

CASG General Meeting

Senate Board Room (RO 608) 6-9 pm

January 19, 2012

In attendance: Alex Golovko (PRES), Ruba Khan (VPI), Andrew Kwai (VPA), James Armbruster (VPO), Dustin Hutton-Acron (FASS CD), Jean-Luc Ngabo (FASS CD), Jonathan Wong (FED CD), Margaret Stewart (RELI), Ryder Shevlin (ENGL), Miriam Diamond (SCI CD), Marc Bedard (PSYC), Philip Fhakourie (PSYC), Allycia Rockwell (ANTH), Sarah Cooper (HUMR) , Sarah McCue (WGST), Rebecca Frerotte(ARTH), Shanelle Manhue (CANS), Gys Weverink (AFRI), Toufic Adlouni (PAPM), Sara McGuigan (ECON), Michael De Luca (LAW), Daniella Portolese (CRIM), Viktoria Lang (CRIM), Owen Marsh (ELEC), Mohammad Farhan (ELEC), Diana Valasquez (ARCU), Haroun Zayed (BIOL), Beverly Allan (BIOL), Lindsay Upiter (ERTH), Vincent Le (NEUR), Anna Marrello (NEUR), David Urness (PHYS), Martin Martinov (PHYS), Owen Hovey (BIOC), Jessica Mesquita (INSC), Cassandra Boushey (INSC), Simon Pratt (CSCI), Keenan Lyon (MATH), Obed Okyere (CUSA), Dorothy A. (RRRA), Guy Massie (CHAIR)

1.0 Announcements from the floor/ presentations

1.1 No business

2.0 Call to order

2.1 6:23 pm

2.2 Emergency motion to request academic accommodation for participation in the 'Education is a Right' Day of Action

2.3 Discussion period for motion

2.3.1 Sarah McCue (WGST): I apologize that it is late to be putted on the agenda, but next meeting will be after the date, so it is time sensitive. Over 6000 students participated in Ottawa and it is a nation-wide event.

2.4 Vote on motion

2.4.1 Motion passes

3.0 Approval of Agenda

3.1 Vote on agenda

3.2 Agenda passes

4.0 Approval of Past Minutes

4.1 Motioned by Ruba (VPI)

4.1.1 Dave (CSCI) seconds

4.2 Vote on motion

4.2.1 Motion passes

5.0 Reports from Exec

5.1 President: Alex Golovko

5.1.1 Alex (PRES): Welcome to our first 2012 meeting. Happy New Year. Welcome back to school and I hope you're ready to go for 3 months. Sorry about the late pizza, traffic is bad apparently. This semester is going to go by a lot faster than last one. Our initiatives will be getting implemented this semester and the CASG has been working really hard to tackle accessibility issues on campus. The administration has been working with us. Our office space we will be moving to on Monday. It is behind the ISSO office, so come by and study or hang out, up to you. This is hopefully going to be a pretty straightforward meeting.

5.2 VPI: Ruba Khan

5.2.1 Ruba (VPI): Hi everyone. For our office hours, we are still in our normal location UC 325, new office is UC 125B. You can come in between 11:30 and 3. If you go on our website you can see our individual hours in the office. For future CASG minutes, I will be using the Doodle Poll we have already done to figure out the next 2 meetings. There are still committee chairs needed. The governance and review committee and the advertisement committee need a chair because of upcoming initiatives. Finally, make sure to come to CASG meetings because if you miss more than 2, you will be removed from CASG. Also, add yourself to the CCR as a representative or coordinator. Please sign in. Thank you.

5.3 VPO: James Armbruster

5.3.1 James (VPO): So, a couple of things. As soon as this meeting is finished, the academic fund initiative will be officially launched. Let everyone you know in clubs or societies know that they can submit the forms and an electronic copy for their 900\$. This is a one-time thing so let them know. For the budget, there hasn't been any major spending between last meeting and this meeting.

5.4 VPA: Andrew Kwai

5.4.1 Andrew (VPA): Welcome back everybody. One of the biggest things we've been working on is finalizing the scholarship initiative. The awards office had some recommendations. I will go into them later, but trust that they all make sense. Alex and I have been talking to the PMC with the Reed Institute. Eventually there will hopefully be a new minor program in disability studies. We're going to try to start it in a PAPM program or Engineering program. We're going to be adding these courses to courses that already exist. Also, there will be 2-4 new courses implemented that will be mandatory. The library is working on an open-access policy for Grad students and Profs. Only hiccup is whether or not everything should be peer-reviewed. It will take a few years but we're hoping everything out of Carleton will be published.

6.0 Reports from Coordinators

6.1 FASS Coordinators: Dustin Hutton-Acron and Jean Luc Ngabo

6.1.1 Dustin (FASS CD): Hi guys! So, first and foremost, we'd like to extend a welcome to 2 new FASS reps. Welcome to African Studies reps Gys Weverink and Jenna Hobin. There is a faculty meeting from 12:30-2pm in DT 2017. Feel free to stop by! Nothing really has happened with FASS since we've been back. Make sure you guys are in contact with your department and I'll be scheduling things in the next couple weeks. My office hours have changed, 11:30-1:30 on Wednesdays.

6.2 FPA Coordinator: Delroy Dyer

6.2.1 Ruba (VPI) for Delroy (FPA CD): The faculty is quiet at the moment but next month there are board meetings. Also going to be holding a meeting in 2 weeks and will be emailing the reps to attend.

6.3 Science Coordinator: Miriam Diamond

6.3.1 Miriam (SCI CD): Hi everyone! Huge congratulations to science students on a wonderful Science Winter Formal. Secondly, our first science reps' meeting this year is next Thursday from 5:30-7:30 in the old CASG office. The biggest issue this year is about fourth year science final projects. I have been talking to the dean and they are looking forward to figuring it out.

6.4 FED Coordinator: Jonathan Wong

6.4.1 Jonathan (FED CD): Welcome back everyone! One of my reps wanted me to mention they aren't happy with Thursday meetings. I'm also done coop so I'm more accessible.

6.5 Business Coordinator: Zach Levine

6.5.1 Ruba (VPI) for Zach (BUS CD): Faculty meetings have been pushed to February.

7.0 Reports from Committees

7.1 Governance Review: TBA

7.1.1 no report

7.2 Promotions and Advertising: TBA

7.2.1 no report

7.3 Volunteer and Director: Dustin Hutton-Acron

7.3.1 no report

7.4 Campaigns: Kaylee Cameron

7.4.1 Andrew (VPA) for Kaylee (SXST): We've met with Susan (VP for enrollment), Grad association, and we've all agreed for the mental health campaign. There is a lot of good communication going on.

7.5 Financial Review: Tabitha McDonald

7.5.1 James (VPO) for Tabitha (SOWK): Nothing much substantial budget-wise. That will change before next meeting when the AIF is being used. We have close to \$1000 for campaigns brought by council, so put something together before next meeting.

8.0 Reports from Senate and Senate Committees

8.1 Dustin (FASS CD): Not a whole lot on Senate right now. We're electing people to review president Runte's time at Carleton.

8.2 Andrew (VPA): We had a student bring up an issue about section 2.4 on the undergrad calendar about dates and times of stuff on the student calendar. There is nothing on the calendar that specifies whether exams for the in-class section for online classes and the online section of the class

should be held together, or alternate dates, or weekends, etc. Input is welcome.

9.0 CUSA Report

9.1 Obed (CUSA): Cusa's council is back! Yay! The council was able to approve and pay for both sides, the plaintiffs too. CUSA elections are coming up, so nominations are coming up from 3rd week in Jan to 1st week in Feb. February 1st 'Day of Action' is coming up, so come out in numbers to support this day. Also a fun thing that happened was Capital Hoops. Carleton U beat Ottawa U by 40 points. Thank you.

10.0 RRRR Report

10.1 Dorothy (RRRA): Things at RRRR are going well. Our next council meeting is Sunday. Carleton's next Top Model is coming up, so spread the word. And our Facebook page has over 200 fans already.

11.0 GSA Report

11.1 no report.

12.0 Question Period

12.1 no questions

13.0 Motions

13.1 Bylaw VI Motion

13.1.1 Andrew (VPA): I hope you all have had the chance to read the amended motion. The department of university advancement was okay with this. However, we've bumped up the number of scholarships because the awards office wasn't happy. We thought it would be fair to all students if the committee was the group to set the value of awards and decide on the recipients. There is a slight preference given to councillors but not an unfair advantage. This is open to every student at Carleton, regardless if they are going to graduate this year.

13.1.2 Friendly amendment from Andrew Kwai (VPA) on 6.2.3.2.

13.1.3 Dustin (FASS CD): The awards office is just acting as a collector right?

13.1.4 Andrew (VPA): Correct

13.1.5 No discussion

13.1.6 Vote on the motion

13.1.6.1 Motion passes

13.2 Education is a right

13.2.1 Sarah McCue (WGST): This day of action is to rally around students to show support to the notion that education is a priority for us. As a result, there was a 2 year tuition decrease so there will be tons of students coming out because this is something that students know works. Last time, we were too late to apply for academic amnesty, but some professors gave leniency towards it anyways. So this time, we're looking for professors to be lenient.

13.2.2 Discussion

13.2.2.1 No discussion

13.2.3 Question period

13.2.3.1 Alex (PRES): Is this a yearly event?

13.2.3.2 Sarah (WGST): It wasn't held last year.

13.2.3.3 Alex (PRES): Why is the timing so sporadic if this is a National event?

13.2.3.4 Sarah (WGST): It was held in 2

13.2.3.5 Alex (PRES): Why isn't it held in Toronto?

13.2.3.6 Sarah (WGST): It is. It's a National movement.

13.2.3.7 Toufic (PAPM): Is this binding?

13.2.3.8 Sarah (WGST): No.

13.2.3.9 Toufic (PAPM): Is there a precedent for such a motion?

13.2.3.10 Andrew (VPA): I think there was amnesty granted the last time this happened.

13.2.3.11 Ruba (VPI): Is this motion for student reps or coordinators as well?

13.2.3.12 Sarah (WGST): Just reps.

13.2.3.13 Simon (CSCI): What is the 'Education is a Right' campaign?

13.2.3.14 Sarah (WGST): We're campaigning to make sure that no student is barred from accessing higher education due to the costs of education.

13.2.3.15 James (VPO): The template email Myriam (SCI CD) suggested would be binding right?

13.2.3.16 Sarah (WGST): Yes.

13.2.3.17 Ruba (VPI): Is the 'Education is a Right' Campaign happy with the current tuition cuts?

13.2.3.18 Sarah (WGST): They want everyone to be able to access these cuts.

13.2.4 Discussion Period

13.2.4.1 Dustin (FASS CD): I will be abstaining from this. I find it scary that all reps need to contact their faculties to ask for this. I encourage all reps who feel strongly with this to contact their faculties. I do not support this missing class to support a campaign that everyone might not agree with.

13.2.4.2 Sarah (WGST): I see this as supporting the students who do want to go to this event.

13.2.4.3 Sarah Cooper (HUMR): We are the CASG and this campaign is an academic issue and has been important to a lot of students I've spoken to and is a great way to get involved on campus. This event only goes from 11-2 and is not a lot of classes to cover and a lot of professors have already expressed they will be accommodating. This is a very important step to take and it is not binding or forcing people to go, but supports those who have that will to.

13.2.4.4 Alex (PRES): I would like to whole-heartedly support this campaign. I'd like to suggest a friendly amendment to the motion to say that student reps could contact the faculties if they so choose.

13.2.4.5 Sarah (WGST): I'd rather not because I think the reps have the responsibility to contact their departments on behalf of the students who feel strongly about this issue.

13.2.5 Motion to amend the motion to include that reps have the option to send the email or

not

13.2.5.1 Moved by Alex (PRES)

13.2.5.2 Seconded by Dustin (FASS CD)

13.2.6 Question period

13.2.6.1 No questions

13.2.7 Discussion period

13.2.7.1 Sarah (WGST): The skipping class part is irrelevant if profs know what time the rally is, but the heads of departments will be told when the applicable times are.

13.2.7.2 Dustin: (FASS CD) I wholeheartedly support this motion, but the reps should not be forced to engage in a campaign that you don't want to take part in. I agree we should support students that want to, but I don't.

13.2.7.3 Sarah (WGST): I'd like to repeat that this is only supporting the choice for students to participate.

13.2.7.4 June (???): It's irrelevant if I go, or if I support, but I do want to support any students in my department who want to support this so I would be more than willing to contact the head of my department. I'm in CASG, not for me, but for the rest of people in my department.

13.2.7.5 Sarah Cooper (HUMR): We're here in CASG as a link between the faculty and our students, so doing this and sending this email and being required do just enforces our mandate to begin that conversation and solidifies us in our outreach that we do and the commitment we have to the students in our faculty.

13.2.7.6 Alex (PRES): If the amendment fails it might be a bureaucratic nightmare.

13.2.8 Vote on amendment to motion

13.2.8.1 Motion to amend passes

13.2.9 Discussion period

13.2.9.1 Andrew (VPA): Should this pass, reps should CC the faculty co-ordinators.

13.3 Vote on accepting the motion

13.3.1 Motion passes

14.0 Other Business

14.1 Andrew (VPA): Still looking for a business rep and an engineering rep to sit on the scholarship committee.

15.0 Open discussion about academic issues

15.1.1 Sarah (HUMR): I had my Human Rights board meeting and the Profs were excited to see me back. They're having issues with hiring and funding for a new position. Human rights doesn't get a lot of money. Rebecca Shine is unable to fulfill her duties so they're looking for a replacement. We've been looking for a way to bridge the gap between what the students and faculty are doing. We're looking to build a website or something. Bill Skidmore has been sending emails about events and such to students. So we're looking for a way to have students email in their events from their societies and clubs

and the faculties emailing out to everyone. I'm really happy with this position and I appreciate it.

15.1.2 Andrew (VPA): We're looking for a VPA to sit on. Also, we're looking for faculty co-ordinators to sit on the faculty boards. It's in our amendments but not the Senate's.

15.1.3. James (VPO): Please sign up a team for Relay for Life. We have 30 teams and we'd love more involvement. Please sign up because it's a great cause.

15.1.4 Alex (PRES): One of the things I've been working on is lobbying the BOG to give the CASG an ex-officio seat as well. It is on my agenda as well and it will up the student representation at the BOG and give us direct access to top university officials.

15.1.5 Sarah Cooper (HUMR): We're getting ready for GLBTQ Pride week on campus. On Monday we have a meet and greet that starts at two. There will be pizza and music. On Monday we have a queer speed date and Tuesday we have a radio show. Wednesday is the most exciting day. We have lip-sync for your life, so come into the office and perform to Lady Gaga or whoever you want. The winner will be announced at Olliver's and given 50\$. Sam McGinn from "The Real World" is coming to our Thursday Drag to judge and perform. We also have students who are performing to compete for 100\$. On Friday we have "One Raven, 5 queers". We're going to do a breakdown on Monday so that everyone knows when everything is happening.

16.0 Adjournment

16.1 Alex (PRES) motions

16.1.1 Ruba (VPI) seconds

16.2 Vote on motion

16.2.1 Motion passes

16.3 Meeting adjourned (7:26pm)