

First Meeting of CASG Council- October 23rd, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm

In attendance: Andrew Kwai, Tabitha McDonald, Sarah McCue, Jonathan Wong, Matt Gendron, Anna Marello, Adrian Oberland, Jaimie Klatchan, Casandra Boushey, Tanvir Janmohamed, Vincent Le, Harrison Boyd, Tyler Holmwood, Aleksander Godlewski, Stephen Wood, Kim Crosbie, Anita Chowdhury, Samuel Cheung, Dayna Peloquin, Samuel Cheung, Shira Joudan, Michaela Brazeau, Sarah Cooper, Viktoria Lang, Marc Bedard, Ryan Marshall, Holly Golroy, Adreienne MacDonald, Sara McGuigan, Kruti Bagele, Zane Colt, Margaret Stewart, Darren Major, Tanya Pasco, Annie Kingston Miller, Kendra Young, Alexanre Golovko, Gabrielle Castilloux, Simon Pratt, Nataly Slewa, Chris Cowan, Omar Bainto, Phil Colverson, Tracy Ampofah, Riley Evans, Suzanne Blanchard, Melanie St. Cyr, Mana Elizabeth Mitri, Sean White, Alexandra Delvecchio, Mitch Cail, Darren Falcioni, Kaylee Cameron

Regrets: Shannon Hunter, Chantal Beeso, Ben Diaz, Anh Thu Nguyen, Katrina Crocker

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Senate Room, Robertson Hall**

1. Announcements and Correspondence

2. Approval of the Agenda Agenda approved.

3. President's Report Andrew Kwai invited last year's CASG President Alexander Golvoko to present last year's CASG scholarship awards. These people did exceptional academic and extracurricular efforts. Thank you everyone for coming out. Admin also. Fall Reading Week poll over 5,000 students voted, broke history records. This will be going forward to the senate and hopefully this time next year we will be relaxing at home. We are holding TEDX again. Looking for 2 undergraduate and 2 graduate students, if you know really great speakers then let us know. Reintroducing the academic initiative fund, let friends know if they have an event that they can contact CASG for funds.

a. Presentation of Awards from 2011-2012

4. Vice Presidents' Reports

a. Vice-President Internal Report

Thank everyone for showing up, there are many open seats so talk to your friends and they can get voted on at the next council, secretary position is still open.

b. Vice-President Operations Report

We will be going over the budget and the website will be updated this week.

5. Coordinators' Reports

Sarah Cooper spoke about FASS committee, look for e-mails on how the program works.

Haroun spoke about science and research and how other students can get involved.

6. RRRR Report

Omar Bainto president of RRRR, had their first council two weeks ago, had a really good vote, passed unanimous vote to remove executive benefits from RRRR, in November the RRRR formal will be happening.

7. GSA Report

VP Academic and President of the Academic Caucus, has been having problems with the Ministry, closely following copyright issues. OGS award has been restructured to universities specific instead of controlled by the provincial government. Just installed a bike repaired stand by the architecture

building, having a Halloween party at Mike's Place on Tuesday the 29th, building a Community Garden by Leeds with the help of the Food Center.

8. CUSA Report

Party at Oliver's on Tuesday Oct 29th, thank you for coming out, quite a bit going on, our biggest thing right now is the Fall Reading Week over 8500 voters, we will take the debate to the next level, we're bringing TEDX back, having parties, campaigns, free stuff, CUSA is here as the largest student group on campus for numerous causes. Differed to VP Student Issues: awareness campaign in the news lately, asking students to speak out against cyber bullying, what you would say if you were cyber bullied. We have an online petition for people who speak out against it, students and faculty will speak out against this issue, some people to share their experiences, visit us in the atrium at 4pm tomorrow.

9. Senate Report

There are vacancies on the Senate Committee; feel free to nominate yourself, there is a Senate meeting on Friday.

10. Library Report

Presentation on the library expansion, renovations have started, planning started in 2008, and they applied for funding from the Ministry, which includes two more floors on the back building and a front expansion. The delay is due to asbestos in the walls and having to remove that. Due date for completion is June/July 2013

11. Associate VP Students and Enrollment Report

In terms of statistics first year we have 5,926 which is the same as last year, international undergraduates we have 1800, total undergraduates we have 19,224 which is around the same number as last year. We have over 2,000 graduate students and 800 PhD students. We had 1700 new students who came for summer orientation, we have over 4700 on academic orientation day, we did a mature and transfer student stream and did an international student stream and we brought these students in earlier on the Friday which gave them a better access to the campus. Student mental health framework is continuing is expanding to student leaders, it helps all students on campus to recognize crisis and mental health issues to refer and aid those students. Bounce back has doubled since last year. We have revamped our website, gotten new social media, how we are doing student communications and we want to create better forums for student groups to meet with other student groups. Registration tools are something that we are trying to make easier for everyone. Affiliation with the Dominican University for reporting to the Ministry, it will two separate institutions but we will be supporting them. Supporting SEO initiatives for alcohol awareness, and because of the recent student death there will also be a cycling awareness campaign.

12. Board of Governors Report

Zane Colt presented quickly about his election, differed comments to Alex Golovko, new chancellor is a high tech mogul, he is extremely rich, trying to fundraise for a quarter million dollars by cutting budgets from execs etc

13. Constituency Report

14. Committee Reports

15. Items for Information

16. Question Period no questions

17. Other Business

- a. **Motion to Appoint Vacant Seats on Council**
- b. **Motion to adopt 2012-2013 Operating Budget**
- c. **Motion to Strike Standing Committees**
- d. **Motion to Strike and Fill the Appeals Committees**
- e. **Motion to consolidate the Promotions and Advertising and Campaigns Committees**

18. Adjournment

Motion to Appoint Vacant Council Seats MOTION CARRIED, no debate

Whereas there remains a number of vacant seats for representatives;

Be it resolved that any students present who wish to run for a seat shall do so.

Moved: Andrew Kwai

Seconded: Sarah McCue

Motivated by Andrew Kwai, just email VPInternal. There are a few names of people who want to fill a vacant seats from the following constituents:

All these seats were filled as there was no competition.

Canadian Studies – Megan Beckwith

English Studies – Alexandra Delvicchio

African Studies – Jaimie Klachan

Biochem Studies - Darren Falcioni

Environmental Sciences – Melanie St-Cyr

Congratulations!

Motion to adopt 2012-2013 Operating Budget MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Whereas CASG has yet to adopt a budget;

Be it resolved that the 2012-2013 Operating Budget be adopted.

Moved: Tabitha McDonald

Seconded: Andrew Kwai

Summary of the budget presented by Tabitha *see budget*

Debate: To have the Representative Appreciation from 250.00\$ to 750.00\$ moved by Jason Morawski (Economics)

Tabitha: Rebutted that it's not feasible to have such a high amount for one student for scholarship money.

Debate ensued. Many constituents not sure on how this would apply, and be fair for one student instead of celebrating for everyone. Representatives mostly speaking against the amendment. Some representatives speaking for the amendment to have more competition so that representatives can get appreciated with money, instead of a party.

Amendment failed. Three votes for, the rest against.

Motion to Strike Standing Committees MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Whereas standing committees have yet to be struck;

Be it resolved that the following committees be struck as per section 2.0 of the Committees Policy;

- Executive Committee
- Governance Review Committee
- Promotions and Advertising
- Financial Committee
- Campaigns Committee
- Volunteer and Director Committee

Moved: Sarah McCue

Seconded: Tabitha McDonald

Motion to Strike and Fill the Appeals Committees MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Whereas the Appeals Committee must be struck as per 1.7.5 of the ByLaws;

Be it resolved that the Appeals Committee be struck and filled with 2 executives and 2 executives as alternates, and 3 CASG nonexecutive members, with 2 CASG non-executive members as alternates.

Moved: Sarah McCue

Seconded: Andrew Kwai

Andrew Kwai (President) and Sarah McCue (VPInternal) to sit on Committee and Tabitha Mcdonald (VPOperations) as alternate.

CASG non-executive members nominations:

- Ryan Marshall (Linguistics) **Alternative**
- Jason Morawski (Economics)
- Riley Evans (Communications)
- Sarah McGuigan (Economics)
- Alex Golovko (CUSA) **Won**
- Harrison Boyd (Journalism) **Won**
- Adrian McDonald (Business) **Won**
- Tracy Amposah (Social Work)
- Meg Stewart (Religion) **Alternative**

Motion to Strike and Fill Academic Initiative Fund MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Whereas the Academic Initiative Fund must be filled each year as per Bylaw 5; *look up Bylaws*

Be it resolved that council strike this committee and elect four members from the CASG caucus to sit on it.

Moved: Andrew Kwai

Seconded: Tabitha McDonald

- Riley Evans (Political Science/Communications)
- Sarah McGuigan (Economics) **Won**
- Adrienne MacDonald (Business) **Won**
- Alex Godlewski (Humanities) **Won**
- Shira Jowdan (Chemistry) **Won**

Motion to consolidate the Promotions and Advertising and Campaigns Committees MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Whereas these committees often share projects and work closely together and;

Whereas attendance at committees has traditionally been poor.

Be it resolved that Section 2.0 of the Committees Policy be amended to read;

2.0 Standing Committees

2.1 CASG shall have the following standing committees that function year-round:

- 2.1.1 Executive Committee
- 2.1.2 Governance Review Committee
- 2.1.3 Promotions and Campaigns Committee
- 2.1.4 Financial Committee
- 2.1.5 Volunteer and Director Committee

Be it further resolved that the terms of reference in Appendix I of the Committees Policy be amended to read;

“Promotions and Campaigns Committee:

- Purpose: To coordinate the promotion of CASG to get the word out to the students at large.
- Purpose: To co-ordinate academic related campaigns for the entire University population and to engage all students in bettering the academics of the University.

Composition:

- Voting: All CASG Members
- Speaking: All Students”

Be it further resolved that the section titled, “Campaigns Committee” in Appendix I of the Committees Policy be struck.

Moved: Sarah McCue

Seconded: Tabitha McDonald

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22PM.