

7th Meeting of CUSA Council 2009/2010
Thursday, November 19, 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
Adam Dewar	Public Affairs Rep
Karim Khamisa (Proxy Alfredo Garcia)	Public Affairs Rep
Brittany Smyth	Public Affairs Rep
Graeme Owens (Proxy Pavan Sapra)	Public Affairs Rep
Hashem Hamdy	Public Affairs Rep
Natalie Pinto (Proxy Dina Skvirsky)	Public Affairs Rep
Fatima Hassan	FASS Rep
Christina Anderson	FASS Rep
James Witherspoon	FASS Rep
Komaljit Minhas (Proxy Emile Scheffel)	FASS Rep
Graham Perrin	FASS Rep
Heather Murley (Proxy Sagal Osman)	FASS Rep
Allison Elwell	Journalism Rep
Caleigh Campbell	Science Rep
Chris Gillen (Proxy Ryan Seangio)	Science Rep
Brian Mattock	Engineering and Design Rep
Mahdi Yusuf	Engineering and Design Rep
Omar Shammas	Engineering and Design Rep
Kyle Purdy	Business Rep
Brian Mason	Business Rep
James Craig (Proxy Alex Terrana)	BPAPM Rep
Terrah Smith	Humanities Rep
Nicholas Osborne (Proxy Benjamin Franks)	Computer Science Rep
Devon Wensink	Special Student
Austin Miller	GSA Rep
Garima Talwar	RRRA Rep

[Chair called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM]

1. Announcements and Correspondence

2. Approval of the Agenda

Halliwell/Vasquez
Carried

3. Approval of Past Minutes

a. Motion to table past minutes

Hamdy/Bergamini

Carried

4. President's Report

Erik said that the administrative and academic restructuring committee is finished, and a final document has been handed to the president. Erik said he has a copy which cannot be distributed yet, waiting on approval by the administration. Erik said if people are interested they can come to the office and check it out.

Erik said since we last talked, there was the Zombie Action and Drop Fees action, which he called incredible, and said thousands of students from across the province came out. Erik thanked everyone who helped out.

Erik said that, regarding H1N1, Brian Mortimer says the school's levels are good, but there will be continual monitoring. Erik said he would let council know of any updates. He said there has been a lot of exciting movement on the U-Pass, and the it seems more willing to negotiate from the price they were at a couple of years ago, and Erik said details can be found in his op-ed in the Charlatan last week. He said it still has to go through several committees, but he encouraged all councilors and students who support this to make their views known to council and the mayor.

5. Vice Presidents' Reports

a. Vice President Finance

Meera said hi, and said the Unicentre store will be getting a debit machine installed to the Canada Post Area. She said the signing committee for the name met, but she cannot disclose it yet as they are waiting for approval from the Admin. She said Haven books had awesome sales during September, up 31% from last year, and she said they are exploring renovation and accessibility plans.

She said the new assistant manager of Oliver's is doing a fantastic job, and that a new menu would be available in January along with Breakfast. She said the purchase of the Azbar system has been awesome for Oliver's, and they are hiring a new manager. She said two positions are open, one for bar and cooking staff, and one for assistant manager. She said they would be adding a new drink to the menu, and are deciding what to call it. She added that holiday drinks would be added to compete with Starbucks. She added that more merchandise will be brought in for the Holiday season, and the new Rooster's items are doing great.

Meera said the financial review committee met and she gave an update. She said the 2008/2009 audit is almost complete and should be available next council.

b. Vice President Internal Affairs

Cameron said, regarding clubs and societies, there are problems with people stealing projector cables. He said that if cables are not returned privileges will be lost. He added that one of the bulbs was broken, which would cost \$450. He said the day of action went well, despite the cool weather, and that it was energizing. He said the blood donor campaign motion would be up soon, and that he was working with the GLBTQ Centre on the blood donation issue. He said that if you are gay you cannot give blood or organs to Canadian blood services, and a gay man is being sued for giving blood by that organizing. Cameron said there would be tabling, and a protest in January, and to contact him for information.

Cameron said committees must be attended to stay on council and quite a few people are missing meeting. He said that the corporate meeting will take place before council on Dec 10, and that there would be a surprise for everyone.

c. Vice President for Student Issues

Nick said there is exciting progress with the universal bus pass, and he said tomorrow the price will be set to go to the budget through the Audit and Finance Committee. He said he has been doing some lobbying, and will keep us updated on how tomorrow goes. He said that, on our end, we have to push to let students know about the U-Pass, and see how the referendum goes to allow us to move forward.

Nick said he had a lot of events after Drop Fees, including a workshop on rights in the workplace, and wants to hold one on tenant's rights, something he said was very important for students. He said it was a huge honour to participate in Remembrance Day along with Erik, and he said it was one of the greatest days he's had on the job so far. Nick said he hosted an event along with Hilel Ottawa on genocide awareness, and said that he has been doing some federal MP lobbying of Ontario MPs. Lastly, he said, he attended along with Jessica a memorial for a student who was lost in the Tipi at Carleton, and said it was a moving ceremony.

d. Vice President of Student Services

Jessica said good evening, and that November has been really busy. She said that the first week of November, the GLBTQ Centre hosted the Queer Cinema Film Fest, showing a different movie each day, one about religion, one about HIV/AIDS awareness, and others. She said the Aboriginal Service Centre participated in Louis Riel Day, and she described Riel's life briefly and how they honoured him. She said Foot Patrol took 60 students to the Sens/Leafs opener, and there was a shout-out to them on national TV.

She said next Tuesday, Nov 24, the Aboriginal and Womyn's Centres are co-hosting a film screening and she hoped to see us all there. She said if people are stressed about finals or essays, come to BECAMPS where there is recess, with games and prizes. For those interested in the Wheelchair Challenge, it would be next week, and preregistration is highly recommended. She said to come in at 9 AM, in case someone misses out.

Jessica said Jokes on Wheels would be on Wed, Nov 25, in Oliver's, and that former coordinator Tim Rose will tell some jokes along with Andrew Huff, and she said anyone who wants to come out, be there and bring ID. She said yesterday there was a fashion show as well as a cook-off and a dance competition, the winners of which will be announced at Mike's Place tomorrow.

She said the Colourful Vagina is happening right now, so hopefully the meeting doesn't take too long with all the motions. She said she is happy to announce that tomorrow will be the final day of hiring for her coordinator's team. She said there is a new ISC coordinator, Fatima Hassan. She added that she attended the memorial, and said it was very moving.

e. Vice President of Student Life

Alex said that in Oliver's they did some construction, taking out the fourth wall of the booth, adding space, and said the staff was very excited. He said they would team up with Molson to give out prizes during the Olympic Games. He added that because of high demand for booking, they now need 3 weeks notice for clubs to book. He said if you submit a risk assessment and booking form, it is not automatically booked, so wait for confirmation.

He said as far as Oliver's programming goes, on Tuesday the 24th there is Texas Tuesday and Facil reunion. He added that CUSA and the SFUO have joined to host David Suzuki on Nov 23rd at the Bronson Centre, \$15 for students and alumni, and \$25 for others. He said RRRRA and CUSA will be working together to plan a winter orientation week, and they are thinking about having a hypnotist and brainstorming other events. He said that merchandise is now available at the CUSA office. Also, he added, they are still selling Red Zone packages.

6. RRRRA Report

Garima said that a couple of great things are going on at RRRRA, and said firstly the Nov 5th day of action was great, and she enjoyed seeing a lot of residence students going out and enjoying the events. She said, moving on, that last week they had the Montreal Mystery Bus Tour, when a group of students were brought to Montreal for a night of partying. She said Trevor Boris was coming to the Fenn Lounge, and if you want to see a comedian please ask her for more details.

She said, in terms of the Administration, they have been working hard to get residence students with appeals for write-ups to have a fair and judicious way of explaining why their appeals were overturned. Right now one person decides whether appeals are listened to, and as a student-based organization, they have problems. She said, furthermore, they are pleased to have hired a new abstentions manager, James Witherspoon. She said they are happy to have him and look forward to working with him.

7. GSA Report

Austin said there's lots going on, and have been having meetings of committees, and he is chairing the political actions committee. One of the issues he said they've been working on was a task force on gendered violence, and he said it was powerful and showed the need for a sexual assault centre on campus, and it had a good turnout. He said a few of them went down to escort women past Christian fundamentalists at the Morgenthaler clinic. He added they would be participating in the national day of violence against women. He said the day of action was overall a success. He said of course it is just a part of their campaign for a poverty free Ontario and to drop fees, and they would be submitting their 10,000 plus petition postcards to the provincial government, and afterwards beginning a provincial lobby week to lobby on a variety of student issues.

He said they have been working on the Campus Garden initiative with OPIRG, which can hopefully happen by spring. Austin also said they've been having open mic nights at Mike's Place, and they've begun their own winter warmers menu, with coffee and scotch, as well as hot chocolate, with whipped cream and other things. He added that the GSA is working with CUSA, GSAD, and SFUO on the U-Pass, and they participated in Get it Right, the Friends of Landsdowne Rally, and says unfortunately city council deferred to a few big businessmen instead of the people of Ottawa.

He said, finally, tonight is Caribbean Vibes night at Mike's Place.

8. CASG Report

Matt Dick said they had a meeting here on Nov 6, and that all committees have met, with a great turnout, and they have been getting results on various things. He said they are working out something with Toastmasters, with professional development. He said that they're trying to get a guarantee that the Spanish minor, supposed to be in this year, pushed to next year, actually happens and is promoted. He said there are a couple of other minors with issues, and the new major, Sustainable Architecture and Civil Studies was originally going to be divided, but will now be a concise program with interdisciplinary study.

Matt said at the new meeting they looked over a new contract, so reps know their requirements. He said the big thing is that their new website, CASG.ca has gone live, and it has two big tools he wants to point out: the online academic complaint form, where students can submit issues they have about TAs, course offering, etc.

He said there is also a tool developed by the engineering society to help schedule courses. He said this hooks up to the network and allows people to create their dream timetable, updated on an hourly basis. He said their next meeting is Nov 30 in the senate room at 6 PM.

9. Senate Report

None

10. Board of Governors Report

None

11. Constituency Report

Hashem Hamdy said he had two things to talk about. He said the Carleton Political Science Society would be hosting “3 Under 40,” with Nicky Ashton, Chris Warkentin, and Navdeep Bains, 27, 30, and 32, respectively, talking about how they went from where we are right now, to where they are. He said the purpose is to show that not only is Parliament not a reserve of old white guys, there are other groups as well. Hashem also said he wanted to talk about Movember, and pointed out his moustache. He said the event would be next week at Mike’s Place, 7 o Clock on Friday, and that prizes would be given, including a costume prize. He said he would be going as Tom Selleck from “Magnum PI.” He said they would be selling cups with a “moustache guard,” so you can drink without getting anything on your moustache. He said there are Movember T-shirts to give away, sponsored by Canadian Club, and mentioned some other great pieces of swag, and added that he would not reveal the big prizes at this time. He said to check them out on Facebook, and said he would be passing out some moustache handouts, and that he has a big pack of sticker moustaches. He said you must come to the party with a moustache, grow your own, or have one drawn on. He said there is a moustache style guide, but also some fake moustaches from Canadian Club. He added that Movember raises money for Prostate Cancer Canada, and helps raise awareness of men’s health issues. He said they’re also giving out the award for lamest Mo, or best attempt. He said “Miss Movember” is given to the guy or girl who has done the most fundraising and organizing.

Adam Dewar said the Global Leaders Centre partnership with Junior Team Canada is arriving back tomorrow, and they met with prime minister Stephen Harper and Hilary Clinton. He said to go to globalvision.ca or ask him for details.

12. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Constitution and Policy Committee

Did meet, and elected Erik as chair, and he said there is a tabled motion for the next meeting Nov 23rd.

ii. Equity Committee

None

iii. Financial Review Committee

Meera Chander said they met and she was elected as chair.

iiii. Spirit Committee

None

iiiii. Student Issues Action Committee

None

b. Ad-Hoc Committees

i. Sustainability Committee

None

c. Other Committees

i. Accessibility Committee

Had a meeting today, said Jess, but it will be rescheduled for Dec 3rd, because no one attended. She added that councilors must show up to retain their seats.

ii. Conference and Discretionary Fund Committee

Next meeting was supported to be Tuesday, but doesn't work, so it will be early December likely, and Cam said he would e-mail people.

13. Items for Information

a. Motion to Oppose Symbols of Oppression

Hashem Hamdy said there is a letter to circulate as well.

Cameron McKenzie said it cannot be added to the motion, but can be circulated.

14. Question Period

Allison Elwell asked the Carleton Academic Student Government (CASG) why elected councilors needed to sign a contract in order to stay a voting member of CASG.

Matr Dick replied, saying it is a contract system where all reps must sign by Nov 30, and it repeats the rules in the constitution, kind of a stock absolution for this year, and he said that by running you automatically assent to the contract. He said the constitution was vague, and did not provide a mechanism against rule-

breakers. He said the idea is that the contract is codified and in the constitution, and said that last year something happened at CUSA, where if people do not meet their responsibilities they are removed, and he said they appropriated the CUSA mechanism.

Michael Monks said he thinks it's great that the 08/09 audit will come in December, but asked, in regards to the 07/08 audit, during Shelley Melanson's presidential term, it was a draft and not the final completed audit, and wondered when the final will be presented.

Meera said she did not know but would get back to him, but then she confirmed it had been the final report that time, and she deferred to Brittany.

Brittany said she was there, and that it was the final document, but could not be labeled final, because council had not approved it, so it had to be approved before it was considered "final", and after it was approved it was considered final.

Dean tester said, to the president, that he spoke to him about having the CFS-O referendum petition recognized, asking if he had asked CFS-O about this and clarified.

Erik said he had two pieces of correspondence, not on his person, but that the national office is in receipt of petitions, but the Ontario office said it is not, and that he can show Dean the documents.

15. Other Business

a. Motion to Support the White Ribbon Campaign Sirois/McKenzie

Alex Sirois said it is pretty straightforward, and doesn't think he needs to convince anyone to vote for it, and encouraged people to come out.

Nick Bergamini said, in favour of the motion, that he has a white ribbon pin, and a thousand felt white ribbon pens in his office, they would be tabling next week to get donations for a women's shelter. He said there is a big poster, pledge form, petition, which can be signed in the atrium.

Lydia Downing asked Alex to describe what the campaign is.

Alex Sirois said she can read the Whereas clauses.

Erik Halliwell said that some of the history is in the preamble and whereas clauses, and added it is a campaign against violence towards women.

Nick Bergamini said it is what you make of it, and a grass-roots campaign. He said at Ryerson they brought up a performer into that issue, and that it's not a specific thing but supports men ending violence against women.

Carried Unanimously

b. Motion to Condemn Canadian Blood Services' for Suing Kyle Freeman
McKenzie/Chander

Cameron said that this policy came into place around 2007, and he is not sure why. He said that newspapers have questioned Canada Blood Services, who try to deny. He said the previous health minister was outraged, as a gay man, and he said since there is a shortage of organs this policy does not make sense. He said that this motion is two things, to tell the current health minister, and draw awareness to the court case. Cameron said Kyle Freeman gave blood, they discovered he was gay, and he was sued. He said they would write a letter of support for this gentleman and seek changes.

Debate:

James Craig (proxy Alex) said she supports the principle, but cannot support the motion. She said she feels the policy is discriminatory, and founded on bad statistics, and said that how they screen blood is by taking a collection of your blood and screening it, and if it is contaminated he will be thrown out. She said she does not support the motion because Kyle Freeman lied on his form, causing blood to be thrown out. She said that this is perhaps not the best way to go about this, and she would support a motion condemning and saying to change the policy, but she said this implicitly supports lying.

Cameron said that in 2000 there was a motion passed banning Canada Blood Services, and that this man gave blood in 1998, and there is a lot of data saying this policy doesn't make sense, as blood and organs are currently needed.

Alex said she totally understands, but said there may be unintended consequences to supporting someone lying on a form. She said maybe people would see that and say that since someone lied, other people could get the idea that they can lie too, and that if they use intravenous drugs this may lead them to believe that it is okay to lie.

Erik said he has never given blood, and doesn't know what's on the form, and asked whether it asks for sexual orientation.

Matt Dick clarified that the question is whether someone has had sex with another man after 1979.

Erik said that the man was not trying to harm anyone, but that the question in itself is discriminatory. He said that this guy was not trying to screw over anyone, and said that one should not be disingenuous, but the way in which this came about, given the history, it was something which drew attention to the issues. He said he understands the issue with lying, but it is because this comes out of faulty research and discrimination.

James/Alex said she completely understands but felt attention should be drawn to the lying

Yasmine said that when Rosa Parks got on the bus, she was breaking rules. She said that since the rule is so unfair, defying it is acceptable. She said it is a great motion as there is a shortage of organs, and that the motion does not suggest that lying is acceptable in most situations. She said that the rule should be taken out, including the rule against going to Africa and giving blood.

James Witherspoon said that Yasmine did a good job, and he said he's never been forced to lie on a form, but those rules against gay men giving blood does that. He said that civil disobedience standing up for something that helps a lot of people is good, and there's nothing wrong with doing that. He added that lying on a government form is simply a fine in most cases, so why not, as an act of civil disobedience. James added we do this all the time.

Omar said that he agrees with Alex that it's not about whether the form is correct or incorrect, but that lying is going to hurt the system if you have to constantly throw out blood. He said his issue is not gay or not gay, but that we should not support Kyle Freeman for lying.

Austin Miller said that his understanding is that there already was a motion about the policy, and this is a subsequent motion to ramp up opposition in this case. He said this is a second motion to condemn CBS, but also to support Kyle Freeman. He said there is a difference between lying outright and lying for one cause with factual backup. He said that doing intravenous drugs is not comparable to being gay, and that the motion supports challenging oppression. He said that Kyle Freeman is brave, and that no one in their right mind would get the idea from this motion that lying is good, but that civil disobedience can be.

Natalie Pinto said that there is a difference between lying and lying because you're being discriminated against. She said he lied because he

wanted to do a service to society and that his sexual practices should have no impact.

Adam said, in favour, that if one is out for a Sunday drive on Bronson Avenue, and crashes, rupturing one's spleen, and not knowing what's happening, and one's in the hospital, even if the screening failed, is one going to be happy if they get no blood and die that day, or live for five years with tainted blood. He said the blood serves its purpose, and is beneficial to society. He said he would rather receive a tainted organ or blood and live for five years and die. He said he is not suggesting that the statistics are higher, but if we strip it back, he said ultimately it doesn't matter as it is saving lives.

Alison called the question

Carried

Motion Carried

c. Motion to Support the December 6th Campaign
Chander/Hassan

Meera Chander said that the motion, in the Whereas clauses, speaks to the Be it Resolved clauses. She said violence against women continues to be an issue here, and it is important to address those. She added that she hopes people vote in favour.

Lydia Downing motioned to amend the motion, and proposed to change "massacre at Montreal Massacre" to "massacre at l'Ecole Polytechnique" in the Be it Resolved.

Chair accepted with no opposition.

Adam Dewar said it's a good campaign, and that people should wear a white ribbon.

Delroy Dyer said it's a very important motion, which he supports. He said as a student who went to the school where the first ever school shooting occurred in North America, it's important to remember the victims of these sad and very tragic events. He said that everyone should vote for it.

Carried unanimously

d. Motion to request the CFS-O acknowledge receipt of petition
Osborne/Dewar

Adam Dewar motivated, and said that Nicholas Osborne sent him a message, as he's sick, with what he wants to say. Adam said regardless whether we support the referendum, there is a democratic right to collect signatures for petition to hold a referendum on the membership, and said there is a sword affidavit saying the petition was delivered, regardless of what they say at the office, and that this technicality can be used in court, and that courts will side with process servers, and said that's generally how it works. He said it's not about supporting the petition, but acknowledging it was delivered.

Hashem, speaking in favour, said that what Adam said was accurate, and it is not about how the vote happens, or whether the vote happens, but it is asking for recognition simply that they received the petition. He said furthermore that Shelley Melanson is insulting the intelligence of Carleton students by not acknowledging this, and hopes it goes to court so that Shelley Melanson can be embarrassed by the court and have her head shaken.

Meera Chander proposed an amendment for the first Be it Resolved clause, changing: "Be it resolved that the CUSA executive be mandated to inquire with the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario as to the status of the petition."

to

"Be it further resolved that once the status of the petition has been established, that the validity of the petition be investigated in light of the counter petition of signatories requesting that their names be removed from such a petition."

Chander/Halliwell

Meera said, in motivation, that it is what it is.

Adam Dewar had a Point of Order, and said he objects to consideration of this amendment as seconder, and challenged it as contrary to the spirit of the motion, which he said is to confirm to the courts of Ontario and for the process server that its delivery be acknowledged.

Chair said that there was a challenge to the validity of the proposed amendment, as the seconder said it violated the spirit of the motion submitted at last meeting.

Chair said, after reviewing, that the whereas clauses set up the spirit and motivation of the motion, and the action items result from those facts presented as motivation.

Chair continued, and said the motivation of the clauses, the background, calling for the acknowledgement of the validity of the petition, was arguing that the petition was delivered, and also said that it should have been received. He said the last whereas clause said that, in fact, they are proving that the petition has been delivered, a contrary statement has been received from the head of CFS-O.

Chair said that the amendments said that the only change in the first Be it Resolved is the change of 'acknowledgement' to 'inquiry' about whether the petition has been received. Chair said the only main difference he sees between the two in the second Be it Further Resolved, that it should be ensured first that the petition is in order before proceeding with any referendum. Chair said the amendment is in order, essentially rephrasing the first Be it Resolved, and that the Whereas clauses do not contradict any of the amendments. Chair said that they should be asking about the motivation for the change not this.

Matt Dick had a Point of Information, and said that Erik already followed up with CFS-O. He said if this amendment is accepted it would become redundant.

Chair said that the amendment regards receiving and validity not just receiving.

Adam Dewar said that this is an issue about the petition being delivered for the court, and that if it denies it could be taken to court in contempt. Adam said the motion is not to ask if it was delivered, and challenged the amendment.

Chair ruled against the challenge.

Austin Miller had a Point of Order, and said that the second Be it Resolved is in fact out of order, as he said it mandates people here to ensure that other people somewhere else are mandated to do something. He said that CUSA council cannot mandate anyone in the CFS-O to do anything.

Adam Dewar asked to withdraw the motion.

Chair denied, as it is property of the floor having been served at the last meeting.

Back to Speaker's List:

Jessica had a Point of Information, and asked if the chair is confirming that it cannot be put as an item for information a second time.

Chair said that no, he was clarifying that it cannot be pulled as it is property of the floor.

Dean Tester challenged the Chair on grounds of conflict of interest, because Dean said the Chair is on the board of directors of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Chair said that was not correct.

Dean said the Chair is listed as such by Contracts Canada.

Chair denied he holds this position, then explained procedure for conflict of interest, saying that Erik will then chair the meeting. He said that there is a challenge, and this is a democratic process, and Dean will be given an opportunity to argue for the conflict of interest. Chair said he will defend himself, and council will vote by simple majority.

Chair (Erik) asked Dean to motivate

Dean said this deals with a subsidiary branch of the CFS, saying that he is on the board of the CFS, and said last year he was the National Deputy Chairperson, and has a vested interest in the organization, and feels it is not fair that he is ruling on a matter in regards to the CFS.

Brent Farrington said he is not on the board of directors of the CFS or the CFS-O. He said he understands where Dean's concerns are coming from in terms of his past involvement in the CFS, but he said he believes he can act in a very unbiased fashion, and that none of the decisions he made are impacted by this. He said that it sounds like Dean's disagreeing with the ruling, not the chair himself, but that Dean is free to pull out the conflict of interest card. Brent said he was on the Directorate of the CFS as recently as May 2009, but he said that this motion had nothing to do with the CFS status, but with the CFS-O, and that the chair does not express his beliefs one way or another.

Elime has a Point of Order, and said he is unsure of how to vote, and asked if there is a way to bring in some proof or evidence to inform us of how to vote.

James said one person said one thing, another something else.

Allison had a Point of Information, and asked what happens if council does vote that Brent is in conflict of interest.

Chair said that if Brent is voted in conflict of interest, he cannot chair on this motion. Chair said he does not believe he can stop the process for verification at this point, as it is between two people.

Brittany had a Point of Order, and said there is no debate or discussion, but presentation of argument and then a vote.

Chair said that we have to go straight to vote, and to proceed to vote

Brittany had a Point of Information, and said that by voting yes you uphold the Chair, NOT the challenge. She said if you vote yes, the chair stays.

Chair's ruling was upheld by vote, and Erik returned Chair's duties to Brent.

Austin had a Point of Order, and said that as far as he could tell there are two points in which the original Be it Further Resolved clause is out of order, as it mandated CUSA councilors or executives to do something they cannot do, to mandate someone to do something else. He said that as per Meera's amendment, the validity of the petition is unclear, and a referendum cannot be mandated on an un-validated petition. He said these are two points where the Be it Further Resolved is out of order.

Chair said that in the spirit of the motion, maybe the Be it Further Resolved is not worded properly, and maybe the verb usage should be in another place, and interpreted it as a mandate for council or executives to act, not to force someone outside the organization to act.

Adam Dewar said that it refers to a counter-petition going against the number of signatures required. He said that counter petitions have been done before, but were all thrown out in court. He said that it goes against the motion by questioning the validity of the signatures, and that is why it is out of order.

Chair said that procedurally, this is another Point of Order, and the amendment has been accused out of order on new grounds.

Adam said that the questioning of the validity of the petition or asking for its validity counteracts the motion.

Chair said it asks for the validity to be investigated, and that does not make it out of order.

Adam Dewar said that the reference to the counter petition makes it out of order, as the counter petition is out of order.

Kyle Purdy had a Point of Information, and asked if the counter petition was a document of people asking for their names to be taken off the original petition.

Chair said he is not aware but that it refers in the amendment to a “counter-petition.”

Meera motivated her amendment, and said that basically the reason why she proposed the amendments is that everyone wants the issue to be resolved, but said we as a Council do not know for a fact if those petitions were received. She said there is no document which acknowledges its receipt. She said if there is, she would like to see it, but that we should not vote on the original motion based on not knowing for sure if it was received.

Erik said, in favour of the amendment, that it addresses a lot of our issues. He said he has corresponded with CFS and CFS-O, and that CFS has received the petitions. He said part of the problem is that we need to vet the petitions, and said he does not have a copy of the petitions yet. He said that he has talked with some of the organizers, but this was not considered acceptable to them. He said he is trying to facilitate this as best he can, but that this amendment addresses those issues completely. He said that there is a fight about the status of a petition with students not wanting their names included, and it's not for him to decide, but it should be considered. He said that this amendment allows us to investigate the matter.

Fatima said that she is speaking in favour, and said that the original motion ties the hands of the executives to have a referendum without verifying the validity of the petitions. She said the motion received has not been verified as valid, and that Erik has confirmed that the CFS has received the petition.

Hashem moved to table the entire item until next council when we can be presented by a copy of the affidavit that it has been delivered to CFS-O. Hashem said that presenting this document is a good first step in the debate.

Seconded Dewar.

Failed.

Proceeded back to speaker's list.

Meera Chander called the question

Seconded McKenzie

Carried

Vote on Amendment

Carried

Adam moved to withdraw the motion based on the fact that he said the chair allowed motions to be withdrawn two meetings ago, two or three motions brought forward on Remembrance Day. He said the meeting was gaveled into being and they were pulled by the motivator.

Chair said they were pulled by the motivator who moved them for THAT meeting. There was notice and was not an item for information tabled at the meeting, and is not the same thing. Chair said one was an item for information, and the other a motion served at that meeting.

Adam Dewar said it was served in accordance with the seven day rule.

Chair said it was pulled before it was debated, but that Adam attempted to pull after debate had started.

Omar had a Point of Information, and asked whose affidavit it was.

Dean Tester said that the affidavit is from a process server in Toronto where the petition was delivered.

On to speaker's list for the motion:

Michael Monks moved to divide the Be it Resolved sections so they are considered separately.

Chair said it is a procedural motion to split the motion into two to be considered separately.

Seconded Dewar.

Matt Dick had a Point of Information, and said that he believed non-councilors cannot move to divide and recommended consultation.

Chair said he is not aware of that rule, but will look it up, but said a councilor, Adam Dewar, is moving to divide.

Failed.

Natalie called the question.

Procedural vote, requires 2/3rds.
Seconded Halliwell.

Carried

Call the question negated as no one spoke against the motion.

Return to speaker's list:

Matt Dick said he is speaking against, because it's going to pass anyway, but is speaking against so it can go to the vote. He said that the first was poorly written, and the amendment makes it redundant anyway, and recommends we get it over with.

Brittany called the question.
Seconded Pinto.

Question called, proceed directly to vote:

Hashem Hamdy requested a roll call vote:

Erik Halliwell Y
Meera Chander Y
Cameron McKenzie Y
Nick Bergamini N
Jessica Vasquez Y
Alex Sirois Y
Adam Dewar A
Karim Khamisa Y
Brittany Smyth Y
Graeme Owens Y
Hashem Hamdy A
Natalie Pinto Y
Anthony Ryan Not Present
Fatima Hassan Y
Christina Anderson A
James Witherspoon Y
Komalijit Minhas A
Donnie Northrup Y
Graham Perrin Y
Heather Murley Y
Allison Elwell Y
Caleigh Campbell Y
Chris Gillen Y

Brian Mattock N
Mahdi Yusuf Y
Omar Shamma Y
Kyle Purdy Y
Brian Mason A
James Craig A
Terrah Smith A
Nicholas Osborne N
Devon Wensink A
Austin Miller Y
Garima Talwar Y

Motion carried 22 Yes – 3 No – 7 Abstentions

e. Motion to Support the Reformation of the Carleton Ravens Men's Football Team

Brian Mason/Adam Dewar

Brian motivated, and said he is following up on his question at last meeting, and said athletics is talking about budgeting, and that all funds for the team would come from a specific donor, not the university, and that since we're the council who represents future footballing students we should support them.

Debate

Erik said he is speaking strongly in favour, and said he inquired with the department of athletics, and that there seems to be a donor, but the issue is multi-year commitment, and they need a five year commitment since no university money will be put into it. He said it is not for sure but it looks promising, and Erik added that he loves football. He added that if there is a reformation of the rugby team, he hopes everyone would support him.

Jessica said, in favour, that she is a past athletics employee, and she said there is always a lot of talk there hoping that Carleton gets a football team, though she said she is not so sure about a rugby team. She said that if Jennifer could confirm the donor it would be wonderful.

Hashem said, in favour, that he loves football, it's a fantastic sport, and he said he was at the Queens Model UN over the weekend, and Carleton cleaned up, but everyone responded by saying yeah, but you don't have a football team, so he said he'd love to see one.

Matt Dick said he is strongly in favour, and that the CASG publication is doing a follow-up article about this, and he said there is a donor and multi-year commitment lined up, with pretty solid support for holding games at

Landsdowne Park. He said that another reason he supports it is that no money will be taken from the regular athletics budget to support this, so other programs will not lose out.

Allison said that her understanding is that there's a possible five-year commitment, but wondered about the long term financial commitment, what the cost of upkeep and running a team would be, and where the money would come from.

Chair said he is unsure, and asked for respondents.

Matt Dick said it's a five year commitment to get it off the ground, and sustainable at that time, and he said after that 100, 120 thousand per year would come only from private donors, and after five years they can start a more concerted pitch to alumni to keep it going year to year. If five years worked, he said, it would be extremely likely to continue for more time and would not draw any money from Carleton.

Shammas called the question.
Seconded Pinto.

Carried, proceed to vote.

Carried

f. Motion to Require CFS Correspondence to be Tabled at CUSA Council
Monks/Dewar

Michael Monks motivated, and said his primary reason for submitting the motion is in reference to the referendum process going on. He said in order for CUSA to fulfill its responsibility they need all information to make an informed decision. He said that for this to be done it would be useful to have all correspondence between the CFS and CUSA, and said that if it was made known to council they would be more informed and able to contribute. Michael Monks said that now we are at an information disadvantage, and this would make people fully aware of what's going on.

Allison asked if the motion meant every e-mail including listserv, dates, every correspondence no matter how brief.

Michael Monks said that he supposed that that could be considered, at any level, he said it doesn't seem to be difficult to talk about this correspondence. He said he doesn't know if listservs are correspondence. He said that this would cover anything that the CFS sends to CUSA that CUSA would make a decision on, and said that they would have to make

council aware that something was sent, and it would give council a chance to ask questions.

Allison had a supplemental. She asked whether Monks wants all correspondence printed and put in a binder so it can all be looked at, and asked about the environmental cost and supply cost. She asked how this would be done.

Michael Monks said that it's his understanding that it would be available to council for people to look at, whether or not it would be printed he is not sure. He said that it's entirely up to the executive to determine how it's presented.

Austin Miller said some of his questions have been brought up, but asked about the time frame. He asked what time frame it was for.

Michael Monks said that it would obligate the next council, and would die after the new council, so the end of the term.

Mahdi Yusuf asked whose job it would be to take care of this.

Michael Monks replied that it is a weird situation in our bylaws, in that it is CUSA's job to represent us to the CFS, but does not say who is exactly responsible, so that if someone is designated as CFS representative it would be that person

Allison asked how not having every single detailed e-mail between CUSA and CFS make it difficult for individuals to get involved in the CFS.

Chair said that this is a point of debate, and that he would put her on the list for debate.

Komalijit said that it's clear that it would have to be amended in some form for it to be supported, and asked whether someone in CUSA could give an idea of the categories of correspondence with the CFS.

Erik said that was kind of his question, and he's not sure what Michael Monks is looking for. He said that if there's anything specific he would be happy to provide it. He said there's a lot of things which they receive, for one example something that's going on in Thunder Bay, which no one at council might have any interest in.

James Witherspoon had a Point of Personal Privilege, and said the remark about Thunder Bay was not nice.

Erik said he is happy to provide anything general or specific, but for the reasons he stated it sounds like it's casting a wide net on a lot of irrelevant material.

Cameron asked Erik how many e-mails he gets per day from the CFS, roughly.

Erik replied that it changes day-by-day, and is unsure what would be considered even CFS-related. He said he gets perhaps 15 e-mails per day of that nature.

Brandon Wallingford said he is wondering if this motion is maybe about the governance process, and sought to clarify whether it is specifically about motions passing.

Michael said that the referendum was his main motivation, not whatever Thunder Bay is doing, but it was more about making sure that if there are motions the CFS is going to have at meeting, that these be brought to council so it is aware. He said that this will make Carleton students' opinions, expressed through representatives, as part of the decisions on CFS motions.

Jessica asked if Monks wants it presented at each council meeting whether there are motions being presented at CFS meeting and what the motions are.

Brian Mattock had a Point of Information, and asked if we can call to move to debate.

Chair said that Council can close the question period, but it requires 2/3rds majority.

Michael Monks said that if this policy was in place the motions for CFS council would be submitted ahead of time to CUSA council so they could let executives know their opinions on the matter

Debate:

Brittany, speaking against the motion, said she understands the goal of the motion, but she said it is a bit of a waste. She said there is much more important correspondence which goes on between executives and other groups, and said maybe it would be interesting to see the president's correspondence with any group, and she said that if someone is curious they can go ask their elected representatives and they would be happy to present with any information. She said we have just gone through 20 minutes asking the same questions, and said the result of this motion

would see council presented with a lot of irrelevant information. She said that it is a targeted thing for one particular reason, but it is wasting council's time. She said she did not want to waste more time at council flipping through lame e-mails.

Jessica had a Point of Personal Privilege, and said some of the e-mails are not lame.

Brittany responded, and said Jessica's e-mails are cool.

Alex said, against the motion, said it was wasting council's time, and that anything specific can be found at the office, and no e-mails are concealed. He said if anyone wants to know what he's saying it's their right.

Austin said that he appreciates the spirit but that it could be honed it, but we don't want to sit here and amend this thing down to the precise nature, so he is speaking against.

Fatima Hassan called the question.
Seconded Mahdi Yusuf.

2/3rds required.

Question Called.

Proceed directly to vote as presented.

Failed.

g. Motion to Direct Local 1 (CUSA) to Vote in Favour of Reforms that Would Increase the Amount of Information the CFS Provides Online
Monks/Dewar

Michael Monks motivated, and said that the last motion was to give students a chance to look at information, form an opinion, and provide their opinion to representatives. He said it's very important to encourage any organization to keep the standards we keep. He said he finds it interesting that the CFS-O does not keep their governing documents online. He said if you look under Meera's shining face at the website, you can find the budget. He said you can find the minutes online so people know what we've been up to, and if we have that standard, any organization which we belong to should have the same standards. He said people post the information online anyway, so the CFS-O might as well do that itself.

Questions:

Omar asked exactly what is not online.

Michael Monks said online means “on their website” and that CFS does put its policies and resolutions online, but wants their bylaws, minutes, etc, online. He said one of the motions coming up moves things from Constating Documents to somewhere more prominent. He said he doesn’t know how many students would be able to “intuitively” find the documents on their website. He said the other organization we belong to, CFS-O, does not list any of these documents.

Natalie Pinto asked whether there is a current motion on the table in a CFS AGM that he would like CUSA to vote for.

Michael Monks said that there is a package of motions asking for the bylaws and other things to be put online, forwarded by the Calgary Postgraduate Association.

Komalijit asked what Michael meant by “coalition partners.”

Monks said that the CFS has a resolution saying they will have coalition partners and maintain a list, and he said that there is nowhere too find this list. He said it is important to know who they are working with. He added that it is possible for students to see that they are working with an organization students are opposed to and provide their disapproval this way.

Alison asked, to clarify, that if there is a document she cannot find, whether she can e-mail Nick Bergamini and get the document for her.

Erik said it could be any Exec, and they can be e-mailed asking for any of this information.

Dean Tester asked if he could get minutes from CFS meetings from Erik.

Erik said that he can.

Brandon Wallingford asked what the justification for not allowing some documents to be copied or brought out of the CUSA office is.

Erik responded that it’s not that it is not allowed, but that when Dean asked him about something specific he was unsure.

Brandon asked if documents can be copied or removed.

Erik said it is his understanding that they can.

Allie asked if there are certain documents that cannot be removed, whether notes could be taken.

Erik said yes.

Debate:

Adam said that he supports it, but said that it doesn't matter what the organization is, all not-for-profits provide this kind of information on their website. He said all publicly traded companies do this, and he said that you can find out more information on the largest companies in this country than the CFS. He said it takes up executives' time to go the office, and that it would be better if they could be accessed online.

Brittany said, speaking against, for two different reasons, that she doesn't necessarily think all this stuff should be on the website. She said she doesn't know why some of it isn't. She questioned why we would want to show everyone in the government how much is spent on campaigns, or put up information about future activities. She said her main reason for voting against it is that it's highly irresponsible to vote in favour of something to mandate our representatives to vote for something the content of which is unknown.

She said that 'Shinerama' was a good example of why not to send people to a meeting to vote for anything which supports these things, no matter what the motion is. She said that, realistically, there are many motions of CFS, and we cannot tell the executives to vote for anything which would put more information on the website. She said that since we have not seen those motions it would be irresponsible to tell the executives to vote for them.

Hashem had a Point of Order, and asked if motions can interrupt the speaker's list.

Chair said no, that you must have the floor.

Allison had a Point of Information, and asked where last month's minutes were.

Matt Dick said he is speaking in favour, and he said it's talking about putting more information online, which is a good thing, and something that they've had incredible success with in their organization. He said that he doesn't know any grads in Calgary, and that hopefully they have good ideas. He said he trusts the representatives that will be sent, and if the motion mandates people to kill kittens they will not vote for it. He said it

is more information about an organization we're paying into, and that we should cut through the bullshit and support it, and if not, just get to the vote. Matt concluded with "blah blah blah, everyone be reasonable, blah blah, the end."

Elwell called the question.
Seconded Purdy.

Failed

h. Motion to Direct Local 1 (CUSA) Delegation to Vote Against Motion Submitted by Local 78 (Carleton GSA) to CFS AGM
Monks/Osborne

Michael Monks motivated, and said the last one was voted against because it was not specific, and said that had the first past, and the second passed, we would be aware of what this motion was more specifically referring to. He said that a member of the GSA is here to explain the case of why they should amend the non-voting members rights. He said as soon as he read it, he kind of freaked, and said it's not appropriate to change the rights that non-voting members have without informing them that it will happen. He said he thought it was not right to change it in a way which he said could delay referendums for three years. He said he doesn't think it is right to require 20% of the student population to sign a petition when that number cannot be motivated to vote.

Monks added that he doesn't think it's right to propose a bylaw which says there is a time period of consideration of validity, with a referendum required 90 days after its validity is verified. He said it's relatively inconsistent, but he said some of the rights it might change are horrible He said it's not really fair to have five years between votes, because some students might graduate before they would be able to vote on this matter. He added that it's completely wrong, and said it's not fair to change these rights without providing appropriate time for all members to consider the implication of this. He said the only thing our delegation should do is vote the motion down and put it where it belongs, in the rubbish bin.

Brian Mason asked what the current amount of time in between membership votes.

Michael Monks said that there is two years in between joining the organization before a referendum can be held. He added that that it's two years after joining or two years after the last vote.

Garima said she doesn't understand, and asked if the motion submitted by local 78 goes through whether that would change the rights of students immediately, next year, or when.

Austin said it would not impact the petition that's going on right now, and is not trying to retroactively deal with the ongoing referendum.

Michael Monks said that because the CFS is a corporation, it has to submit its bylaw to the Minister of Industry, and that it would have to be approved at that stage for it to have force of law.

Debate:

Erik said, against the motion, that he had a lot of reasons why. He said the AGM affects everyone in the CFS. Erik said this motion will be amended, debated, and go through a series of committees. He said it will change a lot, and Erik said he is contesting one of Michael Monks' comments. He said that it means 20% of members, not 20% of voters must sign. He said he doesn't feel comfortable with the motion because it mandates voting down this motion no matter how it might change at an AGM. He said this is problematic and should be taken into consideration.

Dina, speaking against, said she is not comfortable with her execs voting against a motion which might change, and said that execs should not be mandated to vote on something which will not end up in its original form.

Hashem called the question.
Seconded Perrin.

Defeated.

17. Motion to pull the minutes

Hamdy/Sirois

No amendments to minutes

Carried

18. Adjournment

Vasquez/Bergamini

Carried

[Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM]

As adopted by council on Thursday, December 10, 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