



Minutes
CESA Candidates Forum
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Exec Teams

Team CoLlaB Opening:

Hi everyone, we are team CoLlaB. I'm

Jena Bowden: This year I'm working as treasurer under the presidential umbrella. This has helped me get an overarching understanding of CESA. I also have a knowledge of how cesa works by being council clerk last year. I'm very passionate about CESA.

Laura Buehler: I'm one of two photography coordinators. This new leadership role has allowed be to be present at almost all faculty events. In the past I have been involved in year book, intramurals, and orientation week. I am a very approachable person and I am confident in my abilities to perform these responsibilities.

Cody Weeden: I am the current IT admin. I make sure that the website is up to date. I also run the CESA emails. This has provided me with the opportunity of networking with others. Peter Chin and I have discussed the feasibility of a business teachable. I know I can organize and provide support for CESA council.

Collaboration is the key to success. We'd like to work with the faculty as a whole and increase interfaculty relations. Our platform is laid out in three umbrellas.

Communication: all con-ed students should have easy access to CESA documents and finances. We believe this ease of access will increase participation in all aspects of con-ed. We want to promote events on a wide variety of social platforms.

Growth: Facilitate student well-being in an equitable community. Student wellness coordinator position. They would be an extended council member with a focus on mental health. They might plan exam de-stressors. Review of the hiring process. Looking at how we internally hire our members, along with how teach exec and QCE exec is hired.

Paired vs. unpaired interviews have some inconsistencies. We want to take a look at why that is the way it is

Appearance: We want to create more interfaculty relations. We want to get con-ed students involved in more events outside of CESA.

The three of us are extremely excited and invested in creating a great experience for the diverse CESA student body.

Team GPS Opening:

Thanks for coming out tonight. We are team GPS.

Jacob Gardhouse: I'm the presidential candidate. I've been passionate about this for a long time.

Sherri Patterson: I was the director of special events at QCE this year. This position has allowed me to learn to plan large events and communicated with other positions on council. **Carma Steenkamp:** Jacob and I have been on council since first year.

Continue the inclusive environment. We really feel that it is important to be approachable and reliable to all students and we want to communicate between faculties and within Kingston.

CESA Days: Day of activities for con-eddies to play some games. Family reunion, little picnic kind of thing. A diverse group of activities. No cost and you meet people from different years. These will be more structured than previous social events. We might add a position for these.

Approachability: We plan to do this through complete attendance to all events possible. This kind of approachability will be encouraged for all CESA council members. We also want to hold exec specific office hours each week so people could voice any concerns they may have to us.

Buddy picnic: changing the event a little bit. It's been difficult for first years in the past. What we hope to do is foster relationships between incoming first years and upper years before the first years come to queens. This way the buddy picnic can be pushed back a week.

Accessibility: we want more con-ed students to come out to council meetings. Constant updates and previews of council meetings as well as publicly publishing Robert's rules in order to make council meetings somewhat less intimidating for non-council members.

Connection with the Kingston community: Destressing opportunity close to exam times. Create cards and send them to the homes within Kingston.

Team GPS thinks that con-ed has made some great steps but we want to take it further through the platform points that we have overviewed today to encourage students to get involved with all our events.

Questions:

Wiercigroch: Identify one weakness and one strength that you think you have as a team.

GPS: Our biggest strength is our friendship. We've known each other since first year. Weakness might be adjusting to the new positions but we're confident that we have the skills.

Collab: Diversity all coming from a different program. Weakness, because we come from different streams we all have different schedules but we're willing to meet on weekends and at night.

Lowry: How will you innovate and what issue would you like to address concerning marketing.

Collab: We want to bring back infographics and have resources in the jDuc

GPS: We want to get the infographics back to to let people know what's been said at the meetings and we want to make sure that there isn't miscommunication anywhere.

Chin: What is one thing you liked and one you changed about con-ed week?

Gps: The fact that we have so many events that caters to different interests is one of the biggest strengths. Change would be making it more accessible. If we could do more of the events for all ages and more on campus.

Collab: We really loved the amount of people who actually showed up. We would change the way ti's marketed. We want it to be on more than just facebook.

McNally: What is one academic issue you could see being faced with and how will you face it?

Collab: Fall reading week is a big issue. We want to make sure con-ed students have all the info they need

GPS: Making prof a worthwhile experience. I think fostering an environment where people can voice their concerns would allow us to relay that info to the faculty.

Ramsay: How have you demonstrated a strong work ethic in your role on council?

GPS: I didn't miss a single class in QCE and I think we made a fantastic conference. I had to compensate for not having carma during her leave of absence, I think we did fine considering circumstances.

Collab: Dealing with editing has been challenging. Treasurer is a big role. Takes a lot to have a hand in every budget. I sent out midyear budgets for everyone. I feel like I've been very vocal at council meetings and I'm not afraid of voicing my opinions because student advocacy is important to me.

_____: What is one challenge in representing con-ed and how you'd overcome it?

Collab: A major challenge is meeting all the people transitioning into their roles. Hard to predict how student government will be next year. Talking to the people who do get elected will be a hard transition.

GPS: Getting a head start on getting contacts about the external bodies we'll be working with creating relationships with them and improving inter faculty relations. Understanding what coned students want, approachability.

Chiang: How do you plan to engage a more diverse group of con-ed students?

GPS: We think CESA days cater to diverse groups. The buddy picnic event will hopefully bring out more people because they will have a mentor over the summer.

Collab: Reach out to first years. Make sure that communication is happening. Asking people to bring a friend. Opening things up.

Ramsay: How do you know your ideas are feasible?

Collab: Student wellness. We've contacted faculties with similar positions and we know everything we need to be able to make it work. For our hiring we know it's feasible. We know we can sit down with people transitioning out and in.

GPS: CESA days will be run by the Exec team at first. We'll prep over the summer. Buddy picnic. We started collecting names at the beginning of the summer so we know we can match people over the summer. For the letter writing we've contacted some nursing homes and they've all been good for it.

Wu: What's a platform idea from the opposite team that you really appreciate?

GPS: I really like the student wellness coordinator. We think there is room to grow for that sort of thing.

Collab: Buddy picnic idea is very feasible and makes a lot of sense. Gives opportunity for way more involvement.

Lowry: What's one difficult thing about your job this year and how did you overcome it?

Collab: Get a credit card. Get that process speeded up. Not being able to change things on the site. Massive rebranding. Guy never got back to me. We wanted to do one dollar photo print offs but this wasn't feasible.

GPS: We wanted to get the people who aren't always involved involved. I had to take a leave of absence and that was challenging. Reduce course load. I think we've always tried to include as many students as possible.

Exec Admin

Danyi Wu Opening:

I'm an IS student. Three words that could summarize my platform

Experience: I have held the position of senator. I'm familiar with the procedure of CESA meetings. Time management skills have already been challenged, I had to schedule myself properly to fulfill that job. I successfully motioned for a two year time.

Commitment: I was at all the meetings. I joke that coffee keeps me attentive but I do think that it is important that I am a detail oriented person. I can make sure people are being held accountable. If elected I have two ideas.

See if there's a way that people in group hiring can be held accountable for the feedback.

Perfect attendance, offer midyear awards for perfect attendance. Incentive to send in reports on time. I look forward to working with the incoming exec team.

Questions:

Buehler: One of your strengths?

Wu: I like to think things over a lot. I think that I'm not as connected socially as I'd like to be so I think attending more events would be good for that.

Chin: What is your favorite policy doc and why?

Wu: I'd go for the constitution. It's something that incoming exec always tries to improve and it's most updated

Stenkamp: How do you plan to build a positive relationship with exec?

Wu: We could have meetings. I see that Levi and the exec team spend time together, so I think we could attend events together and get to know each other more.

Wiercigroch: Next year the exec admin will evolve into an umbrella head, how do you plan to be an effective umbrella head?

Wu: I have experience delegating in a leadership role. I think it's important to work closely with the exec team as they all have very large umbrellas and I could ask them for advice.

Rowland: How can you maintain impartiality between various groups for hiring and other such things?

Wu: Implement anonymous mailbox. That way I could at least bring it forth to council.

Floras-Matic: How would you implement changes to the hiring systems.

Wu: Surveys with Teach exec and teach, this can be extended to QCE. I can ensure that they are trying to take their feedback into consideration.

CESA Rep to the AMS

Tiffany Wong Opening: Hi everyone. Currently the first year rep to the ams. One of my goals is to increase student awareness and involvement in the AMS. I want to create open means of communication dedicated to improving the quality of life within con-ed. I endeavor to build inter faculty relationships. I plan on encouraging student participation. Advocate for accountability and transparency. I will take an active role in the elimination of biases.

Questions:

Truong: How will you foster interfaculty relations?

Wong: It'd be great to use facebook as a platform to let people know that there are things hosted by other faculties that are open to con-eddies as well.

Ramsay: What is the biggest issue in the AMS and how would you promote it to students?

Wong: I think non-academic discipline and fall reading week are the biggest issues currently. I think it's important to reach out to the students about these.

Gardhouse: What was a challenge you faced this year and how will you overcome that to become a better rep?

Wong: Going forward I think I would love to take on opportunities to be more active in my role on AMS assembly and on Council.

Wiercigroch: What is a committee you might like to sit on next year and why?

Wong: I had the opportunity to sit on the --- committee. I know the new campus activities commissioner will be looking at student bursaries and I am interested in that.

Second Year Reps

da Silva and Demizio Opening:

Thanks for coming to be here today to inform your vote. We hope you will feel confident in letting us represent you this year. Hopefully we'll be able to represent you at all year events. We will take our role seriously as the link between cesa and the student body at large. Our action will be based upon the views and beliefs of every student in our year. Our ideas include fort fright, a dance a-thon, etc. We are both very passionate about student government and we can apply this passion to the future.

Questions:

Bowden: What would you change in your incoming year.

Team: We didn't have the opportunity to network as much. We now have the ability to network with different people. We want to have everything scheduled over the summer.

Truong: How will you accommodate for second year challenges?

Team: Planning on having an event to get the ball rolling for before teach hiring to make the atmosphere more inclusive going into next year.

Third Year Reps

Rowland and Faudemer Opening: I've been involved in CESA council and many intramurals and year events. I have the viewpoint of an outsider to council so I have that experience.

We want to represent our year. What events does our class really want to see. Repping them on CESA council. Getting their opinions on motions.

Approachability: We're both very approachable and we don't mind any way you can reach us.

Event: Take a look at what's been done, what we can do to cater to diverse interests.

Trying to see who's actually coming out to events.

Different views on things that go on so we can approach things from different perspectives.

Questions:

Corazza: How will you reach outside your friend groups and reach out more

Rowland, Faudemer: Cater to the year by asking about what events we want to see. How we structure and plan certain events. How are we marketing. Trying to spread through facebook or word of mouth.

Gardhouse: Do you have any ideas for con-ed clothing.

Rowland, Faudemer: We had sweaters for the council and Matt has had experience with clothing type sales. I know we do a lot of ordering through primetime and I've had to deal with them for a variety of clothing.

Truong: One strength and one weakness.

Rowland, Faudemer: Strength: Down to earth, very real. Hard to say a weakness. Matt is very organized which is a strength. Weakness. Height isn't a weakness. Communication? Thank you.

Fourth Year Reps

McMurray and Pasternak Opening:

Diverse: If elected we hope to plan events that are diverse. Hosting them on different days of the week and at different times. Different types.

Fresh: We've attended pretty much every year event. We believe that fourth year is a time for new year events.

Fun: Uni is stressful. Fourth year is a time to have fun with our friends. Providing a lot of opportunities to get together.

We believe through our experiences we can effectively advocate for our peers.

Feedback is important to us.

We're pretty creative but we know you can be too so we want to hear your ideas.

Rowell Opening:

Kerri (not present): It has been fun meeting people at queens. Those who know me know that I'm a proud con-eddy. Our platform is all about you. We would like to keep our year united. Inclusivity and providing support is most important to us.

Four things that we really want to highlight.

Inclusivity and diversity: Con-ed is everyone's faculty.

Positivity and Joy: we enjoy lifting people's spirits.

Feedback: It's really important that we get your ideas.

Support: As Kerri said, we really do want to support you in any of your choices. We've gotten to know a lot about the resources on campus. I hope you recognize we want to be there for you.

Questions:

Weeden: What are some ways you will connect with fourth years?

Rowell: Year specific office hours. Having fun things like crafts. Being able to send out emails. Post on emails. Instagram. We want people to feel like they can talk to us.

MP: Very brief summary on the top of every email just so people can see if they really want to read the entire email if they're in a rush. Get more info about their events. We're always available for direct messages.

What do you plan to do about better for you initiative?

MP: Instead of one large fundraising activity we could have a bunch of little ones. Breakfast in the JDUC. Have con-eds drop by with a small amount of money. A raffle of some type.

Rowell: Have a better for you fourth year committee. Be able to be involved with the planning and implementation. There's power in numbers and in the people. Tea and cookies, cogro cake. Board game nights by donation.

Lowry: Specifically increase involvement with people who have already chosen to not be involved in con-ed events.

Rowell: I don't want to force anyone to do anything, but I would want to engage with the disengaged friend groups to see what the people want to see.

MP: We come from two different streams, we can reach a bunch of people. Having year events a diverse set of times. We really support intermingling of people.