

**CESA MEETING**  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**John Orr Room**

-----7:00 pm-----

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of the Agenda [Motion 1]
2. Approval of the Minutes from Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 [Motion 2]
3. Speaker's Business
4. President's Report – Appendix A
5. Vice Presidents' Reports
  - i. Internal
  - ii. External
6. AMS Representatives Report
7. Student Senator's Report – Appendix B
8. Statements by Members
9. Question Period
10. New Business

[Motion 3]

**Operations Review and Constitutional Amendment (ORCA) Committee**

*Moved by:*

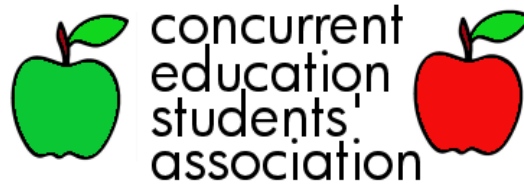
*Seconded by:*

That CESA Council move to nominate and elect 4 members at large to the ORCA Committee as seen in Appendix C.

11. Discussion Period – 15 minute limit per topic!
  - Discussion on the ESS Referendum to cede from the AMS
  - Robert J. Hill Awards
  - Bedspread “Elections Edition”

12. Adjournment [Motion 6]

## APPENDIX A



### President's Report to CESA Council – Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Dear CESA Council

It sure has been an exciting few weeks since our last meeting! Here's an update on what I've been up to.

#### AMS Assembly

This past Sunday I spoke/wrote in my report about:

- Queen's Conference on Education
- The Tree of Life Campaign
- CESA Academics Committee
- Pre-Service Education Task Force
- Operational Review and Constitutional Amendment (ORCA) Committee.

If you'd like to read my report ,or any of my written reports since I was elected, they are available in the white 'Reports' binder in the Con-Ed Office. This is a new initiative we are starting. More about this later in my report.

At assembly itself, Stephanie St-Clair, Vice-President University Affairs presented the mid-year review of the government side of the AMS (the various commissions and offices of the society). Things look good, and everything's either on budget or just slightly over ( I mean like \$35).

Some of you may have noticed that the AMS website has been broken lately. A few weeks ago there was a critical error that wiped the server caused by a malfunction during an update. AMS IT Office was able to recollect a lot of the information, but it is taking a while to update the website.

We also were visited by representatives from the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), who made a presentation to assembly about the potential of Federal Alignment. You may remember that I mentioned that the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), came to present to us earlier this semester. AMS Assembly will be discussing the issue of federal alignment more next semester when the Federal Alignment Assessment Committee (FAAC) , on which both I and Erin sit, presents it's report. More on this to come next semester.

I'll leave the rest of assembly to the AMS Representatives.

### **Written Reports**

As you can see I've submitted a written report this week. This is something we will be doing consistently next semester. Let me know how you feel about this system. I think it'll be great!

### **My Meetings**

Since last council meeting I have had 2 meetings of president's caucus, a Task Force planning meeting, AMS Assembly, the Special General Meeting of ASUS Assembly (held Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, Sarah will update us about this at Council), AMS Assembly Grants committee, QCE Meeting, as well meetings with Talia Radcliffe (AMS President) and with Amanda Leonard (ESS President).

### **ESS Secession**

Tonight at council, I will be briefly discussing ESS Secession from the AMS. This will be followed by a discussion period. I'd love to discuss this issue, but I think that if we were to take a stance one way or another, we should wait until more specifics on the issue become public. An interesting FYI is that ESS Council will be staying neutral on the topic of whether or not to secede.

If you haven't read it yet, check out the journal's article here:

<http://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2008-11-27/news/separating-societies/>

### **Queen's in the Press**

As you may or may not be aware, Queen's has been in the press a lot these past two weeks. In the interest of being informed on the topic, I would suggest you read a variety of the opinions expressed by different news sources. I will present what I know about the specifics of these issues at council, so prepare any questions for me then. Some of these links are more than 7 days old, and thus can't be viewed for free via the newspaper's website. However, we can view them through the library website. As such, you may need to 'connect from off-campus' in order to read them. Obviously I am not presenting sources from all news outlets, so please look around as well!

#### *Moving Homecoming to May*

<http://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2008-11-21/news/spring-reunion-planned-may/>  
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20081122.NATS22SB/TPStory/?query=Queen%27s>  
<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=1597548381&sid=1&Fmt=3&clientId=14119&RQT=309&VName=PQD>  
[http://qnc.queensu.ca/story\\_loader.php?id=4922e51213cd6](http://qnc.queensu.ca/story_loader.php?id=4922e51213cd6)

Information in the Queen's Gazette here (it's PDF, scroll through):

<http://qnc.queensu.ca/gazette/492ac7562d90b.pdf>

#### *Vice-Principals Mitchell and Simpsons' departures from Queen's.*

<http://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2008-11-27/news/top-financial-vice-principals-resign/>

<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=1598369381&sid=2&Fmt=3&clientId=14119&RQT=309&VName=PQD>

Information in the Queen's Gazette here (it's PDF, scroll through):

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*Intergroup Dialogue Facilitators*

<http://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2008-11-27/editorials/intergroup-overreaction/>

<http://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2008-11-21/news/intergroup-program-receives-national-attention/>

<http://www.thewhig.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1316091>

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20081120.EQUEENS20/TPStory/?query=Queen%27s>

[http://qnc.queensu.ca/campusnews\\_article\\_loader.php?id=492c712a25853](http://qnc.queensu.ca/campusnews_article_loader.php?id=492c712a25853)

*Principal announces 15% Budget cut over 3 years.*

<http://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2008-11-27/news/faculties-cope-budget-cuts/>

<http://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2008-11-27/editorials/dont-budge-academics/>

<http://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2008-11-21/news/budget-cuts-across-board/>

That's it for this week,

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Todd Ormiston

CESA President 2008/2009

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Fun Fact: Did you know that there are 4,011 elementary and 892 secondary schools in Ontario? (I didn't. WOW!).

## APPENDIX B



# Student Senator's Report

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Senator Michael Brinkworth

Council,

I had many meetings this week and furious late night emails to members of Senate. Here's a rundown of the highlights of each of those meetings.

### Senate Information Technology Committee (SITC)

- The main foci of the committee were reaffirmed to be Security Improvement, Research Support and Teaching and Learning Support.
- We worked on a series of around 30 security guidelines. Some guidelines affect all members of the University community; others are specific to different groups within the University. Currently there are only 9 guidelines provided on the ITS website, so this is a significant expansion. These guidelines can be found at <http://www.queensu.ca/its/security/guidelines.html>
- Graduate students are going to get first.lastname@queensu.ca email addresses beginning in January. Undergraduate students should be getting them over the summer. The only thing that may delay these dates is the complications that arise when two people have the same name, which is bound to happen with 20,000 + staff and students at Queen's
- QUASR, the replacement of the University's major administrative systems (financial, human resources, student (QCARD) services) is in the planning stages. A proposal was presented to the Board of Trustees at the October meeting, and the funding for the project will be voted on at next weekend's Board meeting. ITS is optimistic that the proposal will pass, however, under the current financial climate; no new funding proposals are a slam dunk.
- I asked Jim Lesslie in ITS to look into the reported problems with wireless internet speed, or lack thereof, specifically in Stauffer Library. I was assured he would notify the appropriate staff and get back to me on the problem.

### November Senate Meeting

- The meeting began with a tribute to the late Baha Bekenov, Com '08 given by the President of the Commerce Society. A moment of silence was observed immediately following the tribute.
- Principal's Report
  - Financial Situation
    - The three year financial plan projects that we will operate at a deficit for years one and two, and balance the budget in year three.
    - It's important to note, however, that we can't accurately predict what the markets will do and how they will affect the University's

- investments. The Principal notes that the University's endowment fund has taken an \$80-\$100 million hit since he has taken over as Principal.
- All Ontario Universities are in similar situations, as well as prominent US schools such as Harvard, MIT and Cambridge.
  - He mentioned that protecting staff was a priority, which causes some concern. I think that it is naïve to think that 15% of a budget can be trimmed without taking some of that from the 70% of the budget which is allocated to salaries.
- Homecoming
    - Did not elaborate much further on what was said at the press conference.
    - The date was chosen so as to not conflict with Victoria Day, Mothers Day or Convocations.
    - 1,400 emails have been received on the date change, and 66% of those have been positive.
  - Intergroup Dialogue
    - VP (Academic) Patrick Deane expressed his regrets over the inaccurate depiction of the program in the national media. A statement can be read at [http://qnc.queensu.ca/campusnews\\_article\\_loader.php?id=492c712a25853](http://qnc.queensu.ca/campusnews_article_loader.php?id=492c712a25853) For a description of the program, go to <http://www.queensu.ca/studentaffairs/assessment/Assessment/Residence.html>
    - The University is committed to continuing the program, but has begun an early assessment process. The Rector, an alumni and a staff member will assess the program and aim to deliver a report in mid-January.
- Tuition
    - A report was given to Senate outlining proposed tuition increases for the 2009-1010 academic year. Only three tuition fees are not seeing an increase this year. Most increases are in the 4-8% range, but some increases are as much as 120%. Consecutive and Concurrent Education tuition will be \$4,929 in 2009-2010, an increase of 4.5% from \$4,717 this year.
  - A 3-year Joint M.A. (Economics) and J.D. (Law) graduate program was established.
  - SOARB Report on Orientation Week
    - “Con-Ed Orientation was notable for its high participation rate, well-organized events, and efforts to make events inclusive and accessible. Con-Ed Orientation provides a model of controlled interaction with upper-year students and positive messages communicated to students. A continued concern, however, is the tradition of ‘gooping’ students with silly string, which has harmful environmental impacts. On a similar note, while Con-Ed Orientation is small, it is still recommended that efforts be taken to minimize the environmental impact of Orientation.”
  - Report from QUMSA

- A written report was submitted to Senate outlining a number of reported racist incidents in the past several years. It can be found here: [http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/Nov27\\_08/QUMSARpt.pdf](http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/Nov27_08/QUMSARpt.pdf)
- A passionate and emotional speech was delivered to Senate by a member of QUMSA. He expressed dismay that a motion at Senate was required for the University to condemn the acts of hatred and racism on campus. He expressed his disappointment that the Deans and the senior administration condemned the acts of vandalism on campus following the ASUS Special General Assembly, but did not condemn the acts of vandalism on the QUMSA office. He said that the QUMSA office is supposed to be the one place on campus where Muslims can feel safe worshipping, and now that has been taken away from them. He thanked the AMS and SGPS for their action on the issue, and asked that the University take similar action to address the issue. Many Senators were deeply moved by the speech and pledged to do their part to address the issues in their particular constituencies. One Dean apologized to the student and to all Muslim students for not taking action.
- Senate passed the endorsement of the QUMSA anti-Islamophobia Campaign.

Cheers,

Mike

## **APPENDIX C**

### Terms of Reference

The Committee shall review and revise the Concurrent Education Students' Association Constitution.

The Committee shall review and revise the CESA meeting policy and procedures.

The Committee shall review and revise any other CESA policy and procedure not mentioned above.

The Committee shall release to all members of the Association a first draft of its recommendations on or about Reading Week 2009.

The Committee shall release its final recommendations as a notice of motion at the CESA meeting two (2) weeks before the 2009 CESA Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall submit its recommendation as a motion at the 2009 CESA Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall provide regular progress reports to CESA Council through one of the Chairs of the Committee.

The Committee shall solicit, welcome and accept contributions from members of the Association not elected to the Committee at all stages of the review and revision process.

### Composition and Membership

The committee shall consist of two types of members; Ex-Officio and Members at Large.

*Ex-Officio Members*

CESA Executive Administrator (Co-Chair)

CESA Student Senator (Co-Chair)

CESA President or delegate

CESA President-Elect or delegate

*Members at Large*

4 members of the Association (Council Members or Non-Council Members)

Implementation

Immediately following the passage of this motion, notification shall be sent to all members of the Association. A request to all interested members of the Association to submit their names for consideration for committee positions will be included in the notification.

Names to be considered for committee positions shall be brought to CESA Council at the meeting following the meeting at which the Committee is created. All interested candidates shall be given the opportunity to make a written or verbal appeal to Council to elect them to the Committee. CESA Council shall vote to elect Members at Large to the Committee.

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**MOTION SHEET**

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