

CASG General Meeting

Wednesday, March 23rd 2011 Senate Room (RO 608) -- 6:01PM

In Attendance: Heather Page (PRES), Paroma Ray (VPI), Guy Massie (VPA), Taryn Lloyd (VPO), Jessica Lynch (FASS CD), Rebecca Warmington (FASS CD), Alexander Golovko (FPA CD), Andrew Kwai (FSCI CD), James Armbruster (LAWS) Meera Chander (LAWS) Delroy Dyer (PSCI) Ruba Khan (PSCI), Shelby Brisbin (ARCU), Erik Willis (MAAE), Jonathan Wong (SYSC), Owen Hovey (FYSR), Cairina Frank (INSC), Miriam Diamond (PHYS), Emile Sheffel (SENS), Luke Siemens (SENS), Rebecca Frerotte (ARTH), Ricardo Reyes (CGSC), Joshua Chenoweth (FILM), Brandon Wallingford (HIST), Dustin Hutton-Alcorn (HUMR), Sarah Cooper (HUMR), Sarah Trick (HUMS), Martha Chertkow (PAPM)

- 0.0 Announcements from the floor / Presentations
- 1.0 Call to order
 - 1.1 6:01 (and approval of the agenda)
- 2.0 Approval of Past Minutes (February 2nd 2011)
 - 2.1 Approved
- 3.0 Executive Greetings & Reports
 - 3.1 President: Heather Page
 - 3.1.1 Welcoming remarks. Monday we had an academic societies meeting exchange, met with Brian Mortimer, was a success, and notes will be sent out to everyone in an academic society.
 - 3.2 VP Internal: Paroma Ray
 - 3.2.1 Hey guys, hope everything's going well with you and things aren't too crazy with paper/final exam season, so hopefully we'll be able to wrap up everything rather quickly to let us all get back to our student lives.
 - 3.2.2 As far as my report goes, we've been holding office hours on average pretty well this semester. Coordinator meetings have taken place and here we are today, our last CASG general meeting of the year. As some of you may know I will no longer serve as a Carleton Academic Student Government representative next year. Having been actively involved with CASG for the past three years as a 'First Year FASS Rep', 'FASS Faculty Coordinator', and 'Vice President Internal', it is hard to think I'm not going to continue for a fourth. That said, I just wanted to say thank you to all the people I have worked with over the years who have made this an unforgettable and valuable experience. Dating back to the days of Andrew Monkhouse, to James Splinter, to Heather Page and everyone in between, thank you for helping me find my strengths and give me an opportunity to grow both as an individual and as a student within Carleton University. This organization has enabled me to make so many connections all across the campus. I will always be eternally grateful.
 - 3.2.3 Thank you to the executive for the good times we've shared from cleaning the office, to going on scavenger hunts and finding *ahem* memorable surprises. Thank you to the coordinators Josh (who couldn't

be here as he's at another meeting), Rebecca, Andrew, Alex, Katie (who sends her regrets), and Jessica for being the awesome superstars you are. Thank you to all of the committee chairs for volunteering and showing your dedication to the organization. A big thank you to our council chair Emile and secretary Hana Rae for doing such an amazing job this year. Lastly, thank you Council for an incredible year, I hope you enjoyed your term with us. Wishing all of you the best in your future academic endeavors, it's been a pleasure.

3.3 VP Academic: Guy Massie

3.3.1 Navitas working group: the committee is leaning towards not bringing Navitas on campus, am expecting the report will fail at a Senate vote. Have been informed by a member of the administration that the vote will depend on students.

3.3.2 Academic integrity campaign wrapping up, raffle at various locations around campus.

3.3.3 Academic societies meeting went well, was successful. We're looking to get more involved in advertising the academic societies fund

3.3.4 This is my last meeting, am glad to retire from student representation, am glad to have had the experience I have, and to end you may recall that James Splinter gave a touching speech, and as someone who as also struggled academically, I am happy to announce I have been accepted into a Masters program here at Carleton. The more I get involved the more my marks seem to go up.

3.4 VP Operations: Taryn Lloyd

3.4.1 Quick report, have been updating the budget, check out web page if interested. I attended the academic initiative exchange, found it very interesting. A ton of momentum behind that. Thanks to everyone who has helped in forming the science society, it is nice to see. Hope to bridge the gap between faculty and students.

4.0 Coordinator Greetings & Reports

4.1 FASS Coordinators: Jessica Lynch and Rebecca Warmington

4.1.1 FASS has been busy with the wine and cheese with the dean, we spoke about admissions in general, a 12% decrease in FASS applications this year, academic review committee also met, most notable in French where they are getting strict about registering in the wrong section. Creative writing section in English has been created. Changing the wording in the calendar, as currently students are able to double register, and now profs have the capacity to deregister these students.

4.2 FPA Coordinator: Alexander Golovko

4.2.1 Nothing much new, our first faculty meeting will take place in first week of April. Have a new dean who will be taking office in June, an economics

professor. I encourage all those who haven't come out to the faculty meeting to come out next time.

- 4.3 FED Coordinator: Josh Coulbeck (Report given by Paroma Ray on his behalf)
 - 4.3.1 Hey guys, sorry I'm unable to attend today's meeting, because I am at the Constitutional General Meeting for CSES. As for my report, all of the Engineering Faculty board meeting are over for the year and they resume this summer. The next CASG FED Coordinator will be elected at the AGM tonight. I had a great time working for CASG. Thanks to Paroma and all my reps, it was a pleasure working with you and I wish you all the best in your future.
- 4.4 Science Coordinator: Andrew Kwai
 - 4.4.1 Faculty board meeting centered around how to get better quality students, and how to help those struggling. Spoke about streaming students with higher averages towards the honors program. Perhaps define a major program which may exclude an honours project, for those with low averages. Creating third or fourth year course focusing on Science Teaching. They will learn how to teach lab component. Working to get more upper year science student involved in the teaching process.
- 4.5 BUSI Coordinator: Katie Pagnello (Report given by Paroma Ray on her behalf)
 - 4.5.1 New concentration has been added for the next academic year, entrepreneurship. Sprott had an amazing showing at JMUCC, and was the only school to make the finals two years in a row. Sprott competed against schools from Norway, Hong Kong and Singapore in the finals. Would like to thank the exec for an awesome year and the business reps for being Sprottastic.

5.0 Committee Greetings & Reports

- 5.1 Governance Review Committee: James Armbruster
 - Funding for this year has been nixed.
- 5.2 Promotions and Advertising Committee: Jesse Lutertz
 - Nothing to report.
- 5.3 Volunteer and Director Committee: Omar Bainto
 - Nothing to report.
- 5.4 Campaigns Committee: Ruba Khan
 - Had some pending motions, now updates
- 5.5 Financial Review Committee: Brandon Wallingford
 - No updates

6.0 Senate Reports and Senate Committee Reports: Guy Massie

- 6.1 Session started off with a closed session to approve grad list, report from VP academic about working group for Navitas, access copyright invoice will be paid, WebCT will be retired by company that supports it, looking into replacements.

University librarian serving for a second term, the MA Architecture program has been replaced.

7.0 CUSA Report

7.1 Released all volunteer names for orientation week, announced main act for pandemonium show buy tickets.

8.0 RRRA Report

8.1 RRRA had rez formal, went well. Elections on going.

9.0 GSA Report

9.1 The Graduate Students' Association is currently wrapping up its final day of elections. Though the entire executive has been acclaimed, graduate students will be voting for the positions of Senate Representatives and whether they support the following referendum question: *Do you support a levy of \$1 per semester for full-time students, pro-rated for part-time students and indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), to support the creation and operation of a Carleton University Sexual Assault Support Centre on the Carleton University campus?*

9.2 In addition, the GSA is looking to hire a Grad Recreational Softball League Commissioner for the Summer 2011 season and graduate students' input for cover ideas for their 2011-12 Agenda! For more information, please visit our website at www.gsacarleton.ca

10.0 Question Period

10.1 No questions.

11.0 Motion

11.1 Motion to Amend the Electoral Code to Incorporate Carleton Science Student Society

Moved by: Andrew Kwai

Seconded by: Taryn Lloyd

Discussion:

We are going to incorporate the science society as we do Sprott and CSES.

Question posed by Stephen Conrad: will this take seats away from students? Yes.

Question posed by Brandon Wallingford: is this the same model as Sprott? Yes.

Sarah Cooper speaks in favour of the motion.

Brandon Wallingford speaks in favour, expanding on the notion that integration is good.

- Motion Passed.

12.0 CASG Elections: Candidate speeches

12.1 President

12.1.1 Alexander Golovko: Speech

12.1.1.1 Question: what makes you the best candidate?

Answer: CASG is an important organization. I have the experience necessary to make CASG successful. I also have a relationship with faculty and other reps. Having already worked for CASG has given made a ton of experience.

12.1.1.2 Question: Please speak to your CASG experience?
Answer: I've been here for 2 years, had a hand in being able to deregister classes up until almost the end of term.

12.1.1.3 Question: Do you support opening up election to all students? And do you support process and governing rules written by CASG as opposed to Brian Mortimer?
Answer: I supported motion to make elections exclusive within CASG. 1% of electorate is unacceptable. Decided to move it away from student wide to rep specific. Increased turn out to approximately 50%. I think that it's more representative of students. The rules currently used by Brian Mortimer are a service, having elections online make it more available.

12.1.2 Sarah Cooper: Speech

12.1.2.1 Question: did you speak to Engineering students?
Answer: yes we did.

12.1.2.2 Question: what makes you the best candidate?
Answer: I have had a leadership role in GLBTQ and am in charge of many students. Have a lot of experience with speaking with member within the Ottawa and Carleton University community. Have been a human rights rep for the past year, as well as having made connections within FASS and Brian Mortimer.

12.1.2.3 Question: Do you believe what is going on in RRRR elections is fair?
Answer: the ruling passed was fair, I believe its something done within RRRR and I am not in a leadership position and wish all candidates the best of luck.

12.1.2.4 Question: Do you support opening up election to all students? And do you support process and governing rules written by CASG as opposed to Brian Mortimer?
Answer: it's incredible important to open up to student body, sometimes the interests of reps and those they represent can get lost. Voting through email is illegitimate and unfair. I want to change this. I stand firmly on this position.

12.1.2.5 Question: in your speech you mentioned unhappiness of the budget, why were you not involved in the budget committee if you had complaints?
Answer: I found it difficult to manage schoolwork and attending these meetings.

12.2 VP Internal

12.2.1 Jonathan Wong: Speech

12.2.1.1 Question: How many committees are there?

Answer: I have no interest in memorizing committee names. I also haven't read the hand book. Josh told us not to read it. There is no good way to endure attendance, the onus is on them.

12.2.1.2 Question: why would you want to increase the number of meeting when attendance is already so poor?

Answer: I want to reach more people.

12.2.1.3 Question: What ideas presented by the opposition to you disagree on?

Answer: I think organizationally we're good, but we could be a lot better. Lets save paper and make things soft copy!

12.2.1.4 Question: do you actually think Brian Mortimer was the author of the electorate code?

Answer: No

12.2.1.5 Question: what measures do you have to ensure coordinators show up to office hours?

Answer: randomly phone calling people.

12.2.2 Sarah McCue: Varied and extensive experience. Current CASG rep for women and gender society, though this is my first year in CASG, I've found my niche. I understand the work of the VPI is specific to internal workings of CASG. In terms of my work with the coalition, I'm putting together minutes, passing out agendas, chairing meetings. I want to implement town hall style meeting, per faculty once per semester. I see a large disconnect between faculty, students and CASG. Faculty doesn't seem to respect CASG because they don't see the students backing us up. I think its an issue there are so many vacant seats left. There are 29 empty seats. Shouldn't be normal/expected. If you elect me, I'll be working with VP operations to run a campaign that gets students involved. The part that has been missing has been the outreach.

12.2.2.1 Question: How many committees are there?

Answer: Governance Review, Promotions and Advertising, Volunteer and Director, Campaigns Committee, Financial Review

12.2.2.2 Question: why would you want to increase the number of meeting when attendance is already so poor?

Answer: By holding meeting every month we encourage attendance. Meetings wouldn't be as rushed, more meetings will allow more in-depth conversation.

12.2.2.3 Question: What ideas presented by the opposition to you disagree on?

Answer: The organization is fine, however the inner working of

the organization is not. It is currently inconsistent, and this needs to be rectified. My platform encourages more cooperation.

12.2.2.4 Question: revoked.

12.2.2.5 Question: How do you think you can implement a general election? Is it cost effective?

A: The use connect accounts, keep it paperless. Hopefully the senate will run them.

12.2.2.6 Question: do you actually think Brian Mortimer was the author of the electorate code?

A: No

12.2.2.7 Question: what measures do you have to ensure coordinators show up to office hours?

Answer: responsibility falls upon VPI. Work on the assumption that they will be there.

12.2.3 Ruba Khan: I understand a lot of the work the VPI does, I've written minutes and scheduled meeting as well as encouraging other reps to get involved. This experience will allow me to excel. Outside of the CASG, I volunteer at parliament hill, which has provided admin experience I've also worked at an NGO in the past. I can contribute in a positive way. I want to increase communication between faculty and student reps. I want more students to be aware of CASG, I want to involve students, by increasing tabling, department promoting CASG rep positions, get students out to CASG events. This will allow me to involve more students. I have provided a lot of input, spoken with professors, and I feel that communication can be improved. I think circulation has been fine

12.2.3.1.1 Question: How many committees are there?

Answer: I've read the handbook, and I understand the requirements of VPI. I think I'd be a qualified candidate for several reasons, including having spent a term as a committee chair for campaigns committee.

12.2.3.1.2 Question: What ideas presented by the opposition to you disagree on?

Answer: I disagree about not receiving agendas. My experience with this has been fine. I don't see any major problems.

12.2.3.1.3 Question: do you actually think Brian Mortimer was the author of the electorate code?

Answer: No

12.2.3.1.4 Question: what measures do you have to ensure coordinators show up to office hours?

Answer: sign up sheets to sign themselves in.

12.3 VP Academic

12.3.1 Andrew Kwai: Speech

12.3.1.1.1 Question: how do you plan on educating students on their rights and responsibilities?

Answer: Plagiarism in high school is dealt with lightly. We need to hit the ground running in frosh week. We need to emphasize proper citing in frosh week. Run a plagiarism campaign. Educate them from the beginning!

12.3.1.1.2 Question: do you have the plans to implement more scholarships across the student body?

Answer: scholarship funding is something I've been working on recently. A rep who shows up to every meeting and still maintains a A- average should be rewarded.

12.3.1.1.3 Questions: can you tell us about your faculty experience?:

Answer: most recently the first year calculus course has been amended to be made super easy. I spoke with the chair of the chemistry department, and why this is a hindrance to students. We made a big change, and hope to ask chemistry students to take engineering calculus.

12.3.1.1.4 Question: what do you feel is the most pressing academic issue facing the Carleton community?

Answer: it's too easy to plagiarize, and we need to inform people of the problems these results in.

12.3.2 MacAndrew Clarke: Speech

12.3.2.1.1 Question: how do you plan on educating students on their rights and responsibilities?

Answer: I would rather use the executive honorarium to educate the students. Unintentional plagiarism is very stressful. Knowledge about these issues could help.

12.3.2.1.2 Question: do you have the plans to implement more scholarships across the student body?

Answer: I want to re-evaluate the budget to reward hard working students. Every student should be able to access these rewards.

12.3.2.1.3 Question: can you tell us about your faculty experience?

Answer: Never interacted with faculty. I don't view this as a hindrance however, because the Dean's are very open to communication. I don't have a problem speaking to stranger.

12.3.2.1.4 Question: You are from Concordia, did you hold a student position?

Answer: no.

12.3.2.1.5 Question: what do you feel is the most pressing academic issue facing the Carleton community?

Answer: one of the things I encounter is the issue of plagiarism, especially when it is unintentional. The only way to correct this is to make sure students know about the academic integration policy. The first day of class we go through this, very briefly. We should encourage teachers to delve further into this issue.

12.4 VP Operations

12.4.1 James Armbruster: Speech

12.4.1.1.1 Question: what experience do you have with working with the budget and money?

Answer: I served as a co-chair for Carleton CU relay for life financial committee. I was capable and committed, and from working with relay I've learned how to manage financial issues.

12.4.1.1.2 Question: outreach; can you provide a specific example to fill seats and keep members engaged once they fill the seats.

Answer: one thing I notices is that a lot of people are excited about CASG.it also gives us an opportunity to include clubs and societies members. People involved in one thing tend to be involved in many things; we need to target these people.

12.4.2 Rut Skvirsky

12.4.2.1 Speech

12.4.2.1.1 Question: what experience do you have with working with the budget and money?

Answer: I sat on the CUSA budget review committee, and I think we need to make the budget more accessible, and we need to have receipts for everything.

12.4.2.1.2 Question: outreach; can you provide a specific example to fill seats and keep members engaged once they fill

the seats.

Answer: we need to allocate money differently.

Promotional money can be better spent, and class talks are free! I speak to students in the atrium and I have experience doing this. It's the most effective way to promote involvement.

12.4.2.1.3 Question: you spoke about your involvement in CUSA committee. How does this prepare you to manage our budget transparently?

Answer: CUSA has a larger budget has lent me experience. Because the budget is online, this helps with transparency. Many students don't even know about CASG. I would be able to bring accountability.

12.5 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Coordinators

12.5.1 Dustin Hutton-Alcorn: Speech

12.5.1.1.1 Question: involving students is very important.

Fostering a sense of academia is important. We're here to help each other!

12.5.2 Jean Luc Ngabo: Speech

12.6 Faculty of Public Affairs Coordinator: Delroy Dyer

12.7 Faculty of Science Coordinator

12.7.1 Miriam Diamond: Speech

12.7.1.1 Question: how have you been involved?

Answer: I've developed a solid network of relationships within all faculties of science. Its important to be able to walk up to professors and be able to talk over lunch, coffee, everything.

12.7.2 Vincent Kent Le

12.7.2.1 Question: how have you been involved?

Answer: I've suggested the faculty create new resources instead of focusing on improving grades.

12.7.3 Owen Hovey

12.7.3.1 Question: how have you been involved?

Answer: I'm a mentor, first year rep and study coordinator. I'm also involved in a working group.

13.0 Other Business

14.0 Open Discussion about Academic Issues

14.1 James Splinter: Andrew blew my mind last year. He got excellent grades and did anything that was asked of him. If he is running on a team, I endorse his slate.

14.2 Paroma: how many meetings have all the candidates attended?

14.2.1 Alex Golovko: all

14.2.2 Sarah Cooper: regretfully not all

- 14.2.3 Sarah Trick: $\frac{3}{4}$
- 14.2.4 Ruba Khan: $\frac{3}{4}$
- 14.3 Andrew Kwai: I want to require students to maintain a high GPA in order to stay in Honours programs.
- 14.4 David: (addressed to the president-elects) how do you plan to integrate CASG into orientation week?
 - 14.4.1 Alex Golovko: I was one of the academic integrity student facilitators. I spoke about plagiarism. The student experience office allowed me to teach incoming students about academic integrity.
 - 14.4.2 Sarah Cooper: last year I was a facilitator, this year I'm going to be a vice-head. If I'm elected I will have that constant leadership role. I will be accessible to all students. I also know we have academic day, which upset students because it was unappealing. I would use my role as president to get involved in the academic day.
- 14.5 Paroma: the schedule has been catered to convenience and the organization is not arbitrary.
- 14.6 Rebecca: I think we will have a great council anyways.
- 14.7 Delroy: I endorse a Stronger CASG
- 14.8 Sarah: I encourage everyone to read the letters we have compiled.
- 14.9 Heather: thanks you to everyone who has run, and I encourage everyone to take away a lot of constructive ideas. Tomorrow you will all receive an email from Brian, instructing you how to vote. Questions?
 - 14.9.1 Meera: are there scrutinizers involved in online voting?
 - 14.9.1.1 No.
 - 14.9.2 Ruba: can you tell us who can't vote?
 - 14.9.2.1 Senators.
 - 14.9.3 Jean-Luc: For the presidents: if you lose, will you remain involved?
 - 14.9.3.1 Alex: I will not abandon the organization, I'm still going to remain dedicated to the CASG
 - 14.9.3.2 Sarah: yes, I will still be involved because there are several things we'd like to see changed.
 - 14.9.4 Sarah: (to Sarah) you say you'd like to see the honorarium changed. How much of the money are you planning on re-distributing?
 - 14.9.4.1 Sarah: we haven't had a change to re-evaluate the finances. We believe 50% of the budget is too much.
 - 14.9.5 Paroma: I'd like to thank Sarah Cooper (and the rest of her slate) for presenting me with the numerous signatures from Carleton students. As requested I will have a look over them. But as current representatives, I wonder why your team didn't take the same initiative during your term. And why during elections, you chose to engage the students. That being said, it was very nice to see everyone involved in promoting the

organization. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who chose to run, this is going to be a good election. It's getting late though, and I feel like we're all getting tired. I would like to motion to adjourn.

14.9.6 Motion passed.

15.0 Meeting Adjournment