

Queen's University
Concurrent Education Students' Association (CESA)
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 28, 2008

PRESENT:

Members¹

Todd Ormiston, President
Ericka MacRae, Vice President, External
Sarah Dall, Vice President, Internal
Trevor Lin, Treasurer
Erin Cannon, CESA Rep to the AMS
Joann Mendler, CESA Rep to the AMS
Mike Brinkworth, Student Senator
Alex Benarzi, Academics Affairs
Vanessa Floras, Academics Affairs
Katlynd McLaren, Community Affairs
Mike Thaler, BEWS Athletic Stick
Jenny Goodwin, WIC Athletic Stick
Lois Adamson, '09 Year Rep
Nicole Zeit, '09 Year Rep
Linzi Leclerc, '10 Year Rep
Jason Liu, '10 Year Rep
Katherine Gross, '11 year Rep
Katie Domen, '11 Year Rep
Sarah Fortune, '12 Year Rep
Leah MacPherson, '12 Year Rep
Brett Gonsalves, CESA Rep to Telc
Amanda Young, External Affairs
Vanessa Powell Cavell, External Affairs
Cait Treadgold, Workshop Coordinator
Sarah Taylor, Workshop Coordinator
Jacqueline Mirtic, Music Rep
Ludmila Nair, Fundraiser
Cat Lee, Fundraiser
Steven Mueller, Web Master
Cindy Lui, Newsletter Editor
Sarah Wolinsky, Newsletter Editor
Alison Camire, Conference Chair
Janice Young, Head Teach
Laura Hughes, Public Relations
Tiffany Kwong, 1st Year Rep to the AMS
Eric Donatelli, Athletic Stick
Mark Park, ESS Transition Chair
Emily Beck, Social Affairs
Thea Pel, Social Affairs
Meg Kennedy, Volunteer Initiative Coordinator
Chelsea McDonell, Volunteer Initiative Coordinator
Alison Sullovey, Conference Communication
Courtney Dear, Conference Finance
Claire Violet Brown, Conference Logistics
Brett Gonsalves, CESA Rep to Tec

Regrets

Jennifer Peirce, Executive Administrator

¹ A complete list of members emails can be found at <http://www.queenscesa.com/>

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Sarah Dall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Location: John Orr Room in the John Deutsch University Centre

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2008 MEETING**

A motion was made by Todd Ormiston to approve the agenda, seconded by Cat Lee.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

CESA Rep to AMS - In Erin Cannon's report Todd Ormiston informed CESA members of Principal Williams's concerns regarding Homecoming.

On Thursday, October 2 2008, representatives for Queen's Construction will be available to discuss any proposed changes from community members to the Queens Centre plan.

President - Todd Ormiston informed everyone his discussions with PROF classes last week regarding Homecoming was well received and he welcomes any additional feedback.

Vice-President Internal - Sarah Dall, who was recently voted to the position of Vice-President Internal, welcomes any questions or concerns anyone may have. Her email address is 6sd5@queensu.ca.

Sarah attended the first ASUS meeting last week and expressed that Principal Williams's main concern in his address was school over-population. In addition to this new ASUS members were voted onto council.

Sarah also pointed out that Con-Ed Camp was a huge success with 47 participants.

Vice President External - Erika MacRae mentioned that she will be attending her first Faculty of Education and Faculty of Arts and Science meetings in the upcoming events and will therefore have more to discuss at the next CESA council meeting on October 19.

Erika agreed with Sarah that Con-Ed Camp was a great success, as well as the Pancake breakfast.

Erika thanked everyone who participated and she extended a special thank you to all of the people who worked in the office these past weeks, during the back-to-school transition.

A copy of Office hours has been forwarded to all CESA members to ensure there is someone in the office at all times. All members with a voting position are required to

have one office hour a week to be available to answer questions or receive feedback from anyone expressing an interest in the CESA council. A concrete list of the daily schedule along with a mandatory sign-in sheet will be posted outside of the CESA office, located in the JDUC behind the P & CC.

Student Senator's Report – Mike Binksworth reported on the speech made to the community by Principal Williams. CESA members learned that provincial funding is being reduced and as a result Queen's is facing financial challenges.

Details of his report are attached to these minutes.

Anyone interested in viewing the recorded video and/or text of the speech may log on to the Principal's website at <http://www.queensu.ca/principal/>

Mike gave reference to the Code of Conduct but as it is self-explanatory he did not continue into detail. For anyone wishing to review the Code of Conduct, it is also attached to these minutes.

Fundraising – Cat Lee was happy to announce that money was raised at the Pancake breakfast. The next event is a bake sale scheduled for Saturday, October 4 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the JDUC breezeway. A sign up sheet asking for volunteers was circulated at the meeting. Cat reminded everyone that the amount of money made on sales is a 100% profit.

Canada's Wonderland – A fun trip to Canada's Wonderland is planned for Saturday, October 4. The cost is \$ 25.00. Please contact Con-Ed council if you wish to partake.

The B.Ed Spread - If you would like to contribute to the next issue The B.Ed Spread, please keep in mind the deadline for submissions is 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6. Please make submissions thought-provoking or relevant.

Workshop Coordinator – Sarah Taylor shared with everyone workshops that are under progress for the upcoming year.

1. *Lessons Transcending the Classroom*

Monday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: TBA

Admission: \$ 3.00

Certificated awarded

2. *Social Event*

Tuesday, October 21

Location: The Ale House

Admission: \$ 3:00 with ticket

3. *Special Education in the Classroom*

Tuesday, November 4 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: TBA

Admission: n/a

4. *Management in the Classroom*

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from \$ 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: TBA
Admission: n/a

ESS Transition Chair – Mark Parker announced that Education Students Society elected new members.

He also brought to everyone's attention that CESA is receiving an additional \$ 1000.00 from students who are not part of the association. Last week it was discovered that students in their final year of Con-Ed pay both CESA and ESS fees. Disdain and controversy is being raised and this issue is being addressed.

Community Affairs - Katlynd McLaren mentioned that the next scheduled event is called 'Cover your Crest'. She explained how every faculty has a crest but due to construction the Con-Ed crest was destroyed and will have to be recreated. Furthermore, Katlynd requests that anyone who knows where to purchase/get paint for this event to contact her.

QUESTION PERIOD

Given the operating budget is on a downward trend many fourth year classes are being cancelled. As a result the university is losing students and money. Having too many concurrent education students decreases the value of our program.

During bake sales baked good are sold at a set price however a 'pay-what-you-feel' system is debatable.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Although the Aberdeen St. party occurred during Homecoming weekend, it is not actually part of the official Homecoming celebrations put on by the University. However, the media coverage puts a negative light on the University because many Queens' students/alumni attend the mammoth street party.

A discussion followed and Todd Ormiston seconded a motion to extend the lengthy conversation. Some comments made by council members are listed below.

"Aberdeen is our reputation and a lot of the bad reputation emerges from students that do not attend Queen's." *Vanessa*

"The Media does not recognize that it not Queen's students causing the brunt of the trouble. The Media takes part in drawing the crowd into the party, including High School students." *Alex*

"First-years are unaware that Alumni return to Queen's for Homecoming. It would be useful if First-years knew a little more background knowledge about Homecoming." *Sarah W*

"Aberdeen may be shut down soon". *Katlynd*

"It's difficult to have services to help at Aberdeen because it is not a Queen's sanctioned event so volunteers are restricted to certain areas of Homecoming." *Janice*

"We may be going in the wrong direction with the Aberdeen discussion because the discussion should not be focused about the bad things that happened but the changes we can make to fix the problem. We need to take small steps instead of spending time talking about the entire negativity. *Nicole*

"We all have this idea to change the world but before we start to change the world we need to change ourselves because this is where change begins. Queen's students are the root of the problem and we need to take ownership of the problem. It is our reputation and our degrees that are at stake and we are as well being poor community members." *Todd*

"Administration does not want be in a position where they would be liable. We should not feel ashamed to walk around our city during Homecoming weekend. To be able to focus on the good stuff we need to take the bad out of the way." *Mike*

If council members have any constructive advice with how to deal with the challenges facing Homecoming at Queen's next year please email Todd Ormiston at 4tao1@queensu.ca

Closing the street has not solved the problem because attendance is still very high. Mike Brinksworth informed everyone canceling Aberdeen next year is being considered as a solution.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Sarah Dall adjourned meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Todd Ormiston,
President

Mikaila De Sousa
Clerk

Mike Brinkworth's Report

Student Senator's Report

- Practicum Office
 - o Wasn't able to get a hold of Peter Chin since the last meeting to discuss my issues with the availability of Practicum staff this past year. I will continue to try to set up a meeting in the coming weeks. He's a busy guy, and so am I, but I'm hoping to get together soon.
- Admission Policy
 - o I spoke with Jamie Wright about getting hold of the Registrar. She told me that the new registrar is really busy getting up to speed in the new job, and has mountains of emails to sift through. So, I think I will wait a bit to talk to the registrar about the admission policy.
- Student Caucus
- Senate Meeting
 - o Principal's Report on the Financial Challenges Facing Queen's University
 - § In 92-93, government funding accounted for 74% of our operating revenue. Last year, that number was 48%. In the same time, fees went from being 21% of revenue to 41% of revenue. That's why your tuition has to go up, and the budgets have to be cut.
 - § We have almost doubled our reliance on fundraising, but that money doesn't usually get used for the operating budget. People want to donate for specific things, not to keep the lights in Stauffer on for a day.
 - § We're attracting record levels of research grants, but with more research comes more demand for facilities, which costs more money we don't have.
 - § Operating budget in last 4 years has jumped from ~\$275 million to ~\$350 million... in same period, government funding has only gone from ~\$150 million to ~\$175 million. (Means we rely on fees and other income for \$175 million a year just to keep the place running.)
 - § We continue to have a \$40 million unfunded liability in our Pension Fund. This means the University owes \$40 million to pensioners now and in the future more than what we have in the account.
 - § We have chosen not to grow our student population substantially, as was asked of all universities by the Ontario government. The government has chosen to fund post-secondary schools largely based on whether or not they have grown. In 01-02, we received 7% of the total grant money for universities. Now, we receive 5.6%. In the same time, schools like Ottawa, Western, and McMaster have seen their share of the grant money increase.
 - § The Queen's Centre myth
 - Money allocated for operating budgets and money allocated for new buildings and building repairs are separate, so the Queen's Centre and other projects are not the reason we're in a pinch.
 - BUT...we may go into debt over the Queen's Centre, and operating budget money can be used to pay down the debt.
 - § Solutions
 - Began budget process earlier.

- A number of task forces have been set up
- We need ideas from all members of the Queen's community, especially students.
- o The Actual Meeting
- § COU Executives meeting
- Minister of Colleges, Universities and Training said that the Ontario Economy isn't doing so hot, so don't expect more money.
- Put forth applications for funding for the Goodes Hall expansion, Botterell Hall renovation, Kinesiology part of Queen's Centre, and the Tett Centre
 - o Hoping this plays to the whole idea of growing as a university, which is far more feasible with more physical space.
 - § Principal Williams congratulated faculty societies on a successful orientation week. The full SOARB review will be available in November
 - § We have 1,100 more students on campus now than last November; 21000 + total.
 - § Academic Consideration for the Day of Action November 5th
 - Day for students to lobby the government for more funding. If you want to take part in any activities related to this event, you must notify your professor ASAP and make the necessary arrangements for your absence that day.
 - § Judicial Report
 - § Closed Session
 - § Reception at Summerhill

Report on Queen's University Code of Conduct

<http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/policies/code2008.pdf>

Senator Mike Brinkworth

Some highlights of the Code

- “This Code applies to all conduct by a student that has a real and substantial connection to the legitimate interests of the University and/or members of the University Community.”
- “...may include, but are not limited to, the mission, administration, and reputation of the University, and University-related functions and activities.”
- “A determination as to whether student conduct has a real and substantial connection to Queen's University may be made by any person or body authorized to make decisions in the disciplinary and appeal processes set out in this Code, and this determination may be appealed as provided for by this Code.”
- “Senate has responsibility for the well-being of students and has the final responsibility for their discipline including the power to dismiss students for cause.”
- Delegates initial responsibility of non-academic discipline to the AMS and SGPS.
- “Queen's University retains the right to exercise emergency powers, including the issuance of a Notice of Prohibition. The University administration may exercise emergency powers if satisfied that the interests or safety of other students, staff, faculty, or members of the public would be endangered by the student's continued presence at Queen's University or specific part thereof or by the student continuing in a course or program. A Notice of Prohibition may be used to bar a student from entering some or all of Queen's University pending the outcome of a proceeding. The exercise of emergency powers, including the issuance of a Notice of Prohibition, takes effect immediately and is not suspended pending a hearing.”
- Terms of Conduct
- Abide by published rules and regulations of the University
- “Students shall abide by the provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada while in Canada. Students shall also abide by all the other laws of the land, including but not limited to those regulating the possession, sale, or consumption of alcoholic beverages and contraband substances. While outside Canada, students are expected to abide by the laws of the host country. If a student violates those laws, the University may pursue disciplinary action, whether the conduct occurred on or off campus, if the conduct had a real and substantial connection to the legitimate interests of the University and/or the members of the University community.”

- Comply with the Police, Campus Security, Stu Cons, etc.
- Don't create false information about the University, nor possess forged documents, or "falsified instrument of identification."
- Don't interfere with an investigation under the Code
- Don't steal, vandalize private or University property
- Respect the right of others to enjoy private or University property
- Respect the freedom of individuals to study, teach, work, engage in research and socialize.
- Applies to individual students and student groups.
- "Being under the influence of alcohol and/or other substances does not diminish or excuse a violation of the Code"
- Sanctions
 - Letter of Apology
 - Educational Sanction (attend a class, participate in a program)
 - Community Service
 - Loss of Privileges
 - Restitution (payment to victim)
 - Bond (give \$\$, if you're good you get it back)
 - Fine
 - Requirement to withdraw