

## Minutes for CASG General Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

6:30pm, Senate Room

**Regrets:** Michelle Donaldson, AJ Pace, Matt Corluka, Mourad Soliman, Ashley Russell, Esther Tupper, Carlos Jimenez Alvarez, Adrien Leduc, Brittany Smyth, Aidan Loweth, Meera Chander, Marie-Josée Bergevin, Erik Halliwell, Jessica Ruston, Brad Hanes, Karen Williams, Chelsea Chan, Francis Wong, Luke Russell, Andrew Mossad, Steven Conrad, Mallory Briggs

**1. Call to Order 6:51**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Approved unanimously

**3. Approval of Past Minutes**

Approved unanimously

**4. President and VP Greetings & Reports**

**Matt Dick – VP Operations:** We are working on three big things that are happening this year. First, we are radically redoing the website. We bought a domain. Dean Tester is working on it. He designed it through a program that will make it interactive and it will be open soon. It will have forms for complains online. Second, once a month we will publish the Chronicle with stories of interest that involve Carleton students, academic life. The first one will be in the end of Octobers. You can sign up through connect. People are working on stories, if you are interesting in contributing talk to me. Finally, we would like to get to know what you want to happen with CASG. We are trying to expand as an organization. We want it to be a one step access to things about academics and issues. We believe we can make a difference. Instead of one person asking questions, we will have a bigger number of students asking it.

**Brandon Wallingford – VP Academics:** We are working on several important programs as well. First, we want public access to grades (averages) so every student can know where they are standing in a class. As well we would like to have public access to course syllabi. Finally, we are working on having a transcript of extra-curricular activities (all of your involvement in activities outside of the academics. Carleton University will be one of the frontrunners and spearheading it.

**Lydia Downing – VP Internal:** I am planning on being the coordinator of people: letting them know where meetings are, preparing them, and giving proper notices. I would also organize a pub night at one of the bars on Bank St. I did some work on updating the old website, but all of that stuff is moving anyway. I came up with an idea of putting up reports on the website. Other than that, I prepared list of representatives and it is placed on Google Docs now. In short, I would like to introduce more social events for all

representatives, so all of them could get to know each other in more social environment. We will have an off-campus pub night. I will also order more food for next time.

## 5. Introduction of Faculty Coordinators

**Guy Massie – FASS** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year CASG, history department representative; I got involved because I wanted to change some stuff, and that explains why I am here now. I am also the chair for Finance committee. I would like to fill in all of the seats. I would also like to ensure communication and help you be the best student rep you can be.

**Dean Tester – FPA** – It is really what to make for it, I did not know what I got myself into, but I ended up doing a review of curriculum in journalism, that I brought up to the attention of the faculty board, it is what you can do, so look out for those opportunities.

**Taryn Lloyd – FS** – If you have any concerns and questions let me know. There are a lot of opportunities to get involved. We work with students, so you have to let yourself known, be a representative of students in your program, let them know you are a rep.

**Jessica Lynch – FED** – I do not have much experience, but I can help. I will try as best I can to let all of the people know what is going on.

**James Splinter – CASG President:** Welcome Everyone, I just wanted to give some insight about myself and organization. I started in CASG as an Economics Rep, it was a good experience. Before that, in my second year, I was lost. I did not do well. After that, in my third year I decided to get involved. It was an experience that I would like to share with people to let them know that there are ways to get involved and make a difference. We are not useless. We are stressing out the opportunities that are in front of you. We are working on a lot of things like a database of course syllabi to let potential students know what their course is going to be like. We also want to create the database of students' input: how their courses are going and all opinions they might have. So in short, make the most out of your position, please do not do nothing. I look forward to working with you.

## 6. Question Period

**Michael Monks** – question about reviewing academic structure, can we discuss that at the next meeting to present this to university administration directed to Matt Dick

**Matt Dick** – yes, just to let you know everyone can include a motion and send it to Lydia.

**James Splinter**– if you have a question, please let us know, if we do not know they answer, it will go to SASC, and we will get answer to you.

**Michael Monks' follow-up question** – Were we asked for the opinion regarding restructuring? Should we notify them to let them know about what we are doing.

**Hashem Hamdy** – point of information, is it possible to share something, so it can be forwarded to all of the reps.

**Lydia** – yes, it was in my plans, but I do not want individual reps to submit reports, if you want to give a report please let me know I will include it in the agenda.

Follow up – how about a society event that we would like to share with other representatives?

**Lydia** – We can have announcements about that before our Council Meeting.

## 7. Business Arising

**Stephanie Brooks – Journalism** – There was no actual elections of Journalism reps this year and there were issues of transparency in choosing representatives.

**Lydia Downing** – Previously there were 2 seats, but journalism wanted to have more reps, we had problems with liaising with school of journalism and this is the outcome of this situation.

**James Splinter** - Please feel free to join electoral review committee

**Steven Kooy – Geography** – November 18 we have Geography Association event, please come.

**Nick Bergamini – CUSA** – Some information, we are a non-academic organization, but we want to work with CASG. What CUSA did so far is no age cap on student bus passes. We are involved in human rights week. Also, please come to Oliver's and Roosters, support student run businesses.

## 8. Business at Hand:

### 8.1 Motion to accept budget as presented for the 2009-2010 year. Moved by Matt Dick.

I drafted it, as we do not have VP Finance yet. You have received copy of budget in the mail. It was created based on previous numbers and extra research. I have described the costs that are in the budget. We have allocated a budget for facebook ads and special campaigns etc. Facebook ads are very handy because people will know who we are. As well, we are ordering water bottles for all of the reps.

Regarding Chronicle, we have an editor, but we did not have a hiring board. In the future it will be more transparent. Now, we need content and graphic designing, domain and hosting costs. In short, there are savings, we have grown as an organization, but we do not want to spend all of that money.

**Seconded by Brandon Wallingford.**

## Questions

Why did we buy a domain?

**Dean Tester** – There were problems with CCS and their services. We put a lot of effort to design the website, but it was not compatible, so we decided to buy a domain. It was not that expensive.

**Luke Siemens** – are all of the honorariums the same

**Michael Monks** – No, we decided that the president will get more, because he is a senator and has more responsibility.

**Eric - Greek and Roman Studies** – Are we able to produce other streams of revenue?

Matt Dick - there have been other previous years where we had merchandising and branded things on sale, but it was not cost effective. We are open if there are other ideas.

**Guy Massie** – to VP Operations, I know last year we had funding for people to do class talks; can we have a budget for it this year as well?

Matt Dick: if reps do more, we can appreciate that, there is money for reps that go above and beyond - budgets for appreciation, there are also money for coordinators.

Guy Massie: follow up, FASS has two faculty coordinators. We are also the biggest Faculty and how can we get only \$100?

**Matt Dick:** well, we can review it and accommodate for extra costs

Guy Massie: if we had a party or something

**Matt Dick:** yes, we can coordinate that

**Taryn Lloyd:** what is that for? Outreach/appreciation?

Matt: meeting costs, refreshments, it can be for the rep that goes above and beyond, it is your choice

**Guy Massie:** \$100 per faculty, I would like to make an amendment

**Taryn Lloyd:** if this is going toward a meeting with reps, is this the same amount of people between you?

**Guy Massie:** it is the biggest faculty, and the biggest amount reps, and I would like to have that accommodated for in the budget.

Brandon Wallingford: point of information: It says to be divided approx. \$100 per faculty. Approximately is the key word.

**Guy Massie:** I would like to make an amendment that FASS gets \$150

**Matt Dick:** this is just a budget you can change it during the year if you need extra money.

**Guy Massie:** I want it to be changed to \$150 for FASS and \$450 for all of the faculties.

The budget is amended: friendly amendment.

**Riham Elbadri** – If FPA has more meetings than FASS that money can go to the different faculty, increasing the amount does not increase the amount for a given faculty.

**Shahin Yazdani:** Can we get rid of the approx.?

**Matt:** this is a budget, if something arises we go to the committee, we have funds to allocate, if you know that the costs is arising, you create it in the budget, it is just a guideline.

Call to question, no amendment.

**Vote: unanimously to pass the budget.**

### **8.2 Motion to add new By-Law for Contracts**

**Moved by James Splinter:** There are sometimes reps that are for the resume, not to work, so I just wanted to make sure that a spot is not taken from the person who is willing to do a job, so I made contracts for positions.

**Seconded by Taryn Lloyd.**

**Brandon Wallingford:** motion to fix spelling errors.

**Hashem Handy:** Is there a mandatory committee assignment?

**James Splinter:** I will consider it, I don't think it is completely necessary.

**Amanda Thomas:** people who left already, when they will be able to sign it

**James Splinter:** if have till November 13 to sign this contract, we will send emails to remind you.

**Rob Nettleton:** Maybe this should say that it is certain amount of days after the election, that it needs to be signed.

**James:** Next year, they will know when nominated that this exists.

**Rihan Elbadri:** holder of the position by a majority of council, what is majority?

**James:** 50% of people present

**Matt Dick:** in constitution it is all specified

**Guy Massie:** wording section 2: list of qualities, can you please give rationale?

**James Splinter:** not all of the qualities you should have, there is a number of great qualities that I didn't put in.

**Guy Massie:** does seem to you that rational has many definitions.

**James Splinter:** standard definition, from a listed dictionary

**Brandon Wallingford:** I don't think whether we should have this section, propose the amendment to remove section 2 and renumber.

**Matt Dick:** point of information: this is a motion to do what

**Brandon Wallingford:** is the contract specified in the motion?

**Emile:** proposition to table the motion

**Matt Dick:** mechanism to appeals

**Lydia Downing:** review the contract and table the motion

**Rob Nettleton:** there is a lot of interpretive and subjective words that we could argue, can we send it to a committee and they would work on it, so next meeting, motion to refer the contract to a committee

**Motion to review it by a committee constitutional, seconded by Guy Massie**

**Michael Monks:** I agree, there is a lot of confusion, I don't think there is a point to vote on it, put it to committee

In favour to refer: 29, opposed 11

### **8.3 Motion to strike Committees**

**Rob Nettleton:** Which committee did we refer the last motion to?

**Matt Dick:** Governance

**Ayeila Daneshmend:** There are committees that are not taken care of, what we are doing about sexual assault support centre?

**James Splinter:** issues of sexual assault support are not within the mandate of CASG, but they are within the mandate of CUSA.

**Nick Bergamini (CUSA VP Student Issues):** sexual assault support issues are within CUSA's mandate, please come to us with your questions.

In favour: motion passes unanimously

**9. Adjournment 8:11pm**