



Minutes

MEETING OF THE CONCURRENT EDUCATION STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
November 29th, 2009
Dunning Hall, Room 11

Members Present: Alex Mundy, Anna Pfeiffer, Ben Cornish, Catherine Lee, Dan DiMillo, Emily Beck, Eric Cannon, Graeme McTavish, Jacqueline Mirtic, Jennifer Moore, Jennifer Parker, Jenny Goodwin, Jocelyn Yu, Jody Patterson, Josh Wood, Katie Shifman, Kimberly Howald, Krista Lackey, Laura Hughes, Laura Skellet, Laura Sullivan, Leah MacPherson, Linzi Leclerc, Lynn O'Brien, Matt Roby, Michael Brinkworth, Mike Thaler, Mikaila DeSousa, Nick Cornish, Paul Stillman, Sarah Dall, Sarah Fortune, Sarah Wolinsky, Thea Pel, Tiffany Kwong, Trevor Lin, Vanessa Powell Cavell, Winnie Tsai

Also Present:

Regrets: Shannon Walsh, Mike Higginson

Jason calls the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. M. Thaler adds official "Congratulations" motion to Football team for Vanier Cup. Passes unanimously.
 - b. Motion 6 is moved by M. Brinkworth to closed session; seconded by T. Lin. Passes unanimously.
 - c. Amended agenda passes unanimously.
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 15, 2009
 - a. Passes unanimously.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. None.
4. Speaker's Business
 - a. At the end of the semester the room bookings are getting tight and hectic
 - b. Please plan your even as far in advance as possible because the bookings cannot be guaranteed, sooner is better

- c. Do not forget to include an alternative room/time/place in case your original does not work
 - d. Elections are coming soon!
 - e. Nomination forms will be available beginning January 11
 - f. Please pick one up if you are interested
 - g. Nomination period: January 20-February 1
 - h. Vote days are currently in conjunction with AMS vote days which are February 2 & 3 but that is subject to change
 - i. There is no candidate forums date set yet as they are in the process of picking a date
 - j. Please talk to the person who currently holds your position and read the description manual.
5. Guest Speakers – Leslie Yun on behalf of Laura Wilson from the AMS
- a. There are opportunities for fulltime positions a week after elections
 - b. There are 50 fulltime positions that are only open to students
 - c. Apply if you are interested
 - d. Flexible around school schedule
 - e. Helps you deal with time management and enrich your experience with Queen's
 - f. Please visit www.myams.org/getinvolved for more information
 - g. There are no questions at the end of the presentation
6. President's Report
- a. Working on new logo
 - b. Draft event planning policy
 - c. Senate issues position (Motion 6)

- d. When we get back we're busy
- e. BEWIC sports day is happening first day back then elections
- f. Must be in the office that first week, make sure door is open
- g. The work being done by the council is great!
- h. Mention to Jocelyn and Mikaila for a torturous Friday morning at the Wax-a-thon
- i. Thanks to Kim for text message update during the Vanier Cup

7. Vice President's Report

a. Vice President (Internal)

- i. We are two times Volleyball champs
- ii. Athletics news: awesome first semester
- iii. BEWIC Sports Days planning is underway
- iv. Thanks to fundraisers!
- v. Social: Thanks! We are excited for Snowker and Back-to-School Smoker
- vi. 2nd years: laser tag-good job
- vii. 4th years : fantastic dessert
- viii. Music: fantastic work
- ix. ASUS assembly was not very exciting
- x. You are all wonderful

b. Vice President (External)

- i. Get office hours to Katie
- ii. Fill out surveys
- iii. We need feedback from surveys to improve
- iv. Rachel and Kim were on National Television during the Vanier Cup
- v. Volleyball: we won the second time
- vi. Good luck on exams everyone and happy holidays

8. AMS Representatives' Report
 - a. Corporate general meeting
 - b. Cut from 5 to 4 mangers
 - c. New official grading system (passes around sheet)
9. Senator's Report
 - a. Spoke with Mackenzie Dickson
 - i. **Policy:** a decision they made to align with other universities
 - b. Financial Update happened last Thursday:
 - c. For 2009/10 the projected annual deficit is 8.3 million dollars
 - i. That will rise in 2010/2011 and by 2011-2012 hopefully eliminating the deficit
 - ii. Conclusions: from Woolf many of academic programs are seriously at risk.
 - iii. If we value them we must take action to protect them.
 - iv. Academic imagination and salary restraint will put us on a positive path and curb our expense
 - v. We can succeed if everyone does their part
 - vi. Dan seconds Trevor's motions to add to this topic to the discussion period
 - vii. Go to the principals' website to view the details
 - viii. Lets discuss financial state of academics
 - ix. Moves to add to discussion period
 1. Passes Unanimously.
10. Statements by Members
 - a. S. Wolinsky
 - i. Bedspread is out and it is awesome. Check it out! We are putting out a February issue and the submissions are due February 11, 2010.
 - b. E. Cannon & L. Hughes
 - i. Thanks to everyone who came to the Blood Clinic, we are going again in February
 - ii. There are 15 gifts left for the Tree of life. The gifts are due December 4th. Chips for Charity was a success
 - iii. Brought in cookies to celebrate "Movember". Thanks to Paul for his encouragement
 - c. T. Kwong

- i. Academic Affairs Committee meeting was held. Looking to do a second one next term.
- d. K. Lackey
 - i. Moves to add ThankQ as a topic to discussion period.
 - ii. Passes unanimously.
- e. L. Sullivan & B. Cornish
 - i. Reminder to look for cowboy things for spirit points. Keep up the good work for second term!
- f. T. Pel & E. Beck
 - i. Invite all to the “Snowker” on Thursday at 8pm. It is at the Ale House on 396 Princess Street. It will be great & Tickets are on sale in the Con-Ed office. Hopefully Karaoke will be there, with free food, please dress up. You are welcome to bring Non Con-Eddies. Come celebrate the end of the semester!
- g. S. Dall
 - i. Registration is going well, 3 spots left.
- h. J. Yu
 - i. Thanks to Mike B, Ben and Nick for donating their services. We raised \$77.69 from the Wax-a-thon event. The jacket bars deadline is December 4. They are \$7.
- i. J. Parker & K. Lackey
 - i. On November 17 we had our first workshop and it went well, about 70 people turned out. Unfortunately Elspeth Morgan could not be there, but everything is okay with her. Alan was great with the questions. Certificates are available in Con-Ed office in mailboxes.
 - ii. Sending around a sheet of workshop ideas.

j. K. Shifman

- i. Please keep Saturday open, we're organizing a Council get together on December 5th.

11. Question Period

a. J. Goodwin to K. Shifman, M. Brinkworth, M. Thaler

Is it possible to consider potlucks for the new semester?

i. K. Shifman

1. This is Council get together for the end of the semester

ii. M. Thaler

1. Socials are not mandatory, we'll have other ones

iii. M. Brinkworth

1. Hoping the President's Umbrella to have a potluck before January. Surveys suggested an opportunity to get together so this something to make sure to do by the end of the term to help people get to know each other

b. E. Cannon to D. DiMillo

Grading policy, B is now 73?

i. D. DiMillo

1. You now need B avg. and the new requirement will be up to the Dean of Education

c. J. Mendler to M. Brinkworth

Is there any money for budget to finish tree of life?

i. M. Brinkworth

1. We hope they do get taken and if not, we'll evaluate the situation later.

ii. S. Wolinsky

1. We'll donate funds from the B.Ed Spread

d. J. Patterson to D. DiMillo

How will grades appear?

i. D. DiMillo

1. Each course will have a GPA where the Prof enters a % and at end you'll end up with a GPA

e. S. Fortune to D. DiMillo

Will all of our previous grades be changed?

i. D. DiMillo

1. It'll be implemented for second years right now and grades will be converted.

ii. M. Brinkworth

1. They are still trying to work it out.
- f. J. Mendler to E. Beck
How did Yoga Night go?
 - i. E. Beck
 1. It was about 20 people, it was great, might be doing it again.

12. New Business

- a. Vanier Cup Congratulations [Action]
 - i. M. Thaler : Game was fantastic. Congratulations to the team.
 - ii. M. Brinkworth: It was nice to see everyone Tri-coloured.
 - iii. J. Mendler: in 1992 when we were last there, 80% went to the Cup and this year, only 8% went
 - iv. Passes unanimously.
- b. Robert J. Hill Committee Chair – Appendix Dan Village - [Action]
 - i. K. Shifman: At Formal they give away the RJ Hill award and this is to someone who has contributed a lot to Con-Ed. Interview people in 4th year who deserve it.
 - ii. M. Brinkworth: The Chair shall be a member of Council, so it can be anyone.
 - iii. J. Parker: Can the Chair be considered for the award?
 1. K. Shifman: No
 2. C. Lee: No one on the committee can
 - iv. S. Dall: Chair shouldn't be 4th year
 - v. K. Shifman: I don't think it's a problem if there's a 4th year as the Chair if that's what they want to do.
 - vi. E. Cannon: Can you nominate more than one person for the chair?
 1. J. Liu: Yes.
 - vii. S. Dall: Having a fourth year Chair creates problem of bias.
 1. M. Brinkworth: Noted, but we can't change it this year.
 - viii. J Liu: the nominated person can respectfully decline.
 - ix. L. Sullivan: Can you be on the committee two years in a row?
 1. J. Liu: Yes
 - x. K. Shifman: Can we move to secret ballot.
 1. J. Liu: Yes.
 - xi. E. Cannon nominates J. Parker ACCEPTS
 - xii. P. Stillman nominates L. Sullivan ACCEPTS
 - xiii. C. Lee nominates J. Moore ACCEPTS
 - xiv. J. Goodwin nominates A. Pfeiffer DECLINES
 - xv. B. Cornish nominates N. Cornish DECLINES
 - xvi. S. Dall nominates S. Fortune DECLINES
 - xvii. S. Dall nominates L. MacPherson DECLINES

- xviii. E. Cannon nominates J. Patterson DECLINES
- xix. J. Goodwin nominates V. Powell Cavell ACCEPTS
- xx. J. Parker: Interested in joining and first years do a lot and deserve recognition.
- xxi. L. Sullivan: Thanks for nomination, and wants to be more involved either way. Already thought of people in fourth year who deserve it.
- xxii. J. Moore: Sat on committee in first year, it's amazing to hear about all their contributions. Thanks for nomination and would not have a bias which is important.
- xxiii. V. Powell Cavell: Thanks for the nomination. Look forward to the opportunity and it is great to recognize students for contributing to Con-Ed and Queen's and other faculties and there's been a lot of hearing about what people have done which is really special.
- xxiv. K. Shifman moves to vote by secret ballot. B. Cornish seconds. Passes unanimously.
- xxv. Result of secret ballot: J. Moore
- xxvi. Moved by K: Shifman, seconded by M. Thaler, that J. Moore be ratified as the 2010 Robert J. Hill Committee Chair. Passes unanimously.
- c. Constitutional Amendments – Appendix Jimmy Allin - [Action]
 - i. M. Brinkworth: Constitutional amendments are basically taking out references for physical ballots, being done by company and will get the results.
 - ii. J. Goodwin: Section 4.04.11 if you are on more than one committee this shouldn't affect your position in council
 - 1. M. Thaler: You have to step down from Con-Ed to run for something else
 - 2. M. Brinkworth: If you going to run for a different position, you're not supposed to be on council you can't use council resources to run in another position. Take a leave of absence to run
 - iii. T. Pel: Can we have separate year rep voting?
 - 1. M. Brinkworth: Not sure, speaking with Lucas who does this
 - 2. J. Liu: They are working with registrar's office to separate lists even further; it's not just a CESA concern.
 - iv. J. Moore: If I wanted to run for something do I step down from conference?
 - 1. M. Brinkworth: Officially, yes. Up to Exec Admin on what that means; will not be a problem

- 2. J. Liu: If you are interested in a council position well talk over logistics of it. You have to note electoral office.
- v. K. Shifman: We will be watching
- vi. J. Mendler: Does this have to be read twice?
 - 1. M. Brinkworth: Yes, second one will be read first meeting back
- vii. J. Liu: No more questions, moving item to vote
- viii. Passes Unanimously.
- d. Statement Regarding Student Senator Position – [Action]
 - i. CLOSED SESSION
 - ii. Joann extends the discussion for 20 minutes, Krista seconds.
Passes unanimously.

13. Discussion Period

- a. Transition Period
 - i. M. Brinkworth: Three options there are no transition dates currently. Would like to set an actual time and would like to make it at AGM. After AGM adjournment the new council takes over OR 4:30 on the last day of classes is the new proposition. May 1 is when ASUS and AMS switch over. If something comes up in April it'll affect the new council so it is proposed that at 4:30 on last day of classes the new council takes over. It also works with the way we set up finances.
 - ii. J. Goodwin: Would we be able to fulfill duties if they go later?
 - 1. M. Brinkworth: We're trying to set a drop dead date, so the successor can do it.
 - iii. J. Patterson: Are you planning a date for fall transition?
 - 1. M. Brinkworth: Opposed to that because of the way situations work. New council has to have a meeting before summer so we need to have a provision for that
 - iv. J. Mendler: Are we making this constitutional?
 - 1. M. Brinkworth: Yes
 - v. J. Mendler: For this year?
 - 1. Yes.
 - vi. Straw poll: Final date to be 4:30 pm on the day of the last class
 - 1. Passes Unanimously
- b. ThankQ
 - i. K. Lackey: In contact with school board and wants to give the school board a half day experience of workshops when they normally wouldn't have to resources to do so like yoga or us going

in to run something. If we wanted to organize an activity for the school to give it to the entire school we could. I would take care of everything. School board is really keen on this and it puts our program in really good light. Would we have enough people to do this? This is what I need to know. Are there enough interested volunteers?

- ii. K. Shifman: What is the Time frame? What months?
 1. K. Lackey: Before or after March Break and it would give us enough time to raise the money and time to prepare. It's a half day commitment and we would get prepared. We need to buy supplies that they're not normally able to
- iii. L. O'Brien: When are we taking money?
- iv. M. Thaler: When is the March Break?
 1. K. Lackey: Second week in March, 12th-19th
- v. L. O'Brien: You may not have the money then
- vi. K. Lackey: I don't know about the money situation
- vii. J. Goodwin: Can we back the ThankQ committee?
- viii. K. Lackey: It'll be less if you volunteer so it shouldn't be that much; maximum travel time is an hour, want to bring two schools in since they share the same principal
- ix. D. DiMillo: How would we use the entire \$500? I can't see it being costing that much
 1. K. Lackey: We can leave stuff there; we would use the money for the school.
- x. K. Lackey: We can offer so much
- xi. C. Lee: We need a verbal commitment
- xii. K. Lackey: Don't want to lead the board on if people aren't willing to commit
- xiii. W. Tsai: What do we do with \$500 if there's a lot of interest? We can consider doing more than one school
 1. K. Lackey: They would love this idea
- xiv. L. Hughes: When are the 4th years contacted?
- xv. K. Lackey: It's just been put to Council
- xvi. L. Hughes: Talking about this should be amongst 4th years only
- xvii. M. Brinkworth: Doesn't really affect Council
- xviii. M. Thaler: Difficult to coordinate, organizing a time, booking off day. It's a lot of work but exciting that Con-Ed could do it. We should undertake it at a long-term planning thing because for \$280 you can get 5 workshops. Say yes and if we can't do it, we can hire someone to do it. \$500 is 10 workshops which is the easier

solution. The kids will get someone and it's a high quality product. Approval of idea, but it might develop into something that is too big so this is a good backup plan.

- xix. M. Brinkworth: Close the list.
- xx. E. Cannon: Moves to extend discussion; Jody seconds extension
- xxi. J. Mendler: Offers to run music workshop.
- xxii. M. Brinkworth: Not in favour of putting up CESA's money. What if it is not feasible? Cutoff date needs to be set. However it's a fantastic idea. CESA doesn't offer services; we don't have funds to do such. If we planned every year in September for it we could do this. CESA could fundraiser for it.
- xxiii. J. Goodwin: Likes Krista's idea. What about proposing ThankQ committee with 4th years who are able to put in their time.
- xxiv. K. Lackey: Likes Jenny idea, would like to do it this year and if we could have 10 people to do then I will say yes.
- xxv. M. Brinkworth: What answer do you need?
- xxvi. K. Lackey: Who will be committed?
- xxvii. J. Patterson: I thought you were going to do workshops. Go ahead with it.
- xxviii. K. Shifman: Tell the board our plan.
- xxix. K. Lackey: Would like to work on it over Christmas break. Should I put in time?
- xxx. M. Brinkworth: Yes

14. Adjournment

- a. The Meeting is adjourned at 9:41 pm.