

CESA COUNCIL MEETING

January 25th, 2009

John Orr Room

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

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda [Motion 1]
That CESA Council approve the Agenda for the Meeting of January 25th, 2009
The motion was put and passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the Minutes from Jan. 11th, 2009 [Motion 2]
That CESA Council approve the Minutes for the Meeting of January 11th, 2009.
 - 2.1. Amendments: Cait (not Kate) Treadgold. Matt Parker, clarification on a statement made in the discussion period: All practica are currently in March/April, would not recommend moving it to May. In teaching blocks, you may move from one teacher to another.
3. Speaker's Business
 - 3.1.1. Those who are running for election are not voting members tonight; they may speak but not vote because they are on leave of absence.
 - 3.1.2. The ballot this year is slightly confusing, but voters should take the time to read the instructions; they are very clear if you read them. Only vote for your year rep; vote for two of three academics affairs commissioners.
 - 3.1.3. We have two guest speakers scheduled for tonight; they will make an opening statement, then we have twenty minutes of questions.
4. Guest Speakers
 - 4.1.1. Team CYZ – Michael Ceci, Leslie Yun, Adam Zadbroski
 - 4.1.2. Opening Speech
 - 4.1.3. Todd: AMS lost the ESS this week; how do you plan to deal with the loss of income?
Leslie Yun: Plan to sell AMS merchandise; relying on other financial sources such as P&CC; there are ways to be more fiscally responsible & more conservative.
Joann Mendler: There have been two issues this year on Facebook; do you feel that it's important as a student leader to have Facebook or do you think you might let it go?
Michael Ceci: We have to be conscious of the way that we portray ourselves in public and in private; that includes Facebook.
Vanessa Floras: How do you think we're actually going to get Homecoming next year, when the university has been warning us for three years that they're going to take it away?
Adam Zadbroski: In our conversations with Principal Williams, the mayor, and the police chief, they seem to be planning mainly for 2009, not for subsequent years.
Vanessa: Have you looked at other universities that have these street parties?

Michael Ceci: Many American universities do have such things, and the town often profits; perhaps better to control it or move it.

Sarah Wolinsky: What steps would you take to repair Homecoming's reputation?

Michael Ceci: The AMS, the police, and the city have been inadequate in showing the risks of Aberdeen; people think that because the street is closed, there is no risk. We need to make people more aware of the risks to make people think twice about going out on Aberdeen St and focus more on the traditional aspects of Homecoming.

Todd Ormiston: Queen's has signed a Coca-Cola exclusivity agreement: ending this year, either re-sign or get something else. That funding might be gone if we decide not to renew the contract. The contract brings us in close to 100 000 a year.

Leslie Yun: Clubs funding is woefully inadequate on campus; we hope to collaborate more with the Office of Student Affairs, which has many financial resources.

Michael Ceci: There's also more possibility for funding from the frosh concert now that it's open to the public; this year was surprising in the amount of money we got.

Leslie Yun: We want to focus on financial resources, but also non-financial.

Alex Benarzi: It's possible that there may be an unsanctioned street party in the fall of 2009. What do you think of that?

Michael Ceci: It's incumbent on AMS to provide students w/ info on what the risks are. In 2009, Aberdeen Street will not be closed.

Joann Mendler: Is it important for the average student to be involved in AMS assemblies and general assembly? How do you plan to get people involved?

Adam Zadbroski: We think it's very important for students to participate; the fact that the locale changes doesn't help. We think that AMS needs to be more fun (some student societies joke around); more speakers and an open question period would help.

Matt Parker: Jacob Mantle made an inappropriate comment on Facebook; this year's AMS asked him to step down. Would you have done the same?

Michael Ceci: We would have been more facilitating. We have to understand that everyone at Queen's comes from their own set of values, views; absolutism alienates people as we saw earlier. Need to put faith in students to make necessary decisions; this year's AMS has basically written off ASUS for the rest of the year.

4.1.4. Closing statement.

5. President's Report:

5.1.1. BEWIC Sports Days: Congratulations! We got first overall, second for sports, second for spirit.

5.1.2. AMS selections are happening: get informed. Look into undergrad trustee elections as well. This is a very important voice, to deal with adult trustees on the board. The websites are votegary.ca and votecampbell.ca.

- 5.1.3. Con-Ed formal: trying to change the date to Friday, March 13, a day before the ArtSci formal. We're trying to manage things while everyone's on leave.
 - 5.1.4. Todd's camera will be in his box; take a picture of yourself in front of the Con-Ed apple so we can put it on the website.
 - 5.1.5. Transition manuals are due March 8th. Work on these.
 - 5.1.6. Tonight we're going to talk about the proposed referendum question that we discussed last meeting, to formalize whether we're putting it on the ballots.
6. Vice Presidents' Reports
 - 6.1. No VP Internal Report tonight.
 - 6.2. External – Erika.
 - 6.2.1. Huge thank-you for QCE.
 - 6.2.2. Winter semester office hours are set up.
 - 6.2.3. The Faculty of Education meeting for Jan 16th was canceled.
 - 6.2.4. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences board meeting was held on Jan 16th.
One issue was the missed classes on Monday after Thanksgiving; suggested solutions to this problem include teaching on Saturday or adding an extra Monday. There was very little support for either of these.
 - 6.2.5. There will be an investigation on the Intergroup Facilitators.
 - 6.2.6. March Break Open House on March 16th.
 - 6.2.7. Con-Ed is officially the hardest program at Queen's to get into. We have the highest ratio of applicants to places of any Queen's program.
7. AMS Representatives Report – See Appendix A
 - 7.1.1. Biweekly reports. The last meeting was heavily involved with the coming elections.
 - 7.1.2. Also: CFRC fundraising is occurring – check online for more details.
 - 7.1.3. EngSoc used to have a women's conference with all EngSoc societies in Canada; decided to have it again, but co-ed and across Canada.
 - 7.1.4. We're looking for people to help audit with services.
 - 7.1.5. The free Holiday House Check was a success this year, with a 2/3 decrease in house break-ins.
 - 7.1.6. Go to myams.org and find out about the candidates for the elections.
8. Student Senator's Report
There will be no student senator's report this week.
9. Statements by Members
 - 9.1. Cindy Lui, BEdSpread editor: Next edition is Feb 9th; deadline Feb 5th. Everyone commit to at least one issue.
 - 9.2. Lois Adamson, 09 Year Rep: Clothing order forms are outside the Con-Ed office; year reps, please send out another email. Email 5LEWA@queensu.ca for message forms; forms will also be on the CESA website. Thank you committee

- looking for donations from all years for the graduating year gift to the community. Some fourth-year events coming up will raise money for this.
- 9.3. Sarah Taylor and Cait Treadgold, Workshops coordinators: Ron Morrish is the leading expert in classroom management: he'll be speaking next Wednesday, 6 pm in Stirling D. The cost is \$2 for the workshop.
 - 9.4. Sarah Taylor, Workshops Coordinator: Robert J. Hill nomination forms due this Thursday; please fill out a form and don't assume anyone has already filled out one for the person you want to nominate.
 - 9.5. Matt Parker: ESS had a referendum and unofficial results are in: 236/653 voted. 58.9% voted to secede from the AMS; in September, ESS will be part of SGPS. Also, Tuesday January 27th at 6:30 pm in Mac Corry: an info session for those coming into final year. There has been a lot of talk of canceling Native Studies as a teachable. Finally, advice to prepare for your portfolio in 5th year: start taking photos of really good student projects; collect Professional Development certificates, recommendation letters; lesson plans; scans of placements.
 - 9.6. Erika MacRae, VP External: Lovers and Strangers coming up Feb 13th; you're partnered up with someone and quizzed to see how well you know them; at CoGro. Pick own partners, they don't have to be in Con-Ed.

10. Question Period

11. New Business

[Motion 3]

Moved by: Todd Ormiston

Seconded by: Erika MacRae

That CESA Council officially approve the inclusion of the Referendum Question put forth by CESA Executive, "Do you support a mandatory Concurrent Education Student fee increase of \$3.00 (from \$10.00 to \$13.00) to come into effect for the 2009-2010 year?" on the Winter Elections ballot.

Introduced by Todd: The referendum question proposes a \$3 increase, which had a lot of support at last meeting. The money will go towards the bursary, QCE, and Con-Ed Formal budgets.

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

12. Discussion Period

12.1.1. -Reports to Council – See Appendix META.

Alex Benarzi: For significant discussions or motions, submit a report: gives people a chance to grasp the idea ahead of time and consult the mover or seconder if necessary. This puts more legitimacy in our discussion topics and motions, and it's also good for transition manuals for future CESA Councils.

Todd Ormiston: This would use extra paper, but it is important; this year, we're focusing on building a paper trail. If we have these requirements in place, they will be done. Maybe people will put more thought into reports beforehand.

Matt Parker: Would this be mandatory?

Alex Benarzi: Maybe run a trial period, and then see what next year's council wants to do with it.

Todd: If we send in proposed motions and discussions earlier, then Exec Admin could get back to you and tell you whether you need to write a report.

Joann Mendler: It's actually pretty easy to write a report, when you know what it is that you're trying to say.

Lois Adamson: Would this interfere with possible emergency discussions?

Alex Benarzi: Don't necessarily expect that emergency things need to be written up; just things like fee increases, ORCA, etc.

Sarah Dall: The goal is simply to make for intelligent discussion, not eliminate Con-Ed flexibility.

13. Adjournment [Motion 4]

That CESA Council move to adjourn the meeting of January 25th, 2009.

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

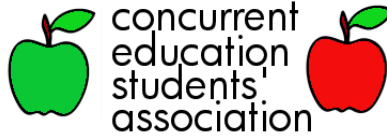
APPENDIX A



The Alma Mater Society

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FROM THE DESK OF THE AMS REPS



Hey Con-Eddies!

Our last meeting with the AMS was held on Thursday, January 15th, 2009; first meeting of the year! Included in this report is what was discussed, and full minutes from the meeting are available on myams.org.

Since elections are coming up shortly, the AMS assembly was lucky enough to have the two AMS executive candidates as well as the Undergraduate Trustee candidates as our guest speakers. We were able to get a first glimpse of these students before the campaigning started. We would like to remind everyone to VOTE this coming week for not only the candidates and referendums running in the AMS and ASUS elections, but also our very own CESA positions and referendums!

A few things to think about:

- CFRC fundraiser from January 30 – February 8 with concerts, dance parties, theatre, screening of Ziggy Stardust...and much more!
- EngSoc has just at a meeting with engineering students from across the country, and they had all decided to start up a new conference which would be shared upon all universities of CFES (Canadian Federation of Engineer Societies) starting next year.
- An audit of IT services is taking place ... if you have any sort of expertise on this, please let us know – they'd love some help
- Holiday House Check was a great success this year! Only 7 break and enters reported of the houses they were looking after – that is a 2/3 reduction from last year's 27. The free service has presented to be very successful!

The course of this meeting was to pass the fee increases and plebiscites that were brought forward to the elections period. There was much discussion on some of these topics, such as the Plebiscites on Athletics. So to be unbiased in this report, we would like to keep this discussion capped to the minutes that are available for any of you who would like to view it. Some great conversations were had about all fees, questions, and elections on the AMS voter card.

The end of the assembly was a closed session where assembly members were able to discuss assembly meetings themselves. This information can not be disclosed at this point, but keep your ears opened to us, as there are some new and exciting additions that will be happening in the next few assembly meetings!

We would again, like to remind you all to vote! It is one thing to vote, but it is a great experience to have knowledge on what you are voting for! So please, make some educated decisions on January 27 and 28. Visit myams.org to find out what will be on your voting card today!

Until next time,

Erin Canon, Tiffany Kwong and Joann Mendler

APPENDIX META

Report To Council January 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Efficiency and Legitimacy – A Report on Reports

ORIGINATOR: Alex Benarzi, CESA Academic Affairs' Commissioner –
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PURPOSE

To allow movers of Motions or significant Discussion topics to clearly lay out their plains on paper so that Council members may review the ideas before the meeting and thus create a more effective dialogue

BACKGROUND

When a CESA Council Member moves a Motion or a discussion topic which proposes a change in CESA or the Con Ed programme, there is only so much he/she can say in the wording of the Motion. The result is that Council Members have to develop an understanding and opinion of the matter at hand while the Motion is being proposed. This can result in repetition of information, circular debates or arguments that could be better developed for or against the Motion.

Looking over the work of past Academic Affairs' Commissioners Jim Ghoshdastidar and Jenny Lee, I came across a "Report to Council" in this format, in which they clearly outlined the purpose, background and status of what we now call Academic Committee. I felt that a trail of this system might be beneficial to future CESA Councils.

VISION:

My vision for this "project" is that when proposing a Motion or significant topic, the Mover would write up a Report (not necessarily in this format) in which he/she clearly outlines the purpose, background, vision, financial implications (if any) and other relevant details. This report would be sent out with the Agenda as an Appendix along with the mover's name and contact info (e-mail). This would allow Council members to review the Motion or Discussion Topic beforehand and to contact the Mover for clarification on any point. Not only should this create a more engaging and efficient discussion, but, if the Mover keeps a record of the Report and submits it in their Transition Manual, then this would add to the Legitimacy of the Motion or Discussion Topic. Future Council Members can easily reflect on the initial intent of the Motion or

Discussion point and consider how they wish to adapt it to current needs or if it should be removed.

REQUEST

That CESA Council approve of a trial period in which a Report is submitted alongside a Motion or significant Discussion Topic, Containing but not limited to:

- **The Mover's Name and Contact Information**
- **Purpose of Motion**
- **Background**
- **Vision**
- **Request to Council**