



Minutes

MEETING OF THE CONCURRENT EDUCATION STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Dunning Hall, Room 11

Members Present:

Also Present:

Regrets:

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- K. Howald: add BEWIC Sports Day to discussion period
- R. Shindman: changes need to be made to the appendices listed on the motion sheet
- J. Patterson: no financial report this week – financial reports only done every other meeting
- agenda passes

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 17, 2010

- minutes adopted

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- none

4. Speaker's Business

- Ben wants to ensure that everyone is receiving his emails – everyone says they are receiving them

5. Guest Speaker: Kieran Slobodin

- discussed OUSA and a recent policy change being considered by the AMS to revisit fee structures
- proposed fee structure changes full democracy vote to assembly vote for fee increases and continued membership
- K. Slobodin is opening discussions at faculty assemblies for feedback
- P. Stillman: good idea, as when fees are put on referendum, students often vote no – if their assembly votes, work can be done to reduce our fees
- T. Pel to K. Slobodin: Can you clarify what you want from us?
 - K. Slobodin to T. Pel: feedback – there is a change from a campus wide vote to an AMS assembly vote and he wants the opinions of students involved in other student governments
- A. Pfeiffer: in full support of this movement – online voting has caused funding to be cut, as people don't need to be educated on topics in order to vote
- H. Jepson: in full support of this, but students who do educate themselves on issues should be able to have a role – Is there some way to incorporate these people?
- K. Slobodin: there are ways for these people to have a role
- Kieran's office is always open for students who have comments/concerns with the issue

6. President's Report

- went to an AMS meeting – Paul and Katie will give details
- went with Paul to a corporate general meeting
- Anna, Théa and Laura met with Dean to improve communication – he receives minutes from meetings, given BEd Spread email as he might want to contribute – he will also notify us of workshops for fifth years that we can go to
- let Anna know about any information you want sent out by year reps
- umbrella meetings within next two weeks – discussing job description policies
- potluck sign-up list going around – positive space training is mandatory next meeting from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, also have a 20 minute anti-oppression training session at that time

7. Vice President's Report

- Vice President (Internal)
 - went to ASUS assembly meeting – policy amendments, strategic plans for each commission, new ASUS website
 - a few teams made it to playoffs – re-registering teams for second semester
 - umbrella meetings: email Laura with dates/times that work for you
- Vice President (External)
 - no recent faculty board meetings – will attend one on Friday
 - umbrella meetings: get back to Théa as soon as possible with your available dates – she will also talk with people who are not fulfilling responsibilities (ie. office hours)

8. AMS Representatives' Report

- Congratulations Rachel! Great job at the AMS meeting!
- went through referendum questions for the rest of the meeting

9. Senator's Report

- amendment made to academic policy procedures – a student was accused of breaching academic integrity, but found a loop hole in policy where he could graduate with a third year degree and face no consequences – passed amendment so this can no longer happen

10. Statements by Members

- Social Affairs Commissioners
 - first formal meeting today was a success
 - coffeehouse: Thurs. Nov. 4 @ 8:00 pm, Common Ground, \$2
 - swing dancing workshop: Nov. 18, time TBA
 - Snowker: Thurs. Dec. 5, Ale Canteen, \$5
- Athletic Sticks
 - won a game of basketball!
 - enough people to make two teams for BEWIC
- Head Teach
 - 17 applications for Teach Exec – interviews taking place next weekend
- Conference Chair
 - registration for Conference is approaching
 - thank you everyone for your support for QCE
 - promotional video coming out soon
- Conference Logistics
 - updated website with workshops available
- Conference Communications

- thank you everyone for signatures – we’re on the AMS referendum
- prom coming up – get your friends excited!
- Community Affairs Commissioners
 - all ten pumpkins carved – silent auction not as successful – will make changes for next year (ie. different location for pumpkins)
 - hoping to start Tree of Life (Christmas Toy Drive) in the second last week of November
- Workshop Coordinators
 - movie night (“Finding Nemo”): Fri. Nov. 12 @ 6:00 pm, Stirling B
 - first workshop on multicultural education: Mon. Nov 21
 - need volunteers for auction
- Newsletter Editors
 - thank you everyone for your articles
 - November issue coming out on Nov. 3
 - email BEd Spread if you haven’t signed up to write an article yet
 - A. Pfeiffer: it is mandatory that everyone on council writes an article
- Academic Affairs Commissioners
 - academics meeting in November
 - PSYC 100 study connection – create an event where upper years can help first years with the course
 - Academic Writing Team trying to create an Arts/Science response
 - information coming out about grade point average changes

11. Question Period

- S. Wolinski to T. Kwong: You cannot graduate if academic issue is not resolved?

- T. Kwong to S. Wolinski: You cannot graduate even if an issue is still pending. Issues will be dealt with as soon as possible so that you don't graduate late because of an issue.
- S. Fortune: Are BEd Spread editors emailing us when we have to write our articles?
 - L. Skellet to S. Fortune: Yes.
- L. Skellet: fall referendum is coming up on Nov. 9 (vote online) – educate yourself before voting
- A. Lowe – Is there a list of who is bringing snacks each week?
 - A. Pfeiffer to A. Lowe: I will type up the list of who is bringing snacks, along with the academic changes and send them out in an email.

12. New Business

Motioned by Rachel Shindman

Seconded by Anna Pfeiffer

- *That CESA Council approves the amendments to the Constitution in section 5.02.07 (Appendix A), the Job Description Policy Manual in sections 6.01 (Appendix B), 6.02 (Appendix C), and 6.04 (Appendix E), and the Orientation Policy Manual in section 4.02.03 (Appendix F)*
- P. Stillman: By adding “if available,” is the interview panel being cut down? Are you trying your best to get someone to fill the spot?
 - R.Shindman: Yes.
 - A. Pfeiffer: The point of the change is to allow the interview to proceed when there are scheduling conflicts. We want the objective person to be there, but if no one can come, then the interview can still happen.
- S. Fortune: The wording doesn't state what Anna said. It should be clearer.
 - A. Pfeiffer: We can make a friendly amendment to the wording to include what I said.
- L. Sullivan: Is it fair is some people interview in front of six people and some interview in front of five?

- P. Stillman: I still think the member at large needs to be there, but doesn't necessarily need to be a former Teach, just someone who wants to sit in.
 - A. Pfeiffer: Anyone can do it – it doesn't say it needs to be a Teach.
 - R. Shindman: Traditionally, it's just been a former Teach.
- H. Jepson: In response to Laura – The sixth person is neutral, as Teach Exec makes final decision – six people versus five people isn't a big issue
 - T. Pel: There will always be an impartial person there, because a CESA Exec member is always present.
- S. Wolinski: The executive member at large spot has only been advertised to past teaches – advertising to others would be more successful.
 - R. Shindman: Good point. It's just the way it's been done. The response if we advertised to everyone would be insane, but it's something to look into.
- P. Lloyd: It's not a big issue if there's five or six people. Also, when you sign up to be a Teach, there should be something that says you have to sit in on future interviews.
 - R. Shindman: The issue isn't finding people who are interested. It's hard to work around the scheduling conflicts. The executive member at large is scheduled secondary, as the applicant is more important.
 - J. Patterson: I agree with Rachel, but I think that it needs to be made clearer that all attempts to find someone must be made. Also, what is the definition of executive member at large?
 - A. Pfeiffer: Anyone can sit in – even if you're on council.
 - R. Shindman: Last year we were told last year that the person can't be on council.
 - A Pfeiffer: I'm assuming that's because there would be less bias if the person is not on council. We can look up the definition of executive member at large.
- A. Pfeiffer to S. Fortune: This is what I've come up with for the friendly amendment: "If all attempts to find a volunteer fail, the interview can still proceed."
 - S. Fortune agrees.
- J. Moore: You could notify potential teaches ahead of time that there is the possibility

of having five or six people there during the interview.

- P. Stillman: Putting it in the Teaches' contracts gets more people in, but feels that former teaches may be biased – most people went through orientation week, so they should be able to sit in.
 - R. Shindman: I will reiterate, the final decisions on Teaches is made by Exec.
- L. Sullivan: What happens next year if we change the manual and ORT doesn't schedule busses?
 - A. Pfeiffer: This was a problem in my year – they won't be changing back.
 - R. Shindman: Yes, I'm like 99% sure that they won't change it back.
- T. Pel: The former teaches have a knowledge of the students. They worked with them for a week, so they know what they are like. I believe it's important they are there.
- J. Patterson to R. Shindman: You should tell the next Head Teach how to advertise for these spots. Also, the term member at large only appears in this section. We should clarify this definition.
 - R. Shindman: I will.
 - A. Pfeiffer: We can come back to the definition.
- L. MacPherson: I don't think you can get rid of the member at large. The teach there might not be able to advocate directly for you, but I don't think this should change.
- P. Lloyd: A neutral party is important. People who understand how orientation week works could be beneficial, but if this spot is advertised to anyone, someone might apply who isn't educated on orientation week. How do you then distinguish who gets a spot?
 - K. Howald: If a Teach is there, they know the position, so they know who might make a good fit.
 - R. Shindman: Interviews are intimidating, and a Teach is a familiar face, even if it wasn't your Teach.
- T. Pel: I move to close discussion.
 - discussion closed
- A. Pfeiffer: I move to omnibus first four amendments.

- P. Stillman seconds move to omnibus. Vote to omnibus passed unanimously.

Appendix A:

CESA Constitution

Add:

5.01.06 The term of office for the Head Teach shall begin on the first day of Winter term classes following their appointment, and shall end on the final day of classes of the following Fall term.

Appendix B:

CESA Constitution

Remove:

5.02.07 A member of the Council may only hold one (1) position on the Council at any time

Add:

5.02.07 A member of Council may only hold one (1) voting position on the Council at any time

(a) Notwithstanding subsection 5.02.07, existing Council members may be selected for the position of Head Teach

(b) Notwithstanding subsection 5.02.07 in the case that a position is not filled through the hiring process an existing member of council may be appointed to that position.

(c) In the case of a member of council holding more than one (1) position, they are entitled to only one (1) vote.

Appendix C:

Job Description Policy Manual

Remove:

6.01.01 (j) organize and oversee the production of the Orientation Week Video

Appendix D:

Job Description Policy Manual

Remove:

6.02.01 (c) organize and execute all academic events during Orientation Week, which include: Arts and Science Welcome Forum, Academics on West, Library Tours, Campus Mystery Tour, and Motivational Speaker

Add:

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Appendix E

Job Description Policy Manual

Remove:

6.04.01 (f) be responsible for coordinating busses for Pre-Week and Orientation Week

Add:

6.04.01 (f) be responsible for coordinating busses for Pre-Week

- omnibus of first four amendments passed unanimously – second reading to take place at next meeting
- L. Skellet: Does the next one only get one reading?
- T. Pel: Yes, because it's a job description.

Appendix F

Orientation Policy Manual

Remove:

4.02.03 one Association member at large

Add:

4.02.03 one Association member at large, if available

If all attempts to find a volunteer fail, the interview can proceed

- amendment passed (30 in favour, 5 against, 4 abstentions)

13. Discussion Period

- Athletic Sticks

- BEWIC Sports Day theme idea is Con Ed Confidential (“top secret” theme) – council members agree with them
- P. Stillman: Did you guys say themes?
 - K. Howald: Yes, but this is the main theme we wanted to see if council liked.
- D. Jones: How do we factor in the beards to the theme?
 - S. Jay: The beards are still there.
- J. Patterson: We should advertise the meaning of the theme, because at first I was unsure what it meant. Now it makes complete sense though.
 - K. Howald: We will do that.

14. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.