



Minutes

MEETING OF THE CONCURRENT EDUCATION STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
September 20th, 2009
Dunning Hall, Room 11

Members Present: Alex Mundy, Anna Pfeiffer, Ben Cornish, Brett Gonslaves, Catherine Lee, Dan DiMillo, Emily Beck, Erin 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, Michael Brinkworth, Mikaila DeSousa, Mike Thaler, Nick Cornish, Paul Stillman, Sarah Dall, Shannon Walsh, Steven Mueller, Thea Pel, Trevor Lin, Vannessa Powell Cavell, Winnie Tsai

Also Present:

Regrets: Linzi Leclerc, Lynn O'Brien, Sarah Fortune, Tiffany Kwong, Mike Higginson

J. Liu calls the meeting in order at 7:06

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Amendment: move that item be added to the discussion period - discussing times for anti-oppression training. Moved by K. Shifman, seconded by M. Brinkworth. Poll - passes.
- b. Amendment: ThankQ added to the discussion period, tabled from last meeting. Moved by M. Brinkworth. Seconded by M. Thaler. Poll - passes.
- c. Amendment: add section C equity caucus ideas to the discussion. Moved by A. Pfeiffer, seconded by L. Sullivan. Poll - passes
- d. Amendment: Minutes of Oct 4 be amended. Moved by M. Brinkworth, seconded by K. Shifman
- e. Amendment: to add d) ThankQ to discussion and add information to New Business item A) Moved by M. Brinkworth, seconded by M. Thaler

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 4th, 2009

a. Amendment: M. Brinkworth - section four, Allison. Motion moved by M. Brinkworth, seconded by K. Shifman. Poll - passes.

b. Amendment: C. Lee on the minutes, it says that OUSA elected M. Brinkworth, but it was the AMS who elected M. Brinkworth to the OUSA sub-committee. Motion moved by C. Lee, seconded by E. Cannon. Poll - passes.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Speaker's Business

a. J. Liu - on the AMS elections - move to online voting. Any questions, feel free to contact J. Liu. One interesting thing is that with online voting system, we will be saving money.

5. Guest Speakers

6. President's Report

a. M. Brinkworth - first OUSA sub-committee meeting. Meet on ad hoc basis, so not regularly. May take up opportunity to go to Western for a meeting.

b. ASUS assembly - Tom Williams was honoured through the AMS.

c. Thanked C. Lee and L. Skellet. J. Goodwin for budget. V. P. Cavell for discussing general communication strategy; new Facebook page. K. Howald and S. Wolinsky for bedspread.

d. Claude Sherren - the AMS General Manager - will be in the hospital for another week, out of commission for six to eight weeks. He helped M. Brinkworth a lot, and helped out with conference. M. Brinkworth will send a card or sign on behalf of all of CESA

e. 1985 is when CESA was founded - next year is our 25th anniversary.

f. Garbage is often left in the CESA office - please clean up.

g. People should try not to use the CESA office after hours, except for legitimate CESA reasons.

h. Council contracts - please look at them, sign them. Need them in soon.

i. Next meeting - council/exec evaluations.

7. Vice President's Report

a. Vice President (Internal)

i. Thank you to Nick and Graeme for directory, which should be out soon.

ii. ASUS assembly interesting - COMPSA frosh week cancelled. Also, some strategic plans - invites others to discuss them with him.

b. Vice President (External)

i. Went to Arts and Science faculty board meeting - lots of people yelling at the dean. He spoke about the budget. Arts and Science is in trouble; they put out a three-year budget proposal, only the first phase was passed by the board. Most of these were in the arts (creative arts). A lot of programs might need to cut grad schools if they don't get the proper funding.

ii. ASUS will be giving out \$6000 in grants. Student Initiatives Applications and Funds.

8. AMS Representatives' Report

a. C. Lee, L. Skellet - Mayor Harvey Rosen came to speak to the AMS assembly.

b. University admin: we'll be looking for three new vice principals. One left to become principal of McMaster University.

c. Oct 27th - 28th referendum

d. Finances will be moving to the new system QUASAR - the new QCARD?

e. Oct 24th - capture the faculty. BBQ starts at 4:30,

f. Special Projects Grant: something that board of directors do - \$7000 to start things. Applications due on Oct 23

9. Senator's Report

a. T. Lin - grading policy questions will be answered during the discussion meeting. Senator meeting will be this week.

10. Statements by Members

a. V. P. Cavell - Communications Director: can have one calendar with all the dates with all the things that are going on. Please let V. P. Cavell about events, and please let her know about these events and their dates, NOT their umbrella heads. If someone needs something put on the website, please go to her as well. Update information needs to go to V. P. Cavell by Wednesday at midnight for the weekly update. Weekly updates will go to year reps now, who will send them out by Friday at midnight.

b. E. Cannon and L. Hughes - Pen Pal Program - one teacher on board. For VIC, Facebook group has been updated. More opportunities soon. E. Cannon emailed Martha's Kitchen and will be hearing back soon.

- c.B. Cornish, S. Walsh, L. Sullivan - Jan 15th, Jan 16th is Bewic Sports Day. Registration is on the 2nd.
- d.A. Pfeiffer - applications for Teach exec, interviews.
- e.N. Cornish, G. McTavish - winners of the directory contest are the '10s.
- f.M. Brinkworth - point of information: '13s have at least 10-40 more people than other years.
- g.M. de Sousa and J. Yu - raffle. Tickets for \$1 in the JDUC - a variety of giftcards, some Con-Ed items. Waxathon - all the money goes toward CESA.
- h.K. Lackey and J. Parker - workshop next week got scrapped. Instead, there will be a new workshop on Nov 17 6:30 - 7:30 in Stirling C. \$2. Still Elspeth Morgan and Alan Travers. "How to Prepare for fifth year."
- i.S. Dall - conference bake sale - on Wednesday Oct 21 from 10 - 2. Need helping hands to offer baked goods. Sign-up sheet. Everything must be individually wrapped and nutfree.
- j.M. Brinkworth - when weekly updates are sent by year reps, year reps can personalise the emails. Everyone needs to make sure to tell V. P. Cavell about events!

11. Question Period

- a.V. P. Cavell: Clarifying Teach Exec interviews. - Answer: there was a change
- b.P. Stillman: What emails will J. Liu still send out? V. P. Cavell - J. Liu's emails will be used to announce big things like conference sign up, voting results, etc. Also, J. Liu's point of information - stuff about Bewic and elections still through J. Liu.
- c.M. Brinkworth: For T. Lin - hoping to enlighten council about percentage grades. Answer: clarification may be this meeting; cost issue about changing it now. D. DiMillo's Point of information: going to be \$600 000 to include percentages
- d.T. Lin: clarifying budget - K. Shifman: need to get the money, not sure what's happening.
- e.C. Lee: suggested bidding - M. de Sousa will consider it, it's a good idea.
- f.K. Howald: C. Lee and L. Skellet - was Oct 16 the only day to register for Capture the Faculty? J. Patterson - will change it, didn't know the end date.
- g.J. Parker: how will GPAs work. e.g., conflict with 4.0 GPA. T. Lin - reflective of other universities except for 85-100 = 4.0. D. DiMillo - we're looking at three different GPA systems. M. Brinkworth - passed this at

senate during the May meeting. Will be fixed by 2011 when it's supposed to come out.

h.J. Patterson: how does this affect the marks that we've gotten? How will it affect admission to B.Ed? M. Brinkworth - all of our marks will change to GPA system if we're still here in 2011. Not sure about Faculty of Education part of the question.

i.C. Lee: is conference after Bewic? Answer - yes.

12.New Business

a.CESA Budget: J. Goodwin - mix-up in one place. \$20 under April is to put up a bulletin board. It is actually for September - will be updating that.

b.Those who did not email her for money should talk to her about concerns.

c.M. Brinkworth - \$480 float for special projects, and a cushion in case something goes horribly wrong. E.g., formal gets overcharged.

13.Discussion Period

a.Council clothing - K. Shifman - do we need council clothing?

i.Poll: nay passes, we do not need/want council clothing.

b.Anti-oppression training - K. Shifman - can do it next Sunday. Will be an hour or an hour and a half. We are waiting to hear back from Positive Space.

i.D. DiMillo: for those who have already done it as part of an AMS service THIS YEAR, you can be exempt, but you must talk to exec.

ii.E. Cannon: suggests evening. J. Goodwin agrees.

iii.Poll: evening or daytime? Evening passes - training will take place during the evening.

iv.M. Brinkworth: will let you know time and place. Positive Space will hopefully be on the same day. Everyone expected, encouraged to be at Positive Space and receive training - it is very important to us. Also wanted to open it up to anyone in Con-Ed. Will be advertising heavily the times of the workshops.

v.J. Parker: is there a certificate of completion for Positive Space?

M. Brinkworth: there's a sticker and folder of information. S. Dall: no actual certificate, just a sticker.

c.Equity caucus ideas - A. Pfeiffer - has to present a bunch of initiatives to be promoted in Con-Ed to promote equity. Ideas apart from anti-oppression and Positive Space - invites people to email her.

- i.M. Brinkworth: look at policies of student associations on equity; one area of particular interest is our hiring policies - we should look at it as a council and we should enlist the help of the equity caucus. Don't think it's necessary to create Equity Officer like ASUS, however, might consider it in the future.
- d.ThankQ Committee - S. Mueller - it was tabled, we need to continue. Had some ideas about what the gift is going to be. Goal will stay at \$500.
 - i.E. Cannon: suggests food project.
 - ii.M. Brinkworth: Thanks S. Mueller for bringing it to attention of council.
 - iii.T. Lin: funding of \$500 - S. Mueller classof2010.com for more information.
 - iv.J. Goodwin: winning year should decide what to do with coin jars.
 - v.M. Brinkworth: idea was to give coin jars to ThankQ.
 - vi.J. Goodwin: we should come to an agreement about it, otherwise we should look to asking fundraisers. We should not rely just on the coin jars.
 - vii.S. Dall: question - was there one organisation that all of ThankQ gave money to, what's happening this year?
 - viii.S. Mueller: answer - each faculty decides this year.
 - ix.M. Brinkworth: might suggest just choosing something to give the money to first, and then discuss whether the coin jars can be used. Let's go back to where the money's going to go.
 - x.J. Goodwin: idea for fundraising. Bottle drive. Lots of bottles, successful way to raise money.
 - xi.K. Lackey: Foodshare program.
 - 1.Poll: should ThankQ money go to Foodshare?
 - xii.W. Tsai: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, or help a specific school.
 - xiii. K. Shifman: maybe figure something with equity to help A. Pfeiffer out
 - 1.A. Pfeiffer says thank you, but we should do something else.
 - xiv.W. Tsai: Race to Educate - plan on going to schools and educating kids on things.
 - xv.J. Goodwin: likes W. Tsai's idea of making it specific, raise competition.
 - 1. B. Cornish gives up one speaking right.
 - xvi. J. Liu motions to extend limits of debate on ThankQ Committee. Moved by M. Brinkworth, seconded by N. Cornish.

xvii. M. Thaler: we are one of two faculties who donate externally.
xviii. M. Brinkworth: would like to give something internally, e.g., stuff to CESA or Faculty of Education. However, likes idea of finding school that needs something.

1. M. Thaler gives second speaking right to M. Brinkworth

xix. K. Lackey: Likes W. Tsai's idea about the school. E.g., buy backpacks and supplies for kids at schools.

xx. S. Dall: likes idea of giving externally. Suggests helping music programs in school.

xxi. T. Lin: would like to agree with S. Dall. Suggests Ukelele, which is cheap, but can help with music literacy.

xxii. A. Mundy: Foodshare program is in a really bad shape. Music programs in bad shape. However, we might want to go and ask what's needed most right now.

xxiii. B. Cornish: suggests athletic contribution.

xxiv. E. Beck: likes idea of giving externally and internally. Suggests making a plaque if we give externally.

xxv. L. Skellet: suggests helping children overseas with books, chairs, etc.

xxvi. K. Shifman: likes idea of talking to the board. We need all the information.

xxvii. M. Brinkworth: likes idea of asking board.

1. J. Mirtic gives speaking right to M. Brinkworth

xxviii. Poll to stick with Foodsharing Project, Ask the Board, or Free the Children: ask the board wins. If Foodsharing has the most need, then we may look into it.

14. Adjournment

d. Meeting adjourned 8:30