

CASG GENERAL MEETING, March 24th, 2010.
6:30pm, Senate Room, Carleton University.

Call to Order. 6:47pm

1. Announcements from the Floor
No announcements
2. Approval of the Agenda
Approved unanimously
3. Approval of Minutes for the Last Meeting
Approved unanimously
4. Executive and Coordinator Reports
 - 4.1. President Report – James Splinter

This is my last meeting, so this report will be slightly different than normal. I am saying goodbye, this has been a long journey, but very important. I was lost and confused, and disappointed with the university administration, I almost dropped out. After a lot of thinking, I stayed, and I am here. It was a big struggle with me, dealing with depression and learning disability. I decided to stay and get involved anyway I could. I joined CASG, and I started to run on many committees. Past three years, I was a rep, FPA coordinator, and president. It has been an honour to serve Carleton and make this place a better place. I am happy to say that my dream came true, and I have been accepted to MA at Carleton. I hope you find inspiration in this, and your dreams will come true. It has been a stressful year. And I have been growing this year, and I will never forget this year and personal growth. I did do a lot of things I wanted to do. I was elected to Senate executive, and it meant a lot to me and CASG. I was also proud of it. I always fought for students to get as much as we could.

We reconfigured the office; it is a professional and working environment. A number of policies were implemented. Drop date was changed to the last day of classes. It will reduce number of fails. It made Carleton more competitive. Grading policies are under discussion lately. We are setting up focus groups for students to get involved. We have a new Electoral Code. We had excellent out of CASG meetings with coordinator, having these meetings was a great experience.

We had an excellent relationship with the administration. I have tried to have greater accountability and transparency with reports. We created a video about how to get to the office. CASG committee meetings were very successful this year. Thanks to Rob for working on the course outlines database.

Great work!

We have been helping students with their academic problems, sometimes less or more successful. I would like to thank all of you. I wish you all of the best. Improve year after year.

4.2. VPI Report – Taryn Lloyd

Thank you James for all your work on behalf of the council and executive. We have been working on the elections, descriptions of the positions. We worked on academic complaints coordinators. It took the changes to the Electoral Coded and posted them online. The Chronicle is already running.

4.3. VPO Report – Matt Dick

Website is doing awesome. We are holding focus groups. I want to talk about James story because it is incredible. CASG wasn't really created with students in mind. It started for a different purpose, but it has changed. This year was different from the previous ones. It was all about academics. We are really grateful, James, and want to thank you for that.

90% of work that we do, students will never know about it, but use it every day. Every single thing we do helps students. We fight changes in calculus, history minor, and public affairs. Most people do not know what happen in the background. We sacrifice our time. We fight with strength of character, even though your only benefit is a shirt, a water bottle and a pizza. We are truly incredible, and I am privileged to work with all of you. People who are reps are helping students on a daily basis.

4.4. FASS Coordinator Report – Paroma Ray and Guy Massie

Paroma: I am really touched to hear all of these speeches. The past couple of months have been awesome as always. This month I attended two FASS Curriculum Review Meetings where we discussed the option of history and French co-op programs. We also held a meeting a little over two weeks later in collaboration with the FPA where we discussed the proposals for Latin America and Caribbean Studies along with a proposal for a multidisciplinary IDS program. In addition, we also discussed B.A. Council Template for the New B.A. Degrees. This meeting was one, I thoroughly enjoyed. We moved the co-op proposals to the FASS Board Meeting, where they were approved. Also, at the FASS Board Meeting, we discussed issues with the proposed Academic Strategic Plan. Brian Mortimer attended this meeting and answered any and all questions/concerns. FASS found that appears to be a business type model where it does not put academic concerns first. Innovation is tied with entrepreneurship which presents a massive problem. So my Goals (before my leave as FASS Coordinator): write a potential write-up CASG on Carleton's syllabi, submit a proposal to the music dept (acknowledging BMus' instrument specialty)

Guy: Just to add to what Paroma said: we want to help people with the transition, and makes sure that at the FASS faculty meeting the motion on course syllabi will be put and approved.

4.5. FPA Coordinator Report – Dean Tester

Thank you for everyone who has been involved with the organization. There is a lot of work still to be done, and the candidates will be great for that. We are looking for a new dean for FPA, hopefully we will him/her by the end of the term. Strategic Academic plan – you can still comment, and put inputs, there is a link to submit your comments, if you

have any thoughts about the academic future of this university, let them know.

4.6. Science Coordinator Report – Andrew Kwai

The past couple of months have been really exciting. I attended a SFB, where Dr. Mortimer presented the CAP. There were some changes suggested by faculty to reword a few things, but nothing major was brought up. Enrolment in the Faculty of Science is up this year, with the Department of Chemistry going up by over 25%. This is most likely due to the addition of our two newest programs: Food Science and Nutrition and Nanotech.

At our rep meeting, we discussed the proposed calendar changes that are to be brought up at the next SCAP meeting. The general consensus was that any changes made to the calculus program would cause the courses to potentially be too easy. This is still open to discussion, and any feed back from anyone who has taken first year calculus would be appreciated.

Finally, I've been working on a project that will have a science representative sit as the Science Student Success Centre's academic advocate. Their resources limit them to helping individual students work out problems regarding study habits, time management, exam prep, etc... but don't have the resources to approach any course/program issues like we do. This partnership will allow both organizations to take advantage of what the other has to offer, allowing us to do our jobs better and more efficiently.

4.7. FED Coordinator Report – Jessica Lynch

No Report

5. Committee Reports

No Committee reports

6. Senate Report

James Splinter – There is a lot of great things happening in the Senate. If you are interested, please visit their website.

7. CUSA Report

Meera Chander: Girl Talk is coming. Buy tickets. They are \$3.

8. Question Period

No Questions

9. Motion to adopt CASG hiring policy

Matt Dick: moved by me! There is a motion for it with whereas clauses. There is a number of positions, we are taking into account: Editor in chief of Chronicle, media person, graphic designer, web coordinator, academic issues coordinator, academic campaign coordination. Who is in the hiring committee is also included in there. An important thing is that honoraries are determined by the budget. It is an open tender process, everything will be transparent. Everyone is eligible. We give preference for work studies, and Carleton students.

Moved by Matt Dick, seconded by James Splinter

Amanda Thomas: Was it already addressed why we need to hire someone?

Matt Dick: First of all, we will decide whether there will be any hiring at all. If we have someone to do it, we will use volunteer, but if we cannot find someone we will want to hire them, because we need someone who has certain skill set. We might not use every position every term. We can choose when there is a need for it.

Lydia Downing: Is the Chronicle running? Are there actual articles?

Matt Dick displays the Chronicle website on the screen

Taryn Lloyd: Just because we are putting hiring policy to have it, in case we need to, we are not hiring them yet.

Steven Kooy: Can we hire people that are on council or will we encourage volunteer?

Matt Dick: everyone wants to be paid, we are volunteer-based, and it sometimes turns out for us wrong, because we cannot hold them accountable.

Lydia Downing: how much money are we talking about paying those people?

Matt Dick: determined by the yearly budget, but there is no caps.

Lydia: can we determine whether people are reading the Chronicle, because there is no incentive to hire someone to run it if no one is reading.

Matt: it is not related to the hiring policy.

Taryn: the numbers (salary) will be determined by the council.

Lydia Downing: I think we are thinking out of order, we do not know whether we are hiring for any good reason.

Dean Tester: The Chronicle is a pilot project. People are not reading it because no one knows it exists. If there is someone working on it and it is paid for, then the momentum will be different. More things will be done rather than volunteer based. CASG can have a positive impact on Carleton.

Andrew Kwai: If we are looking for people that lets more people know that it exists.

Matt Dick: This is a hiring policy, it covers our basis. Next executive might say we do not need chronicle, no one will be hired. It is important to have a policy for that.

John McLaughlan: If we hire someone, is there something to say that we can fire them?

Matt Dick: Yes. If they are in violation of their contract.

Dean Tester: Does it create a situation that a hiring committee will hire and the executive might fire right away. It might be more responsible to have a hiring committee to fire and hire.

Matt Dick: Technically, that can happen. If that happens, they will not be in the executive for a long time. If you hire someone, you will be extremely reluctant to say that you screwed up and fire them.

Taryn Lloyd: They have to be in violation of a contract, so there needs to be a concrete rationale to fire someone.

Motion to adopt CASG hiring policy, two opposed, motion passes.

10. Motion to accept amended CASG by-laws and policies.

Moved by Matt Dick, Seconded by James Splinter

Matt Dick: At the last meeting, we voted to remove VPFA, what should I have included in that motion is the change all according policies. In the documents you received, you have track changes, so you can read it. They are all in your mailboxes. The only real change, except of gelling things, we added campaigns committee, to committee polices. Substantial change: bylaws: quorum for the committee, 4 if the president is not there, or 3 if he or she is there, change to 3 general. That is changed because there are only 4 executives now.

Andrew Kwai: Can it cause the 3 executives to impeach the president?

Matt Dick: The percentages are the same. 3 VPs can vote down the president even now.

James Splinter: Change Call to all
Considered friendly amendment

Vote on the Motion to accept amended CASG by-laws and policies, passed unanimously

11. Review of the CASG spending to date

Presented by Matt Dick

You have received the data through email. These are the main expenditures that we have had this last year. Proposed expenses, actual, we are under budget under everything. We did not use any directors. We do not know how to spend that much money because it is ridiculous; we are under budget for food. We do not spend more than we need. We were supposed to be \$18,000 we will spend probably only \$14,000; we have \$16,000 in savings. I think we need to spend more money. Think about this in the summer. How we can spend more money. Should we run town halls, focus groups, we have resources to do that. In the future, there may be a desire to run a levy, we need to do more things to have the basis to keep all of these things going. We have a buffer on what to spend money for. For more info, check out the website.

11.1. Discussion and questions to the presentation on spending
Alex Golovko – Why we cannot put the extra \$5,000 into the Chronicle. What is the point of collecting this money, if we could have run promotion for it.

Andrew Kwai – What needs to be done is to raise the awareness. How about orientation week joint with CUSA, tell them about CASG. Organize a concert to go with it, even if you do not have academics on your mind, the students will remember our name

Michael Monks – We should buy lanyards.

Allison Elwell – Clear community within CASG is what is lacking. There are still reps I do not know. I think it is kind of a shame, we are not really friends, and people feel distant, we should have a pub night or something.

James Splinter – I really wanted to built stronger community, there are people here I do not even know. This year Paroma and Guy were creating these meetings where we could talk about academic issues. And I would like to see more meetings like that were you can actually talk to people and get to know each other, rather than big meetings like this.

Allison Elwell – It is hard to outreach to students if we do not really know who we are.

12. Executive and Coordinator Candidate Presentations

CEO – Matt Dick

Matt Dick motions to work through points backwards. Hashem Hamdy seconded, motion passes.

***Please note, candidates have a total of 10 minutes to make their presentation and then a maximum of 10 minutes for questions and comments from the council. Followed by a ten minute maximum closing speech.

12.1. Any representative vacancy fillings

Lydia Downing – I am running for the Physics representative position. I am in Engineering, under the Faculty of Science. I have experience the remainder is not long, goes with election.

Proxies cannot vote: point of info – James Splinter.

12.2. Science Coordinator

Andrew Kwai - I am also running for a VPA, my rationale is that I am running the project with SSSCA I need the spot to close the deal, there is also a scat meeting I want to be involved it. I need this to get house cleaning done. I will resign Science coordinator in the end of September if I get VPA.

12.3. FPA Coordinator

Alex Golovko, Hashem Hamdy

Alex Golovko – Hello CASG, I am in second year of political science, concentration in international relations with minors in law and Spanish. I am an international student. I lived in 10 countries and I am fluent in 5 languages. In the past 2 years, I was involved with many Carleton organizations: ISSO and CASG. I was in CUSA elections; I was not disqualified, I simply did not win. I was happy to meet a lot of people. Instead of criticising I would like to improve the organization, making myself available, attend required meetings. I would like to organize monthly meeting to tackle general concerns before a general meeting. I would like to see the reps to work as much as the executives, and be more aware of the work that we do. I would like to improve the process to have general meetings smaller, and have more faculty meetings. Finally, the monopoly of power is currently witnessed at Carleton. I think it is great to see many people to be involved. The problem I see is lack of productivity, if someone is involved in many things and the time commitment is not enough.

Questions – none

Closing Statement - Alex Golovko – Thank you for your attention. Diversity, accountability, transparency. Vote Alex!

Lydia Downing – I want to get approved.

Matt Dick – Technically the seat can be filled only twice at the representative elections and executive elections, and can be filled as a vote of the council. We can do that, but someone has to bring an emergency motion.

Andrew Kwai – The reason it is done like this is that it is not fair for someone to walk into meetings and decide on the executive.

Adam Dewar: What Lydia is asking for is automatic? Was there a precedent like this before?

Matt Dick looks for the information, the meeting continues with the process until he finds it.

Hashem Hamdy - I am a policy rep. In my time at Carleton, it has always been my focus. I have been in contact with faculty through the Carleton Political Science society. I got to know in and out of the faculty. It requires someone with experience, and seniority to fill this position. My involvement and the commitment is through proven, I have been a rep for 2 years at CASG. I want a regular schedule of meetings, and I want to make sure that FPA reps are coming to faculty board meetings. Because someone is extremely involved assumption is ludicrous. I have been involved in a lot of things and I feel that I put a lot of work into every position I hold. I think that assumption is unfair.

Alex Golovko – I would like to apologize, if Hashem felt offended by my point. I feel that I needed to say that without pointing fingers at anyone.

Adam Dewar - given your experience, what was the advantage to represent students in CUSA and CASG.

Hashem Hamdy – I think it is a valuable experience to merge a lot of people.

Allison Elwell – How can you characterize your relationship with students with different ideological stance?

Hashem: I think I am good relationship with people, I think CASG should be ideology free.

Allison: How many public affairs meetings did you attend? Question to both candidates.

Alex: 3 out of 5

Hashem: I went to 2, I am not aware of how many there was

Guy: I want to speak in favour of Hashem

Hashem: I think I am a candidate with a necessary attitude. I have the will power, and the skill to represent the FPA.

Rob: endorsement of Alex. I think it is important to add different perspective to the mix. I like Hashem and all.

12.4. FASS Coordinator (2 seats available)
Jessica Lynch, Rebecca Warmington, Paroma Ray

12.4.1. Jessica Lynch – I have been a FASS representatives, FED coordinator. I know these are very different positions, however, it made me realize that there is many issues I want to deal with. I want more people to show up, and to get them involved. I would like to make people aware of what is going.

12.4.2. Paroma Ray – I am speaking in favour of both candidates, they are both knowledgeable and awesome. My goals are a bit different. I would like to finish what I started at the Department of Music and the syllabi database; I would like to continue doing, so I would like to put my candidature. In September I will step down if I will finish those tasks.

Andrew Mossad - How long this syllabi database will take?

Paroma - I would like to set up a write up, and the motion to go through.

John McLaughlan – How do we fill this seat, if Paroma resigns in September?

Matt Dick – By election, after the new reps are elected.

12.4.3. Rebecca Warmington - I am a FASS rep. I am a Humanities and Biology student. I am very excited to be here. I think I would be a good candidate because of a cross interdisciplinary degree I am in. I really want to get people involved; I want to encourage people to come, and yay!

Taryn Lloyd – I would like to speak in favour of Rebecca. I think she would be great.

Adam Dewar – If you were a tree, what would you be?

Rebecca – Sugar Maple

Rebecca – I have also a lot of experiences on campus and around. I am job shadowing with a doctor here on campus. I volunteer with CIDA, Humanities Society. I was an MVP for a baseball team as a pitcher.

Heather Page – I want to speak in favour of Rebecca.

Rebecca – If you do not vote for me, vote for Paroma.

12.5. VP Operations

Taryn Lloyd

12.5.1. Taryn Lloyd – I want to talk about a lot of things that I want to happen next year: promotions, more posters, an actual campaign, I want reps to do talks and be involved, and show people what we are actually doing. Give out handouts during the frosh week. Work with CUSA if they would like to work with us. I would like to have a more holistic outlook and work with Learning Support Services, Student Academic Success Centre. I know some people are not really happy with the services on campus, and I would like to get to those people. I would want to get stuff in the main banner of Carleton to bring people maybe to guest lectures etc. on something related to CASG banner.

Andrew Mossad – Can you talk a bit more on the lecture series?

Taryn – I am from neuroscience, but I want to get anybody. This can be done everywhere where you can talk to students. There is a lot of people to would like to speak, but not enough students.

Andrew Mossad – Would it be a joint thing?

Taryn – I want to see departments support us, and I think they would. We could also form partnerships with other people.

Adam Dewar – I would like to enforce Taryn because she is great. Please make sure to not bring inflammatory speakers.

Taryn – I would like to see someone that people are interested in. I will try to keep it as tame as I can. Please contact me, if you want to see someone. I am looking forward to see CASG on the main page.

12.6. VP Academic

Guy Massie, Andrew Kwai

12.6.1. Guy Massie - So I had a pleasure and a privilege to be a FASS coordinator, and I was a rep. I am sure I would not make a good president, but Academics I feel I have a lot to give. 3 years ago I had a really bad time; I got 3Ds and almost failed. Through support services I came back and for the first time I am actually having good marks. I think we should work on the cooperation with support services. We just got an email that 30% of funds might go into pensions, and I want to do student academic rights website. I want to unite all of the services together and show where people can go if they have any problems. I think it is a good idea to promote CASG. I also think it is important to hold administration accountable, that people will know what is happening, and make students aware of that. We were preparing for Academic Plan. It is not the coincidence that is coming when the budget is falling. We need to be innovative and offer interdisciplinary stuff. That is what I want to support. Carleton is proud of interdisciplinary angle. I would want to work to make sure to not cut back on administrative promises like the ones in the academic plan. I also want to push the sexuality studies program. I want to get this GLBTQ minor going. I think the sexuality studies encompass a lot of GLBTQ interests. Also, it is hard to get the academic society off the ground. We can help them with the organization, and provide them with funds. I think a lot of people will be interested in it. Administration will try to reduce expenditures, and I would like to know that the students are represented in administration. With your support, we will be able to do that.

12.6.2. Andrew Kwai: I am also running for science coordinator. I do not want to monopolize this organization. I have been watching the reps. As a Science coordinator, I did not experience all of it, and I was there for 3 months only. I communicated with the representatives. I wanted to get out my name and name of the organization in the community. I wanted to talk to faculty to see how they see it. There is a different world that students are not always aware of. I think I gained a lot of credibility as a member of this organization. I got supported by the faculty. I showed up to a meeting that I was not invited to and the faculty was really happy to see us. I spoke up on behalf of what I really stand for, and it involved curriculum change as a result of high school changes. The motion still carried, unfortunately. A lot of people thanked me for the consideration, and said that there is a lot of things need to be changed.

I know I helped some of you guys, and I know that people see me seriously. I have been working on the websites, with all of the execs. It is something that I am doing on the side, because I believe that promotion is really necessary. It takes some problem solving skills to work the website stuff to solve problems find alternate solution. Finally it is up and running after a lot of hours of work. After high school I did a lot of leadership. I was chosen to be a prefect, just like a Harry Potter. I gained a lot of experience. 3 months into the school year, it was a big deal. I want the course syllabi on the website. Faculty of Science is behind me, it get it up running as soon as possible. Nobody likes to drop a class, so it will help people to know ahead of time. I want to involve coordinators and representative, I want to get a academic thing for every faculty, get advertisements. If elected I will do my best. I am a teacher on my job on the weekends; I have a lot of experience with psychology of learning.

12.6.3. Questions:

Adam Dewar – What is your experience with ombudsman services?

Guy Massie – I sit on academic appeal committee. We regularly contact the ombudsman. We need to make sure that people know we have an ombudsman person.

Andrew Kwai – I do not have any experience. I do not have any excuses for that.

Hashem Hamdy – I would like to speak on Guy’s behalf. He is fantastic, committed. I really feel that he is someone to get behind everyone. I generally get the feeling for Guy that he is behind students. I feel very confident to support him.

James Splinter: I would like to speak in favour of both candidates. Guy is very open minded. Andrew works very well, on the website and all the things.

Robert Nettleton – What are your goals for the 2 new positions on academic complaints?

Andrew Kwai – They are great positions. I heard about them a lot. They deal with specific actions, campus wide academic concerns. They are there to be used. My plan is to use them as much as possible, hold office hours, and compensate for their job. CASG should run campaigns in collaboration with VPO, I worked on a lot of things with Taryn, and there is a lot of details that need to be taken care of. Let me to work with Taryn. Campaign is not my strong suit, but I think me and Taryn work well, and we will do the job.

Hashem Hamdy – I do not know much about positions, but they have great acronyms. We get involved with students so they know they can have a voice and we are here to help them and we are a salient organization.

Matt Dick – VPA position calls for great organizational skills. Can you give a best

example of a situation where you used these skills?

Andrew – I worked in a summer camp program, and we strive to be the best in Ottawa. I work with the director to set up the best program. Managing 24 10-year-olds is quite hard. I worked before I organized programs that evolved around personal growth.

Guy - I had the experience as FASS coordinator, we had a lot of communication back and forth with faculty and directors. The last year I was preparing myself to work as FASS coordinator, I did not realize how much work to do, we came up to 19 departments and get to know them over last summer. We ensured that we have vast amount of constituencies filled. I had a lot of supervisor positions. I was as a security guard and I developed with my employer plans how to help that organize things. My room is still a huge mess, but other than that I organized my email and all. And I keep CASG stuff in one place.

Vincent Kent Lee – I would like to support Andrew. I met him as first year rep for science, and he is a great candidate.

Adam Dewar - ombudsperson is the first thing that you should know how to deal with, he is the only employee that will deal with problems of students, the question is how quickly you would like to establish the link with that person

Andrew Kwai – That would be the first email I send out. No toying about it.

Guy Massie – It is the first thing I would like to do. Talk to Flanagan, and other people involved.

Brandon Wallingford – Role of the VPA is filling in seats in committees. Lately we had a lot of problems to fill them up for many reasons what you would do to avoid that?

Guy - the identification of all of these committees and filling these spots is quite hard to do, and a complex problem, I think we need to get students involved, and motivate them.

Andrew – We need to get the word out to get these seats filled. ACNAC positions are there to fill up these spaces. There is no reason to not get this word out even at council, so it could be filled out. We have the means of communications we should use it.

Brandon Wallingford – I support Guy. As much as I respect Andrew and his work. I think Andrew's contribution were great in this organization.

12.6.4. Closing Statements:

Andrew – I think everything that needed to be said was said. Get back to me if you

have any additional questions.

Guy – I think whatever happens next year, we will have great executive. I wish Andrew good luck in elections. I want to reemphasize the work done and thank all of you for work.

12.7. VP Internal

Kirsten Strom, Paroma Ray

12.7.1. Paroma Ray - Hi CASG Council Members, Fellow Coordinators, and Executive.

I'm finishing up my second year in the Bachelor of Music Honours program. I ask you to please consider me as your CASG Vice President Internal.

Having been active with CASG for the past two years as a FASS first year representative and promoted to a FASS Coordinator, I feel that I have gained the relevant knowledge, experience, and more importantly, the skill-set to comprehend the structure and the internal workings of this organization.

Having closely worked with both amazing VPIs Lydia Downing and Taryn Lloyd, I feel that I have a good understanding of the VPI position and I believe that I possess the qualities that render me the ideal candidate for this position. Through my role as CASG FASS Coordinator, I feel that I not only know, but I fulfill what is expected of me as a CASG representative, and potential member of the CASG executive.

A VPI is responsible for coordinating academic student representation for both Carleton and its' Student Senate. That is, it would be my responsibility to recruit, train, and manage all of the CASG reps with use of a training session (to be held in early October). Having been a FASS Coordinator, I have been responsible for contacting (give or take) all thirty representatives, recording their attendances, and informing them of meeting times and dates, attending Faculty Board Meetings, CASG General Meetings, and the FASS Academic Curriculum Review Committee Meetings. Not to mention, as of Tuesday, I was just named one of three FASS Student Senators.

As a person, I am very fond of individuals who bring originality to the group - I am here to assist, and to listen. I strive to make our meetings short and as sociably fulfilling as possible while also maintaining a discipline to ensure our agenda is complete. I'm responsible, hard working, dedicated, organized, independent, ambitious, and determined. I'm friendly, approachable, and available to connect with you, feel free to contact me.

What I want to implement is the stronger focus on Faculty Rep Meetings. In our recent FASS Rep Meeting we all agreed on wanting to focus more on rep bonding between the faculty itself rather than sit through CASG General Meetings. As well, I want to make CASG General Meetings short and sweet through having motions passed through online vote, and putting a stronger emphasis on the importance of committee meetings. I want to update the manual by personalizing it for every faculty. It will be made into a form of a hardcopy booklet and will also be posted online for interested students and/or potential candidates. Moreover, I want to get CASG on Carleton syllabi: this way students know where to voice their academic issues, and it can be used as a means of promotion during election period. I want to

propose additions to the website in addition to posting the manual online, I would like to include minutes from Dept Meetings, Faculty Board Meetings, and Committee Meetings. Finally, I would like to improve link between Carleton and CASG through getting volunteers in the summer, making a deal with CUSA for distributing CASG pamphlets in Frosh packs, getting CASG more involved on academic orientation day, creating more volunteer opportunities for students to get more involved, having coordinators submit a memo to Faculty introducing themselves and CASG, and having coordinators approach students already part of an academic society.

As VPI, I will tend to the needs of the organization and try my personal best to amend any tweaks to have the government running smoothly. I will ensure that the agenda, minutes, meetings in general will all be taken care of. I will also do my best to take into account people's schedules to arrange meeting times that convenes the majority. I am currently and will continue to educate myself on all of CASG's policies, bylaws, and constitution, so that if ever one were to ask I'd be able to respond without hesitation.

I sincerely loved and thoroughly enjoyed serving CASG for the past two years and I hope to do so for my remaining years here at Carleton U. I thank you for your time, respect, and patience and I hope you make your vote Paroma Ray your VPI for CASG.

12.7.2. Kirsten Strom – I am a student in political science and human rights. I worked for a US democratic senator. I combined past and current data for him. I was the key person in implementing this plan. As a thank you, I was asked to come for the inauguration of President Obama. I was also a co-chair for the Relay for Life. We were able to fundraise \$48,000. Relay For Life was a great experience in event planning, and group organizing. I was a floor rep in her first year of university. Thanks to the RRRRA Parliamentary Hill Internship Program, I have worked as and administrative assistant for MP Sukh Dhaliwal since her first year. I currently assist him while he heads the Northern and Western Caucus meetings. I am also a member of the Board of Directors for the Carleton Political Science Society and have numerous experiences in political elections. I would like to organize the CASG so that reps can provide a better student academic experience. I would like to better engage faculty coordinators and the representatives that they work with, streamline meetings through pre-arranging with members of the council any issues to be covered and tasks to be done followed by detailed reports, facilitate effective modes of communication with all members of the CASG, and, finally, improve communication and interaction between reps and faculties.

12.7.3. Questions:

Hashem Hamdy – Have you been involved with campus as a whole. Can you tell us about your experience?

Kirsten - The biggest experience was Relay for Life. I was a finance chair and coordinated with other people. The skill I had to use the most was effective

communication.

Paroma – I have been a part of many ensembles. I collaborated with my sister on the program on leukemia. I was also involved in Frosh, departmental orientation with FASS.

Hashem – Sometime things do not run smoothly. Can you give us an account of when that happened and how you reacted.

Paroma – Than you for your question. Some reps are active and some are not. Some people are contributing and some are not. I do what I can to make that work. I have the people skills, If I see something that is not working, I want to make it work.

Kirsten – We had some hiccups with Relay for Life. A lot of them were resolved through putting them into perspective at the moment. Seeing where you want to go with the people who work with you.

Andrew – As a VPI, you deal with many internal issues. Policy making will sometime get really annoying. What problem do you see within this organization, and tell us how you want to address it.

Kirsten – Awareness of the broader campus is very important. Election within a council makes sense for what the CASG is doing.

Paroma – I agree with Kirsten. I also feel strongly about representatives who are a very big thing to our organization. I know we have a lot of representatives that are very committed and I want to see it all of them.

Brandon Wallingford – There were problems with rep elections this year, what would you do to avoid it in the future.

Paroma - Last couple of months there was controversy and lack of professionalism, and I know that some of these things with the organization could have been done better. I had representatives have come up to me and wondered about stuff. I do not think that we should be involved in campus politics and have the elections as equal and possible.

Brandon – my question was about representative elections

Kirsten – two words: promotion, awareness

Taryn Lloyd – How do you actually plan to do this?

Paroma – What we were trying to do with it. I hope to implement teachers nomination of the representatives. If we all as coordinators went to academic societies, it would be a good start to ask them whether they have someone that

wanted to be a rep.

Kirsten – I want the people to mingle with each other. We should have an event together.

Adam Dewar – Political dynamic on campus is important. How would you improve the organization relationship with two organizations we had problems with: CUSA and GSA?

Kirsten – We should be involved with CUSA. In cases where they should be involved, we should ask them. I have never been involved with GSA.

Paroma – I think we should discuss it within us, to have more opportunities to get involved together. It is a good thing that we overlap with some of the CUSA issues. I think it is a really good thing. CUSA and CASG politics are different.

Taryn - if you are not successful are you going not to drop the FASS position, Paroma?

Paroma - If I don't get this position, I will still give up FASS coordinator position.

12.7.4. Closing statements:

Kirsten - You heard my ideas, I will be a new fresh voice and I will bring new ideas to make this organization sustainable

Paroma - I will be great. I put a lot of thought into this position, I really love this organization.

12.8. President

Brandon Wallingford, Heather Page

12.8.1. Heather Page

I will keep it very short because it is late. I was a co-chair of Relay for Life. I am involved in political science student society. I was also a CASG representative. I have been working in committees on representative contracts, electoral review. I have a strong relationship with the community. I volunteered for a senator of the hill. I have a lot of experience in organizing, following deadlines, and teamwork.

12.8.2. Brandon Wallingford

I was going to make a statement about the email sent by James Splinter previously. It was regarding the reputation of the organization. I will actually not make this statement. I will be sending something to reps to show my standpoint on this matter. I will just address how to make this organization a better organization. I have been heavily involved in CASG under director, VP academic, and VP finance and administration, There has been complaints with me for those positions, I was not a

good VPA I admit to it, but I think I was a good VPFA, however. I was involved in advocacy for students, communications and benchmarking committee, how university communicates with you and other students.

Regarding senate meetings, I rely on Matt and James to provide me with information when these are held. I often did not get all of the information. We did a lot of good things this year: course syllabi database, making changes for the mature students. The first goal I have is the full representation on council. I like to see 90% seats filled in the first run. I want most of the committees to be run in the first month. I want to look carefully again at the decision of removal of the VP FA position. I know people do disagree with me. I think if someone is doing things wrong then probably there is something not working out. I want to look to get someone to be overseeing the office. I want to bring it back to where it was, a lot of ties were cut off and we were not able to link back with these links. Move it from what we got, and do the next year much better. I want to make sure that we will coordinate next year much better. There is a lot of concerns about my performance and I would like to address these issues individually. I think I have the experience, and knowledge of the organization. I think I have a plan that will bring this organization to represent students effectively, fairly, and bring it to a place where CASG representative is known and is doing it effectively. Consider voting for me. I understand if you have any reservations.

12.8.3. Questions

Rob Nettleton – I want to make sure to clarify that people who left the VP position took the job that they were not able to do. It is a shame that you say that you are not into academics because CASG is all about academics.

Brandon - In the beginning of the year, I started on working a committee on student: CCR, I sat on this committee, but we get successfully passed that project. I was involved in other committees, I took over the organization of committees after past VPI because she was too busy. I was heavily involved with them. Once I switched over to VPFA, I took care of the shambles of books we had. Going back further was even more complicated. I updated it, and created excel spreadsheets. These are some of the things that I did. I even paid work studies. It is controversial but whatever.

Allison Elwell – CASG office was previously used for CUSA elections. Political issues were dealt inside there. How do you want to make CASG office non partisan?

Brandon Wallingford - CASG is unpartisan. And there were people going back and forth during elections but I want to keep it unpartisan.

Heather Page - I would like to stop to it. CASG resources are not made for CUSA elections.

Allison Elwell - Brandon you have a specific relationship with CUSA and CFS. As a president will you keep that stance?

Brandon - I do not consider CUSA membership as a part of CFS as something putting me away from working with them.

Heather - Students are the most important. We should work with them to promote CASG, I do not think it should ever appear.

Amanda Thomas – Brandon, you are a student senator who rarely attends the Senate meetings which are very rare. That raises a concern to me, how do you plan to fulfill the role of the president if you are not able to miss classes for the senate meetings.

Brandon - the way I looked at it, was that there was a lot of executives on the senate representing also me. I think it was more advantageous.

Amanda – There is only 12 spots, and you have one of them. You should regard it as a privilege.

Heather – I can skip some classes for a good balance of CASG and school work.

Matt Dick – Is CASG going in a right direction?

Brandon - yes, I would like to move away from some of the pretentious issues, that we had problems with. We are moving towards a good relationship with CUSA, administration, and other organizations and that is great.

Heather - yes, it could have happened a little bit quicker but we will see what happens next year

John McLaughlan – If not elected?

Heather - I will look into being a representative.

Brandon – CASG has been a home for a lot of students that have not been represented by many organizations on campus. It transcends a lot of other political bullshit. Excuse my language. I would have not met my friends if I was not a part of this organization.

Adam Dewar – I have two questions regarding extraction of the organization from the political ideologies. 2 questions: do you promise to abstain from CUSA related activities, do you also promise to extract the organization in its entirety out of CUSA political matters?

Heather - probably, yes

Brandon - probably, yes

Guy Massie – Both candidates are really great. Heather as a coordinator. It was very

honest that Brandon came up and admitted that he made some mistakes. If he is committed he is committed. I will let the electorate to decide I will personally vote for him.

James Splinter - obviously there was a lot issues with CFS, CUSA, alcohol. I wish him a great work in the future. Is this a kind of thing we can expect next year, is there something I can believe in?

Brandon Wallingford - I do not know whether there is something you can believe in. I hold my word; I will not engage myself in CFS and CUSA politics. I am sorry if you do not believe me. I am making my pledge here and I hope you will believe me.

Andrew – Do you feel your contract was rightfully terminated?

Brandon - I don't think so, I think there was a lot of issues.

Heather - I do not have more to say, we had 20 minutes of questions. I think we are both good people, and I wish Brandon lots of luck.

Brandon – you all heard the questions, and the answers, so you have all of the tools to make your decision. I will let you know with an email to clarify some of the things. I do not expect to win. Regardless of my past performance, I will be a good a president. And I hope next year will transcend some of the issues we had last year.

13. Explanation of online voting process

James Splinter

Voting 6:30 tomorrow PM. Run for 4 days: at 2AM. Tomorrow you will get people's names, write-ups at 3pm, up on the website. The longest write-up goes at the bottom.

14. Other business

There might be a meeting in the summer, we will keep you posted.

15. Adjournment 10:10