



Minutes

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

Members Present: Anna Pfeiffer, Ben Cornish, Brett Gonslaves, Catherine Lee, Dan DiMillo, Emily Beck, Erin Cannon, Graeme McTavish, Jackeline Mirtic, Jennifer Moore, Jennifer Parker, Jenny Goodwin, Joann Mendler, 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, Mikaila DeSousa, Mike Higginson, Nick Cornish, Paul Stillman, Sarah Dall, Sarah Fortune, Sarah Wolinsky, Steven Mueller, Thea Pel, Tiffany Kwong, Trevor Lin, Vanessa Powell Cavell, Winnie Tsai

Also Present: Alex Mundy

Regrets: Shannon Walsh (notified)

1. Adoption of the Agenda

-Jason welcomes council for the 2009-2010 year. Asks if there are any amendments.

-Passes agenda

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 29th, 2009

-asks if there are any amendments. Vote.

-Minutes passes.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

-Credit and grading changes (Appendix A). President Mike Brinkworth speaks, invites members to look at appendices.

4. Speaker's Business

-Notes that attendance and statement sheets are being passed around, starts powerpoint.

-Jason Liu introduces himself. Executive administrator, CEO of CESA. "I'll be sitting in on [media committee]." Note on by-election for vice president (internal)

-"chairing the meetings," no bias; no vote. "Unbiased and confidential source" with how CESA council is running.

-Slideshow on expectations and rules of the CESA council meetings, as well as what each heading on the agenda means.

-Discusses how members are always invited to speak.

-Mentions our guest speaker - candidate for VP internal.

-We'll now be following *Robert's Rules* (?) when introducing motions, main motions and incidental motions (relate to business at hand). Also discusses subsidiary and privileged motions extensively. **any CESA member can make a motion** (which includes "everybody in Con-Ed who has paid their student fees to CESA.")

-Discusses time limits and speaking rights. Each member has **ten** minutes of speaking rights, and two turns to speak. No interruptions, unless you have one of three special points: point of information, point of order (point out a suspected breach of procedures), and point of personal privilege (request permission to leave Assembly, e.g., if you feel that you've been personally attacked).

-Acknowledges Mike Higginson and Mike Brinkworth for help with powerpoint and guideline with Robert's Rules respectively.

-Discusses rule changes. We won't be using Robert's Rules strictly for the first few meetings. "I'll be running the meetings ... as I have for the last little while." We'll be following Robert's Rules more closely later on.

-Encourages council members to read through motions and motion guidelines.

-Acknowledgement to new first year reps, athletics stick, Community Affairs, fundraisers. Treasurer Jenny Goodwin acknowledges athletics sticks for successful sign-up night.

5. Guest Speakers

-Mike Thaler, running for VP internal. "Excited about direction exec has taken," so won't be giving big speech, "running with them, not against them."

-VP External invites candidate to speak about what he's most excited about for the job.

-CESA Rep to the AMS Catherine Lee asks if candidate could name the people who would be working under him if he were elected as VP Internal.

-VP External Katie Shifman gives a difficult CESA financial situation with people embezzling money. Talked about asking AMS for a loan to cover costs for Formal.

-Joanne asks how candidate would incorporate “awkward” feeling BMus students in Con-ed and CESA. Candidate discusses how he would create more music-oriented events, and encourages communication between music students and CESA. Joanne asks follow-up, he says he would “absolutely” be willing to go to BMus/BEed events.

-Mike Higginson asks candidate about involvement with ASUS and their assemblies. Candidate says that he would make sure to exercise his right to speak to work for Con-Ed’s benefit. “Small but mighty.”

-Paul asks how candidate would keep his cool and keep up CESA’s reputation in an intense ASUS environment. Would ask himself, “what would CESA council do?”

-Webmaster Jody Patterson asks what would happen to his fourth year position. Candidate says it would be left to his co-rep Josh Wood.

6. President’s Report

-Discusses vacant VP Internal position. Thanks Ali for everything that she did for CESA for the last three years, and for everything she did this summer, including all the stuff she did for camp.

-Approached by AMS president about some fees, about ways that we can save money. “Unfortunately, I had to give up some money this summer.” Won’t be getting money this year.

-Shoutouts to Mikaila and Jocelyn for bringing in 800 dollars in revenue before class even started. Also to Jody for figuring out website. Shoutouts to social affairs for running smoker. Also to AMS Reps. Apologies to Jason for making him read *Robert’s Rules*, and also thank-yous.

7. Vice President’s Report

a. Vice President (Internal)

b. Vice President (External)

-VP External Katie Shifman welcomes everyone back - no news from Arts and Sciences or Education faculties.

-Discusses office hours; list. List will be emailed tomorrow after she works everything out. There will be a sign-in sheet.

-Acknowledgements to teach exec and community affairs commissioners. Mention of volunteer packages. Acknowledgements to external affairs commissioners; working on making things more confidential.

8. AMS Representatives' Report

- Appendix C
- Catherine Lee, CESA Rep to the AMS stands up to speak.
- Mention of the equity caucus - working on having safe spaces, a place to “discuss and give advice on anti-oppression.”
- Discusses homecoming, street party.
- Grading (Appendix A)
- Exams running to May 1st this year.
- Student memorial building.

9. Senator's Report

- Trevor Lin, student Senator. Wants us to be active and get involved; invites people to his office to discuss any issues with the university. Discusses awareness.

10. Statements by Members

- Mike Higginson: ESS transition officer. Faculty of Education searching for new Dean. Introduces two candidates briefly.
- Joanne Mendler: Invites people to come out to conference for students taking music to meet with music teachers. November 5th to 8th. Canadian Brass will be there too, for a workshop.
- Sarah Wolinsky: Bed Spread - invites people to sign up for articles. They will be in the CESA office. No release dates yet. bedspread@gmail.com
- Erin and Laura: powerpoint of yesterday's highlights. Acknowledgements. Raised \$182 for the Canadian Cancer Society. More personal touch this year, bring it closer to home; dedication to con-eddies who have been affected by cancer. Volunteer Initiative Commission - October 5th at 7pm, room to be decided. Mentions of pen-pal club.
- Emily and Théa: acknowledgements for smoker.
- Anna Pfeiffer: Thanks teaches, CESA, and everyone who cheered at Vic Hall Steps.
- Ben and Laura: Athletics sticks. Some confusion with sign-ups. If you haven't been invited to join the team yet, don't worry.

11. Question Period

- Mike Brinkworth asks about shady dean business. Not sure what's happened.
- Sarah Wolinsky asks Jason Liu if powerpoint will be made available. He can email it to everyone.
- Mike Thaler asks Mike Brinkworth if they can put the powerpoint on the website. He says yes.

-Jennifer Parker asks Mike Brinkworth to explain the new grading system. Mike Brinkworth says that the new grading system will be implemented in 2011, not sure if it means it will start in 2011, or if it will start for people who start in 2011. His problem is that no one's sure what's going on with it.

12. New Business

-Ratification for clerks of council. Asks if there is debate.

-Selection of CESA's rep to AMS equity caucus 2009-2010. Mike Brinkworth invites people to nominate people for this to have people get involved in AMS, CESA. Jennifer Parker respectfully declines. Anna Pfeiffer accepts. Sarah Wolinsky accepts. Erin Cannon respectfully declines. Winnie Tsai accepts. Sarah Dall respectfully declines. Anna Pfeiffer says that it has always been an important issue for her and she's already incorporated it in frosh week. Sarah Wolinsky says that Queen's could use more equity. Winnie Tsai sat as a chair last year and says that this opportunity will help her continue learning about equity issues. Anna Pfeiffer has been elected the representative.

Poll: Anna Pfeiffer be nominated to be CESA's representative to the equity caucus. Yay majority.

-Appendix E: Budget proposal. Jenny Goodwin, treasurer. This year, we've had 2000 extra dollars. \$1500 went to formal and conference. The rest of the money went to various things. Mike Brinkworth says that we are spending as much as we get only.

-Sarah asks what the process was to allocate the extra money. Jenny Goodwin said that a lot of money was decided to go to bursaries.

- Ben: Not everyone got the same amount of money; money was prioritized. It was said that when we raised the student fee... it would go to bursaries. Bursary funds 250% of what they used to be. Social affairs now has enough money to spend on new events, formal ticket prices can go down.

-Ben asks if some of the money can be allocated to a teaches fund, separate from the frosh week fund. Answer is not now, not no.

Poll: Extend council to 9:10. Yay majority.

-Temporary redistribution of executive duties due to vacancy of VP Internal.

13. Discussion Period

- Positive Space and Sensitivity Training:

-Mike Brinkworth: Opens positive space and sensitivity training to all members of council starting October, which will give enough time to reach out to members of council. Proposes Sunday, October 25th, between council meetings. Other option is October 18th before the meeting. All members have to go. Positive space and sensitivity training on same day.

Poll: Make the training on the 25th of October or the 18th. Yay majority to make it on October 25th carries.

-Issue surrounding weekend of September 26th, Appendix G.

“Homecoming.” This letter will be signed by every faculty society president. Need to decide on how to make this information available. No one except Mike, Katie, and Vanessa are allowed to speak to the media about this issue while representing CESA; no discussing this in the CESA office.

Poll: To send this letter on the listserv. Yay majority for letter to be sent on the listserv the day after the AMS sends it.

Poll: To put this letter on the website. Nay majority.

14. Adjournment