

Report to Council
January 27, 2008



COUNCIL MINUTES

The Meeting of the Concurrent Education Student's Association Council was held on
January 27, 2008 in Room E229 of Mac-Corry Hall at 7:00 P.M.

REGRETS:

1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was moved and approved

That CESA Council approved the Agenda for the Meeting of January 27, 2008.

The motion with amendments was put and **carried unanimously**

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes was moved and approved

That CESA Council approved the Minutes for the Meeting of January 27, 2008.

The motion was put and **carried unanimously**.

3 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2.1 General Business

2.1.1 There is not enough people for the Quorum tonight, so we can't vote.

2.1.2 Everyone start thinking about preparing transition manuals for next year's council.

2.1.3 Tonight is Rohini's last CESA meeting before her Practicum—Thanks Rohini for all your work and good luck on your Practicum

4 GUEST SPEAKERS

There are no guest speakers tonight.

5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 General Report

5.1.1 The past week's CESA candidate's forum went very well, thanks for all who came out

5.1.2 Please VOTE for AMS and CESA on Tuesday or Wednesday.

5.1.3 Thank you to the Conference crew who couldn't be here for tonight's meeting. The Conference was a huge success. It went very well, and everyone had an amazing time!

6 VICEPRESIDENTS' REPORT

6.1 Vice President Internal – General Report

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- 6.1.1 ASUS Annual Tournament—2nd of February for many charities at the PEC. Registration forms are at the ASUS CORE. Register in teams of five. Contact society@asus.queensu.ca
- 6.1.2 Queens Leadership conference is on the 10th. Register at the ASUS CORE.
- 6.1.3 Everyone remember to VOTE. It's very important, make sure you voice your opinion.
- 6.1.4 Remember to submit an article to the Bedspread. Everyone on council has to submit at least one article. It's a part of the constitution—you can get kicked off the council for not submitting one.
- 6.1.5 There is a meet and greet at the QP tomorrow at 5:30 for those who want to find out more about internal.

6.2 Vice President External – General Report

- 6.2.1 BEWIC sports day—thanks to all who participated, we had a great time. We didn't win, but we came in second for the spirit competition.
- 6.2.2 Congratulations to the Conference crew and volunteers. They did a great job. This Conference wouldn't happen without them. Also, thanks to the workshop speakers.
- 6.2.3 Just a reminder, Liz's event—Lover's and Other Strangers is coming up on the 5th. It's going to be great, so everyone come out and have a great time.
- 6.2.4 If there are any bursaries questions, feel free to ask Lubmila and Matt.
- 6.2.5 Head teach interviews are happening next week.
- 6.2.6 There was a meet with Dean Whitehead about the grading policy. There was a debate/discussion concerning a grade, percentage or keeping to the pass/fail system.
- 6.2.7 Office hours are going to be up soon.
- 6.2.8 For those who are running for council—Good Luck!!
- 6.2.9 Everyone please watch your attendance. If you miss more than 3 meetings, you can lose your position. You've worked so hard, so you don't want to spoil it.

7 AMS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

7.1 AMS General Assembly

- 7.1.1 The meeting was held on the 18th.
- 7.1.2 ASUS silent auction—February 28th from 9am to 8pm. Stop by Lower Celidh of the JDUC
- 7.1.3 Tutors are needed for econ, phys 107, math 121, chem. 281. If you're interested please contact gm@asus.queensu.ca
- 7.1.4 Rector elections are going on. February 1st to February 27th is the nomination period, there will be an information campaign. This is the highest student position on campus. They represent all student issues to officers and alumni. Email rector@queensu.ca should you be interested
- 7.1.5 Also, Principal and Vice-principal (operations and finance) is seeking reappointment
- 7.1.6 On February 28th is the Grant Hall Assembly. It is a formal and there's FREE FOOD!!
- 7.1.7 The Undergraduate Research Conference is on March 6th and 7th. It is a first come first serve basis. There's no cost and food available. Students talk about how they got things up and running (ie. AMS tea room), a chance to get into the academic realm and learn format of conference, a big group of experienced people (librarians, graduate students) who will give help and suggestions. Deadline for submitting proposal is January 31st. For further details go to www.queensu.ca/iatq/conference.html.
- 7.1.8 Want to be a student senator? Email senate@ams.queensu.ca

8 STUDENT SENATOR'S REPORT

8.1 Senate

Senate not present today.

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9 STATEMENT BY MEMBERS

9.1 Rohini—ESS Transition Chair

Thanks to those who came out on Tuesday. Tonight is my last CESA meeting.

9.2 Janice--Fundraising

KISS—teach audition is on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. ORT is slowly getting underway. The first meeting is this week. Yoga at Karma (downtown) on February 14th. More information coming soon.

9.3 Tiff—Social Commissioner

Con-ed Formal is coming up. The theme is “Across the Universe”. Tickets are \$55 before reading week, and \$60 after the break. Tickets go on sale from Monday February 4th till February 24th. We booked DeeJay J Fox for the evening. There is a Formal Committee meeting tomorrow at 4:30 at Douglas.

9.4 Pat—Standing in for Community Affairs

Lovers and other Strangers/couple night is on February 5th. It’s like the newly weds t.v show. There will be talent show acts in between.

10 QUESTION PERIOD

Does the grading policy come into effect next year, and when will we get the feedback?
This will not be implemented next year. It’s not a faculty decision, so fill out the survey because student feedback is important. Email Dean Whitehead or talk to exec if you have any questions

When is the date of the Grant hall formal?
February 28

While Lora is LOA can she still make us posters?
Ask exec to.

How are we as con-ed and students become informed about CESA elections?
Mike will send an email after contacting candidates of the results of the elections.

Do we still follow the 72hr rule to return to our position after campaigning?
Not sure, exec will look into it.

11 DISCUSSION PERIOD

11.1 Questions/opinions on the grading policy

Is there a general sway in the faculty?

Grades becomes competitive. But then people who don’t works as hard are weeded out.

What about setting the Pass bar higher...but then again, it doesn’t always work like that

Queen’s is the only school using the pass/fail system

There is a debate about a percentage grade and letter grade as well

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Queen's Nursing is similar to Con-ed, and they have a percentage system. And the nurses say it weeds out anyone who doesn't really want to be there and only those who work hard remain.

If the pass/fail system remains, we can't use it for grad school

It's too hard to give a mark for practicums, so these marks only apply for prof classes.

Percentages and letter grades discourages students from taking risks because they would just want to do what their professor is looking for. We got into this program because of our pass, so now if we go back on that, it just takes away from education.

How do we get jobs if we have no grades? It is based on your resume and qualifications/experiences.

Grad school—Queen's refuse to give marks, and grad school needs marks, so do they look at your undergrad marks then? Some Grad schools look more at your qualifications and essays that you write.

Marks get in the way of true education. The pass/fail example has a collaborative effect

Marks weed people out. Some people who go into education they don't know what else to do, so maybe there should be a change, so only those who want to be there will show up.

The pass/fail or pass honors/pass/fail system is very subjective because it is up to the individual prof.

Queen's is a very prodigious, but the pass/fail system doesn't really convey that

There is a linkage of Con-ed and the consecutive—the grading system applies for both.

Grades will give legitimacy to the program. The pass/fail system makes people undermine the program

What about applying levels of pass and honors, like level 1,2,3,4?

In 5th year, most courses are pass/fail/honors.

Grades will push us more to do well, because it will go on our transcript for grad school

When is the survey due? Feb 2

Do most people in their B.Ed year pass? Majority do, some drop out, if they don't do the work, then they don't pass.

There is a chance a new system can come into effect in September, so it's very important to do the survey.

12 ADJOURNMENT

I move the CESA council does now adjourn.

The motion was put and **passed**.

CONFIRMED

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2008

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