

Report to Council

March 2, 2008



COUNCIL MINUTES

The Meeting of the Concurrent Education Student's Association Council was held on
March 2, 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 March 2, 2008.

Amendments: Guest Speaker – Leora
Discussion – Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award

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 February 10, 2008.

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

3 **SPEAKER'S BUSINESS**

Speaker not present today. Sinead is acting in for Mike.

4 **GUEST SPEAKERS**

4.1 **Leora Jackson**

It's really nice to be here with people she knows, so thank you for the opportunity to talk about her campaign for rector. Queen's is growing both intellectually (increasing international content and interuniversity exchanges) and physically (Queen's Centre). The role of the rector is to be a liaison between Queen's students, University Admin, and the Board of Trustees. As a rector, she is a resource for students, so she will be accessible. She is also a representative, so she will be credible, professional, and informed.

Elections are on March 10th and 11th, so everyone is encouraged to come out and vote.

What is the biggest challenge against the rector, and how are you going to overcome it?

The rectorship is a position of influence, not power, so change will come through meeting with people, from forming relationships, and from letting people know you're credible.

You talked about the Centre of Teaching and Learning: what changes do you propose for that?

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The Centre is not well-known, but it gives people the opportunity to improve their teaching skills. It is currently undergoing a needs assessment, so it will be great to use that to make changes. Also, I hope to increase awareness of the centre in general.

Not a lot of people really know about rector and what they do, so how will you increase knowledge about that?

By being a resource for students, by being engaged, and out and about. The rector needs to be warm and personable.

5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 General Report

5.1.1 2 AGMs upcoming (both Con-Ed and AMS), so any issues to give to AGM, let Anna know.

5.1.2 Everyone should get started on their transition manuals – they're a big job!

5.1.3 Formal was a huge success, so a huge thank you to Aleks and Tiff and the formal committee for that

5.1.4 Robert J. Hill – thanks to Nicole for organizing it, and congratulations to Sinead!

5.1.5 The Sesquicentennial just passed. We gave them this wooden apple, and Anna wrote them a poem. The first two hours was good because there was food and fun stuff, but the next 5 hours were very long.

5.1.6 Tricolour Award – recognizes a fourth year at Queen's. We need someone to sit on the committee.

6 VICEPRESIDENTS' REPORT

6.1 Vice President Internal – General Report

6.1.1 Some awards to give out: “Bring the Hype” award to Katie Domen, and 10's year award to Brooke Mackenzie. Congratulations!

6.1.2 Formal was fabulous, definitely a success.

6.1.3 Thanks to everyone for their support for sports.

6.1.4 Steve – great job with the slideshow and thanks for doing the competition.

6.1.5 Newsletter – email was sent out, so if you still haven't written anything yet, talk to Brooke.

6.1.6 Go check out the music stuff – there's lots going on. Anna and Sinead will be going to the Wind Ensemble concert.

6.2 Vice President External – General Report

6.2.1 Again, good job to formal committee.

6.2.2 Pat missed the Board of Trustees meeting, but will bring information from that to the next meeting. The next Board meeting will actually be under Erika's watch.

6.2.3 Good job to Matt and Ludmilla with Bursaries.

6.2.4 Athletics wrapping up – go and watch them play if you can!

7 AMS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

7.1 AMS General Assembly Meeting 1

7.1.1 Issue with turnitin.com – we're one of few universities who are not a part of it, so we are looking to joining. It tells how much of the paper matches other papers – it doesn't explicitly say whether someone is plagiarizing.

7.1.2 Principal Hitchcock is up for review, so submit your evaluations for her.

7.1.3 March 7th is the culture show, and March 18th is Accessibility Day.

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7.2 AMS General Assembly Meeting 2

7.2.1 Professor Bob Lovelace is in prison for 6 months for protesting, with a substantial fine. This is a big issue for Queen's, and the AMS is in the process of taking a stand against it – condemning the injustice against him as “grossly disproportionate to his actions”, which means he's being treated unfairly. If you're interested, you are strongly encouraged to research it and write to the MPs about it.

7.2.2 Lots of member reports.

7.2.3 ReelOut Film Festival – continue support.

7.2.4 Audit was passed, and Katlynd has the document, so ask her if you would like a copy: 6km2@queensu.ca

7.2.5 There will be an emergency meeting this week for the AMS.

8 **STUDENT SENATOR'S REPORT**

Senate not present today.

9 **STATEMENT BY MEMBERS**

9.1 Aleks and Tiff - Social

Thanks to those who attended formal, and helped out, especially exec.

Agnes Benidickson: it's the highest honour to a graduating student, and one representative from every council or society sits on the committee. Aleks sat on it last year and said it was a wonderful experience. You go and listen to all these amazing people's accomplishments, and it gives you ideas about small organizations on campus that you might want to be a part of. The award is given based on either one large achievement for the university, or for a variety of achievements on a smaller scale. It is happening the weekend of March 28th to March 30th, so if you are willing to do it, or have any question, facebook or email Aleks.

9.2 Lois – Community Affairs

Paint/Cover your crest – it will still be okay to run it after the AGM date.

Penny Jars – last day for collection will be on Friday, March 14th at noon. They will then be tallied, and the winning year will be announced at AGM. The year that wins will be able to choose the charity they want it to go to. If you have any possible charities or anything else, send them to Lois or Liz: 5lewa@queensu.ca

9.3 Mike – '10 Year Rep and Incoming Senate

Additional decrees were passed at last senate: DEVS master program, additions to aboriginal education and med school. Also, in terms of enrollment numbers, Queen's is hoping to grow grad studies. Questions were raised about availability of office space, teachers and faculty (to supervise grad theses). Members of administration ensured that these were being looked at. Undergraduate enrollment is increasing incrementally. The campus is built for 10,000 and we don't want to run over our campus capacity by too much. Universities are funded not per pupil, but by the percentage of all students that they have in relation to the province, so we are losing money by not accepting more students (since all other universities are growing). In terms of the Code of Conduct, the final version has been tabled, but nothing has really been resolved. Try the senate website if you want to see what the final draft looks like.

We are thinking about doing a clothing drive. Mike does his prac at QECVI and in the basement there's a free clothing drop in, where people just go in, pay \$1, and take as much as they need. If there's anything you can give, drop it off at the Con-Ed Office, and Mike will bring it over.

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9.4 **Brooke and Trevor – Newsletter Editors**

The newsletter extravaganza is coming up. Both incoming and outgoing exec need to send Brooke and Trevor their baby picture, as well as “what your mother would have said”. They have enough sudokus and crosswords, but they have a double sided list of options that they will be circulating. Friday, March 7th is the deadline, and you can email it to thebedspread@gmail.com.

9.5 **Jenny – TELC Rep**

There was a TELC meeting held on February 19th. News from the Dean’s Report about incoming B.Ed admissions – there is still a lot of competition, but in general, there has been a decrease in enrollment province-wide. The associate dean reports the following things: there was talk about possibly changing the current 8 month teacher’s college into 10 months. They are still waiting for results, but this change may come into effect as early as 2010. A good thing is that B.Ed at Queen’s is still far ahead in terms of its international opportunities, so feel free to explore that.

9.6 **Steve – Photomaster**

Thanks for all the photos. This week, the winners of the photo contest will be announced. Also, the slideshow from formal will be on sale for fundraising for around \$2.50/CD

9.7 **Matt and Ludmilla – External Affairs**

Final Bursary deadline is March 10th at 4:30 pm. Any questions or suggestions for the transition manual can be emailed to them at 5mpl3 and 6nls

9.8 **Jason and Alex – Academic Affairs**

The upcoming Con-Ed forum is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th at 7:30. Year reps and exec, they will be needing your help to get the word out.

9.9 **Anna, Pat, Sinead – Exec**

They had lunch with Principal Hitchcock. The menu was wonderful, and they share a funny asparagus story with council. They also mentioned that many issues were discussed: growth, finance, Queen’s centre, and learned that “KHitch” was very approachable and eager, so we should all go in and check out her office hours.

9.10 **Matt – Financial Teach**

The audit is done, and out bill was around \$5000. This is much better than the original \$9000 but is still higher than we’ve ever had it. Hopefully, we’ll be able to push the cost down even more.

9.11 **Katlynd – AMS Rep**

Government Issues committee: talked about three key performances indicators used in this rating system that is based on how quickly students get employed after university. This is not a good reflection of what is going on in the university, but those schools who do well via these indicators get more funding. OUSA is in favour of ending this, and the AMS is trying to decide what side they will take. We are doing well, but the idea of morals comes into play: Do we support this because we get money from it, or do we not because it’s not fair? Also, Leora and Chi Yan (both in Con-Ed) are running for rector, so go out to the all-candidate debates, and vote on March 10th and 11th.

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9.12 **Julie – Conference Chair**

Queen's Hillel is having it's annual Bar Mitzvah Bash. Tickets are on Sale for \$35, and the event is on Saturday March 29th. It is pretty much a huge party that mimics the traditional Bar Mitzvah, but without any of the religious ceremony.

10 **QUESTION PERIOD**

Do people want to circle wrestle before AGM?

Yes, an email will be sent out.

Will someone be lifted up in a chair at Bar Mitzvah Bash?

Yes, this is a tradition. Julie hopes that it will not be her.

Tricolour Award – How do you nominate?

It is available on the rector's website. Nominations are due on March 15th. If you are interested in being a member on the committee/panel, let Anna know.

Who decides ultimately for the turnitin.com issue?

Eventually, it will most likely be a university administration decision. AMS is looking o see whether they should support it or not. This is more of a tool, not a police officer, and it's possible inevitable. The AMS AGM is happening March 11th if you want to know more.

How is our financial situation in light of all the frosh week stuff?

Frosh week is completely separate from CESA and has a different budget. We're still fine regarding money because we had a buffer from previous years.

11 **DISCUSSION PERIOD**

11.1 **Tricolour Award**

Just a reminder that the person to sit on the committee doesn't have to be on council.

12 **ADJOURNMENT**

I move the CESA council does now adjourn.

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

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DATE: MARCH 2, 2008