17,
- b. finance committee met on November 6th and listened to a presentation as to why tuition should go up

11. Constituency Reports

- a. Justin—BPAPM is running a debate on the use of torture in coordination with the Debate Team—on Wednesday at 6pm, ask Justin for details

12. Committee Reports

- a. Standing Committees
 - i. Constitution and Policy Committee- met, there were no motions, Brittany elected chair
 - ii. Equity Committee- has not met
 - iii. Financial Review Committee- has not met
 - iv. Spirit Committee- has not met
 - v. Student Issues Action Committee- has not met
- b. Ad-Hoc Committees
 - i. Sustainability Committee- met today, but did not meet quorum
 - ii. Elections Review Committee- see attached document
- c. Other Committees
 - i. Accessibility Fund Committee- has not met
 - ii. Conference and Discretionary Committee- approved 16 students to receive funding

13. Items for Information

- a. Motion to Amend Election Email List Policy cp27
- b. Motion to Amend Candidate Requirements for the VP Internal and VP Student Services cp28
- c. Motion to Ban the use of Stickers During CUSA Elections cp29
- d. Motion to Amend Electoral Offenses cp30
- e. Motion to Amend Electoral Code Preamble and Referendums cp31
- f. Motion to Amend Electoral Code Section 8.0 cp32

14. Question Period:

Sean M—Would it be possible to waive the delivery fee for those who are mobility disabled?

Kweku- we are working on making Haven fully accessible; I can look into that option until that time comes

Justin—is it possible to consider moving the location of council meetings?

Carlos- yes we can consider this, Roosters is no longer an option because of the heavy flow of customers and the Atrium has a lot of noise

Sean M—what is your position on the CASG idea to sextuple their fees from \$1 to \$6 and make proceeds go towards clubs and societies?

Brittany—just heard about this issue recently, this is a huge step on CUSA's toes as they are the only ones (aside from Deans) that can fund clubs and societies. She said she will look into this further

15. Other Business

- a. Motion to Oppose Possible Removal of the 117 bus service

Erik/Mike

Sean M—what do you mean by “lobby?”

Erik put ads in Charlatan, posters to get out the info, contacting city councilors, attending council meetings. It depends on what councilors and students would like to see.

Motion passed

- b. Motion to appoint Shannon Rossett the Business Councilor and Tim Rose the FASS Councilor

Motion passed—no other people ran for these positions

- c. Motion to Drop Shinerama Fundraising Campaign from Orientation Week

Questions

Sean Finnigan- Couldn't we just add another campaign instead of completely dropping Shinerama?

Donnie- it simply just doesn't reach out to all students, we want it to be a fundraiser something that potentially affect all; Carleton has just broken their \$1M donation mark since they adopted Shinerama over 11 years ago

Justin- would the decision for the new fundraising campaign be brought to CUSA council?

Donnie- it will most likely stick within Orientation Supervisory Board's jurisdiction

Motion to amend:

Striking “Be it resolved that: CUSA discontinue its support of this campaign” until a new one is chosen

Debate

Nick - speaking against this motion-- thinks that this motion is closed-minded and that its crazy to think that non-white/males would be opposed to supporting this fundraiser

Brittany- speaking in favor of this motion—thinks that it's a really good idea to maybe turn fundraising over to local charities; there is a lot of support to try something new

Justin- speaking in favor of the motion—would feel more comfortable if the debate for the new choice of charity come to CUSA/RRRA Council

Shannon- speaking in favor of the motion—many facilitators/ volunteers thought that it was a good idea to change the choice of charity

Carlos—speaking in favor of the motion—we are promoting a week that is inclusive of everyone, so this motion is conducive with that, we would be diversifying our out reach so that it can effect various groups. Local charities deal with a variety of issues in our community, therefore doing something local might give volunteers a chance to see where their efforts are going.

Kweku—speaking in favor of the motion—it is necessary for everyone to feel that they are raising money for something that people could see if it was a local charity.

Michael Monks—read out statistics on the fact that there are minor chances for other people aside from white/ men to be affected by cystic fibrosis

Meera—call to question, roll call vote

Roll Call Vote

In favor: Carlos, Mike W, James, Erik, Shewit, Shannon, Kailey (Ashton), Donnie, Cameron, Justin, Chauncy, Kweku, Meera, Lesley, Michael M., Sean M, Brittany

Opposed: Nick, Sean F

Motion Passes (17 in favor, 2 opposed)

Motion to adjourn-- Cameron, seconded by Meera

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