

**CASG General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**  
**Senate Room (RO 608)**  
**6:00PM – 8:27PM**

- 0.0 Announcements from the floor / Presentations
- 1.0 Eric Faculty of Public Affairs
  - 1.1 Carleton university to offer 3 year online law degree; directing faculty not to offer anymore CUTV courses due to concern over quality of degree. Concerned over reputation of department should online degree pass.
- 2.0 Call to order
- 3.0 Approval of Past Minutes (March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 and October 27<sup>th</sup> 2010)
  - 3.1 Minutes approved
- 4.0 Executive Greetings & Reports
  - 4.1 President: Heather Page
    - 4.1.1 Not a lot going on with CASG, after the last motion concerning supporting the unions has been passed, not a lot has been going on. Working on establishing a fund to apply for grants to pursue academic issues on campus.
  - 4.2 VP Internal: Paroma Ray
    - 4.2.1 Been working on website, including vacancies within the government, updated committee minutes on the website.
  - 4.3 VP Academic: Guy Massie
    - 4.3.1 Rain is snow. Academic integrity awareness campaign completed for this term. Reached 420 students through class talks. Next phase to continue class talks in next term, including tabling. Raffle for an e-reader. Statement on privatization on international student
    - 4.3.2 Mandated on motion Navitas not in the best interest for this university. Potential effects on the image of quality of academics at Carleton University, public space being used to generate profits, experience of SFU, most recruitment from China. Genuine desire to recruit international students or just money? Navitas question: when will issue come before senate? Likely going to be around March. Will let everyone know.
  - 4.4 VP Operations: Taryn Lloyd
    - 4.4.1 Last years spending budget prepared, re-vamping budget for this year. Promotions committee, volunteers committee, only a few students interested in becoming volunteers. Will be used to help with class talks, promotions etc.
- 5.0 Coordinator Greetings & Reports
  - 5.1 FASS Coordinators: Jessica Lynch and Rebecca Warmington

- 5.1.1 Contingency plans; little was said re:students, unsure as to what amnesty would be. SPAM: plans to demolish and rebuild Paterson building. Lack of student space well received by students. Navitas; potential effects. Art History looking to make changes to undergrad curriculum. Changed from 3 – 2 required courses per year (2 in first term, 3 in second) to 2 -2. More time for teachers to prepare and research. Will involve cutbacks. Honors will require 9 courses instead of 10. Would require everyone in arts department to change degree.
- 5.2 FPA Coordinator: Alexander Golovko
  - 5.2.1 Senate meeting approved elimination in concentration in European and Russian studies. Change is facing poli sci department aswell, not just international relations stream. Admin claims that most students take higher stream very few take the more general stream regardless.
- 5.3 FED Coordinator: Josh Coulbeck
  - 5.3.1 Met with all reps, next training on Thursday, minor calendar changes. Possible name changes. Looking forward to review committee, department committee also next semester.
- 5.4 Science Coordinator: Andrew Kwai
  - 5.4.1 Nothing noteworthy, change from neuroscience into FASS, neuro program has been removed away from psyc bio, now bio and neuro
- 5.5 Business Coordinator: Katie Pagnello
  - 5.5.1 Everyone in full support for another student on the board. SPROTT pushing towards excellence in competition, doing well. Next year will be hosting academic case conference. Big deal.
- 6.0 Committee Greetings & Reports
  - 6.1 Governance Review Committee: James Armbruster- academic initiative fund groundwork has begun. Purpose to enable CASG to fund academic societies. Still in preliminary stages, attendance has been an issue. So far only him and to other students have been attending meetings.
  - 6.2 Promotions and Advertising Committee: Jesse Lutertz – one meeting thus far, committee updating twitter and FB, poster design contest in preliminary stages, will send out myCarleton email announcement. CASG Q&A in atrium winter semester
  - 6.3 Volunteer and Director Committee: Omar Bainto – nothing
  - 6.4 Campaigns Committee: Ruba Khan- one meeting thus far, attendance has been an issue. First campaign is Navitas letter. Reforming prof evaluation forms, add section to add comments as opposed to section on the back. Encourage more feedback. Academic integrity campaign, will continue to do more work next term. Committee chair has been elected.
  - 6.5 Financial Review Committee
- 7.0 Senate Reports and Senate Committee Reports: Cynthia Melo (provided by Guy Massie)

- 7.1 Academic Amnesty Motion; intended to be put on agenda of Oct 29, was not. Appeared during last Fridays meeting. Unanimous vote approving the content of the motion be tabled and the exec committee consider the substance of the motion and delegate it to appropriate sub committee. How will student be protected during future labour disruptions? Curriculum changes discussed, Eurus, SPOTT, the Remembrance Day observance, the admin would ask professors to include a minute of silence, motion passed. Mental Health and addictions strategy discussed as well.
- 7.2 Dr. Mortimer – coordinating approval of all curriculum changes. References to removing concentration on political science? These changes have not been approved. The problem of having several concentrations is the obligation to provide classes for all students in all concentration.
- 7.2.1 Why don't we limit the choices as opposed to removing all choices?
- 7.2.2 We can! And intend to. Pruning is appropriate.
- 7.2.3 Delroy: acknowledge benefit of removing some of concentrations. Other options?
- 7.2.4 Suggest recommended patterns of courses is a possible solution. Have noticed patterns in courses, suggest marking out these choices.
- 7.3 Chair of international recruitment. Suggestion outside contractor would be brought in to look after ESL etc., we've looked at how we do recruitment now, where students end up on campus, and understand what problem would be solved by using private company. Have discovered a number of truths after investigation. A lot of mobility of students in the world in the millions, this number is increasing. Most popular destination is US, 21%, Canada at 4%. This number is twice as big as expected. Numbers are changing. Other factors coming into play. Many countries used to be exit places like India, are now exhibiting such less high attrition rates. Carleton has 4<sup>th</sup> highest international student population in Ontario. Has biggest representation of international students within the student population. As measured my VISAS, and permanent residents. Are not Canadian citizens but have VISAS. These students may still require help with transitions. Large grad students international population. In middle of pack in terms of international grad student population. University has increased international student population by 17%, mostly in engineering and design. Do not spread themselves uniformly across the university. If we only agree to double the number of international students within 5 years, 60% of the computer science students would be international students. Only 9% in arts and social science. Business and engineering & design largest percentage of international students. 28% Chine, 8% Nigeria, US, Bangladesh etc. 3%. Much of the percentage of international students not represented. We recruit students from ALL OVER THE WORLD. Carleton University has high quality international students. High retention rate among international students compared to domestic students. International students all graduate after 4 years. Want to attract students to areas

which do not exhibit high levels of international students. Wide variety of citizenship.

7.4 Questions for Dr. Mortimer:

7.4.1 Meera: what are top three universities in Canada for international recruitments?

7.4.1.1 Not sure. In Ontario all universities have agreed on common format for data.

7.4.2 Delroy: why Carleton encouraging students not to go into less lucrative areas?

7.4.2.1 We're still not sure how we're going to do that. Don't want to attract students under a false pretence. We shouldn't be diverting students away from fields which will result in lucrative careers. Try to recruit students who are better funded, like Europe

7.4.3 Because international student doesn't have room to move, did the working group consider these implications? Could this be the reason the international students have such a high retention rate?

7.4.3.1 Yes these things are true, however international students may also have a lot of mobility. We haven't spoken to enough students at that level about that question. May find international students who in fact find it very easy to move. Not interested in understanding why people DON'T move.

7.4.4 Martha: many of the international students cite the integration with domestic students as a huge reason as to why they chose Carleton University.

7.4.4.1 We should consider why students choose Carleton University as opposed to other schools. We don't KNOW why students are here.

7.4.5 Dustin: any consideration to follow up with students who have not returned to Carleton University? Ask them why?

7.4.5.1 Students don't generally answer emails. Difficult to engage these students. Best indicator that a student will leave is that they don't answer 'bogus' surveys. These are the unengaged students.

7.4.6 Ruba: what about the student who stay in Canada post graduation, wouldn't this reflect well on Carleton University?

7.4.6.1 Yes. This is one of the reasons we are looking to increase international student population. Bringing in talented immigrants beneficial on a federal level.

7.4.7 Josh: By using word of mouth as main means of recruitment, won't we end up recruiting the same types of people?

7.4.7.1 Yeah, we are looking at different methods of recruitment to control for this.

- 7.4.8 Alex: concerned over the working group. Should be a more diverse working group. How are they representing the entire student body?
- 7.4.8.1 There are only two international, two domestic students. Anyone can send anything to the committee and will be considered. Keep asking me back, we'll circulate it to the committee. Not very many things have come in. we've tried to get more people involved, unsuccessfully. Anytime you pick one your excluding many others.
- 7.4.9 Why is there a push for international students given we're doing so well compared to other universities?
- 7.4.9.1 Good question...the provost put out a discussion document, and the working group will put forth suggestions regarding this. Will recommend slow moderate growth. Ensure all student get good support and we supply them with good transitional support. Why? Because financial future of university depends on it. All revenue is controlled by government. Our expenses grow very year, costs more to run university every year, we don't know if we will be able to reduce tuition fees. Know nothing about grants etc., require an increase of the student body by 3% to cover inflation. The only way to budget balance is to grow the student body each year. The only place of steady prospect of 18 year old is the GTA. The number of 18 year olds in Ottawa will be decreasing. We are then required to go outside Canada to find these 18 year olds. This is occurring everywhere in the western world. Requires caution due to the possibility of changing the nature of the university. Changed admission policy resulting in radical change of university. Very open door policy, resulting in horrible reputation. We want to be really careful.
- 7.4.10 Stephen: So, is the working group going to suggest we do not hiring Navitas?
- 7.4.10.1 I'm uncertain as to whether Navitas will be embraced or not.
- 7.4.11 Brandon: what happens when we run out of 18 year olds to recruit?
- 7.4.11.1 We've done this by increasing participation rates, many more 18 year olds. Require growth in order to reduce degradation of lifestyle.
- 7.4.12 Alex: Carleton University needs international students to satisfy financial requirement.
- 7.4.12.1 What do you think? Read the report. We cant pretend money doesn't matter. Out number one reason for international students is the benefits it provides to our domestic students. The motivation is an international campus.

8.0 CUSA Report: The fees are free.

- 9.0 RRRR Report
  - 9.1 No report
- 10.0 GSA Report
  - 10.1 No report
- 11.0 Question Period
  - 11.1 No questions
- 12.0 Motion

Motion on Privatization of Internal Education

*Whereas* Carleton University is considering significant changes to its international student program, including the hiring of a private corporation to perform international recruitment and to teach courses to first year international students;

and *whereas* the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) of the university has encouraged Carleton Academic Student Government to provide input to the consultation process of the Working Group on International Student Recruitment;

and *whereas* Carleton Academic Student Government is of the opinion that an international student program that is controlled by, and answers directly to, the university and its elected bodies, such as Senate and the Board of Governors, is inherently better for the interests of the university community than one that answers to shareholders,

*Be it resolved* that Carleton Academic Student Government empowers the Vice President (Academic) to deliver the report on the privatization of international student recruitment and education to the University Administration and the Working Group on International Student Recruitment on behalf of council.

Moved by: Guy Massie

Seconded by: Alexander Golovko

12.1.1 Justin Wong: are most international students at SFU Chinese students?

12.1.1.1 Yes, this fact was included in his counter arguments against Navitas.

12.1.2 Martha: include what international students want. Should be incorporates within this motion.

12.1.2.1 Sure ok. Will be amended.

12.1.3 Stephen: I'd like to speak for this motion. Will lead to compartmentalization and more Chinese students.

12.1.4 Brandon: should we make a motion to amend?

12.1.4.1 No.

12.1.5 Delroy: don't see a benefit or harm.

12.1.6 Motion passed.

- 12.2 Motion to Approve Budget as Presented for the 2010-2011 Academic Year  
An error was made, allotment should be \$500, not \$250.

**Motion to Approve Budget as Presented for the 2010-2011 Academic Year**

*Whereas* the Executive Committee has presented a clear budget for the organization, outlining all expenses and planned campaigns involving financial expenditures for the 2010-2011 academic year,

*Be it resolved* that the presented budget is approved by CASG council and shall take effect immediately.

**CASG Budget 2010/2011**

	Budget 2009-2010 (12 months)	Acutally Spent 2009-2010 (12 months)	Budget 2010-2011 draft (12 months)	Actually Spent 2010 (May- current)
<b>Revenue</b>	20,000.00	19,738.35	20,000.00	15,541.56
<i>Incoming Balance</i>	16,451.89	36,190.24	23,543.83	39,085.39
<b>Portfolio</b>				
President	2,750.00	2,242.81	2,150.00	29.00
Internal	5,875.00	5,098.24	5,920.00	898.82
Operations	6,240.00	2,311.79	7,050.00	3,889.85
Academic	1,650.00	1,500.00	2,850.00	250.00
Coordinators	2,900.00	2,508.74	3,500.00	51.69
Non-Portfolio	1,700.00	219.06	700.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	21,115.00	13,880.64	22,170.00	5,119.36
<b>Planned Savings (Revenue - Expense)</b>	-1,115.00	5,857.71	-2,170.00	10,422.20
<b>Compound Savings (Outgoing Balance)</b>	15,075.24	22,309.60	16,915.39	33,966.03
				<b>YTD: 33,966.03</b>

12.2.1 Brandon: Has the finance committee met and looked over this at all.

12.2.1.1 Shouldn't we have a finance committee to meet?

12.2.1.1.1 Yes.

12.2.2 Meera: it says for 2010, a revenue for \$10,000. Are you expecting to make money?

12.2.2.1 No, this does not.

12.2.3 Josh: You're projecting a deficit, but that you've accounted for this. why hasn't this been reflected in the budget?

12.2.3.1 They were post budget changes. It will change the deficit by \$905.00 for general meeting, and \$100.00 for secretary and chair. We'll now have a revenue of about \$1000.

12.2.4 Brandon: Rep appreciations divided by faculty, why not per capita?

12.2.4.1 The office of the Dean for larger faculty has compensated for this out of pocket. If other faculties have qualms they should present these.

12.2.5 Ruba: 5 work study employees, was the elimination of these work studies to save money?

12.2.5.1 Was not our choice, but the university's choice. We were turned down.

12.2.6 Professor Mortimer: For faculties of difference sizes, start with \$100, if you have a plan for a meeting that costs more, come back and ask for more.

12.2.6.1 Exactly.

12.3 Motion to defer vote until after the finance meeting.

12.3.1 Justin: we should plan this meeting now.

12.3.1.1 Next one is next Friday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> in Robertson Hall 617.

12.3.2 Delroy: against tabling motion. The next CASG meeting is not scheduled till next year, we've tried to have committees and no one has showed up. Let's just get it done and move on.

12.3.3 Guy: it's already December, we should vote on it. If we decide to amend it at a later meeting, so be it. We've already had 2 meetings, there does not seem to be a ton of interest in a finance committee.

12.3.4 Stephen: Not having a budget until after December is ridiculous. What's the point of another council going over it?



12.3.5 Cameron: what is the constitution on that?

12.3.5.1 The finance committee has the role of reviewing budget. However it doesn't have to approve of budget. This is the best body to debate.

12.3.6 Taryn: It was my intention that this would have gone through a committee, however it did not take shape. There was no committee available. A committee can meet after the fact. Having nothing in place is worse than loose guidelines.

12.3.7 Josh: table the motion for not that date.

12.3.8 Brandon: withdraw motion.

12.4 Jonathon: Half the budget is honorariums, this seems excessive.

12.4.1 I already addressed this as to why they have been increased.

12.5 Brian: is all the money coming in from student money?

12.6 Guy: Two things need to be pointed out: I'm running an academic campaign of \$2,000. Doesn't cost a lot to run an effective campaign. In the past things haven't unfolded as we've wanted them to. Our best asset is the people within it. This money shows incentive, appreciation, especially if they are from backgrounds lacking in financial support. The volunteer system works to an extent, but then what incentive does someone have to be an exec? Honorarium in the best interest.

12.7 Meera: \$1375 on ads, what about newspaper ads?

12.7.1 This \$1500 was allotted before. Taking into consideration elections. We still have money left over for posters and flyers. We also have electronic ads.

12.8 Brian: using over half the budget to pay yourself seems obscene.

12.9 Jack: president of music society, I understand my workload no where near as big as theirs were.

12.10 Stephen: CUSA allots \$19,000 per year. Compare the two. Our execs are getting paid considerably less.

12.11 Justin: was the 5<sup>th</sup> exec position eliminated to fix the deficit?

12.11.1 Yes, originally. Those jobs have now been divided up within the rest of the exec. We don't have a lot of costs. It's about the people doing the work.

12.12 Guy: honorariums; this is not something we do because of the money. If I was looking for money my time would be better invested. They ensure that we have people who will help recruit effective people.

12.13 Stephen: should an exec not be doing their job, they will be removed from their position. Money ensures punishment.

12.14 Cameron: call to question.

12.15 Motion passed.

### 13.0 Other Business

13.1 Emergency motion: strongly suggest the university admin will work with faculty to debate and vote on online degree.

13.1.1 Seconded.

13.2 Motion to vote on motion.

13.3 Approved.

13.3.1 Motion:

13.3.2 Delroy: we should also offer more online courses.

13.3.3 Stephen: agreement. We run the risk of becoming the University of Phoenix.

13.3.4 Dustin: like to speak in favour, although would like to be cautious. CUTV courses are great opportunities.

13.3.5 James: For, the name would be a bachelor's of Law, sounds like you'd become a lawyer resulting in more students and poor quality.

13.3.6 Guy: in favour. Concerned about the effects of the image of Carleton University. Will speak to admin.

13.3.7 Ruba: in favour of motion. Problem with online degree. Lack of interaction will result in no gateway to master's degree as a result of lack of interaction with faculty.

13.3.8 Eric: honesty; 3 year general degree, issue of masters not important.

13.3.9 Sarah: this would be a Carleton University degree?

13.3.9.1 Yes.

13.3.10 Alex: speaking against. Lack of student engagement not enough of a reason.

13.3.11 Delroy: pass to Professor Mortimer.

13.3.12 Dr. Mortimer: it's simply a discussion, a variety of innovations have been discussed. Lower costs or make more money. Naïve to think we're not a business. Naïve to think we are not a happy happy land. Invite people in charge to meeting in January to talk about this. Can't just say no no no no. need a rule, need to define how it would work.

13.3.13 Eric: this motion is not against an online degree. It's for faculty involvement, them having a say in how it will be implemented. There has not been enough planning or consultation.

13.3.14 Martha: Important to look at universities who are already these programs.

13.3.15 Dustin: Third whereas clause: reference to the program being a part of a larger program. Canadian virtual university. A subsidiary of Carleton University?

13.3.15.1 I also asked this question. It's more like a listing of universities who already offer this program.

13.3.16 Stephen: dangerously close to breaking quorum.

13.3.17 Motion: passed.

14.0 Open Discussion about Academic Issues

14.1 Delroy: you'll all have rules

14.2 Brandon: anyone interested in finance?

14.3 Ruba: campaigns committee meeting tomorrow.

14.4 Motion to adjourn.

15.0 Adjournment 8:27 PM