

CASG Meeting minutes for Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Ryan Marshall: Last month's council meeting was unorganized. Papm was not sent agenda. One exec was not present and Darren Major, access president was filling the papm spot. There was a vacant papm seat, contacted 6 people but no one knew the election was happening. Breakdown of communication. I have a motion to be tabled but I am withdrawing it because it is unfair.

Executive clause 1. 1.04 of procedures for resigning from positions was stated.

Motion to add an item to the agenda; hold another formal meeting before end of winter term.

Andrew Kwai, President: Ted Talks happening soon. Elections for CASG, Ballots will close Friday, results will be posted by Monday.

**VP Internal;** goodluck to everyone running in elections.

**VP Operations;** James Armbruster is now Interim VPO. Budget changes; Exec funds will increase because of Ted Talks

**VP Academic;** senate's academic advisory committee, there are revisions being made let me know if you have any. Romeo Dallaire is coming to Carleton on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Scholarship applications were received, deadline closed.

### **Coordinators;**

Science: NSERC awards for research. There has been a decrease, CSS is running elections and a levy to charge \$5 per student. Entirely new program introduced in 2014; bachelor of health science. There will be 7 new faculty members. Has five streams of science in it, one is medical. Needs to be passed by this May. Estimated class size of 70-200.

CUSA: selling Rick Ross tickets in the atrium. Have been interviewing people for food centre and womyn's centre coordinators. Scholarships are available, contact VPSI.

### Items for Information;

Referendum coming up which is about saving \$30 in tuition, just come out and fill out a ballot. Student Union centre project; hoping to work with university and other organizations on campus to create a student union centre. It would cost \$40 million to build, we are looking into having a levy for it and it would take 4-5 years to complete.

## MOTIONS

Motivation (by Ryan Marshall): communication was broken and governance committee is a good place to discuss this instead of just making amendments. Have a meeting before end of this term.

Debate:

Question; should we just leave this for next committee since they will not be able to do much right now?

Answer; to be honest, yes. But I don't know if it will happen in the future if I'm not on the committee. It's one meeting and won't be that difficult.

Riley Evans; The committee is allowed to hold an urgency meeting if they see it necessary.

In favour of the motion; 16

Motion carries.

## ELECTION SPEECHES

### **FASS Coordinator**

T. Mohammed; PSCI and human rights. Wants to be faculty of public affairs coordinator. Vp communications for political science, the experience relates to this position. Wants to create communication between coordinators and representatives.

Sarah Cooper; I sit as a student senator, on the BOG. And am running for

Lauren; English and political science. Running for FASS coordinator. Vp events with political science society.

Questions;

*-Lauren, your experience is with Public Affairs side, what about relating it to fass?*

I can use the same experience, I have both majors and will work for both.

### **President:**

Harrison Boyd: Current VP academic. 1) collective agreement with CUSA, in regards to graphic design and print shop, will get that signed. 2) CASG being more represented 3) the CASG office will be somewhere else. Looking for new office, hopefully in the new student union building.

Questions;

*-how will you change the reputation of CASG/ engage more students?*

Harrison- I want to have things like note books, other supplies, etc and put them in frosh kits, and help participate in fall orientation.

*-would you be open to getting a bigger levy for CASG?*

Harrison- Yes, I have spoken with the committee and hope it will pass.

*-have there been discussions with university admin about finding a new room for CASG?*

Harrison yes, CUSA has been talking to them as well. They are looking at rearranging their spaces to help us out.

*-can you include speeches from us, etc at Academic Orientation? Can we have more of a public appearance like that?*

Harrison- We aren't allowed to have reps at Frosh, but I will MC academic orientation day with CUSA president. But in regards to promotional info, I do want to have notebooks, etc.

*-how will you ensure effective communications amongst representatives and everyone? We will have weekly meetings, and more discussion on facebook, and things as such.*

Ben Diaz; (not present, sarah mccue read). rep for anthropology. Here to serve students, and I will fulfill mandate. Want to engage entire Carleton community, students helping students. CASG scholarships will be improved.

### **Vp internal;**

Nathan; 1) organize documents and website, 2) communication between everyone 3) ensure budget is balanced. Have experience coordinating events for political science society. Have worked in Clubs and societies office where gained administrative experience. I am council coordinator for CUSA; keep record of motions, update minutes and documents and post on CUSA website.

Katrina Krock: vp membership for Carleton law society. Responsible for recruiting, coordinating, maintain volunteers. Experience is directly transferable. I've been PASS Facilitator as well. 1) maintain full council 2)rep training program 3) rep of the month.

Riley Evans: communications rep for journalism and communications. Volunteer at food centre. 1) want department seats filled 2) class talks to get reps and inform 1<sup>st</sup> years about CASG 3)additional meeting at beginning of year to train reps and councillors 4) exec committee post minutes online 5) roundtable chat with outgoing/incoming execs 6) bylaw that food needs to be at every meeting so we will have food that is dietary and culturally appropriate.

Questions;

*-mentioned training new reps, can you present your approaches?*

Katrina- end of September, one Saturday or Sunday, go through constitution, and have them meet with their coordinators so they can learn about their responsibilities and main contacts.

Riley- pretty much the same thing as Katrina

*-how will you ensure that emails are responded to within 48 hours and that everyone knows when elections are happening?*

Nathaniel- council coordinator for CUSA, so I have experience with communicating with councillors. I will make sure that everyone receives their emails, and I will work on postering for elections. Website will be organized, and have it easy to find election info.

Katrina- law society experience; contacting about 300 general members. We have a policy of responding to emails every 24 hours I would hope to see same here. Hold office hours as well. Postering around the school to create awareness.

Riley- ensuring communication between reps and councillors. Lots of postering experience with service centres. Better promotion to inform everyone

*-how do you plan to use past experience to help with VPI?*

Katrina- dept law rep, and know that many people don't come out because they don't know their exact responsibilities. Having a training program enforces the aspect of responsibility.

Nathaniel- I have not personally sat as a rep. I can contact people who have. I would use rep training sessions.

*-Riley what do you mean by dietary and cultural food? And how is this being budgeted?*

Riley- I would contact people and ask if they have specific food needs so that everyone can eat. There just needs to be more options (ie gluten free pizza)

*-do you think it would be possible to change meeting days?*

Riley- there are 4 or 5 CASG meetings per year so I would put them all on different days because everyone has different schedules.

Katrina- I would be in favour of switching days, or even send in schedules to have it work, or have it on the weekend.

Nathaniel- decide on times of meetings at very beginning of year so everyone knows about it. But yes to switching it up.

*-how many faculty and departmental meetings have you been to this year?*

Riley- I have missed a month of days right now from being sick. But as vpi I would have scheduling power.

*-one example of where you butted heads with administration at carleton and how you dealt with it?*

Nathaniel- I communicate with them often, and we sometimes don't agree. But there needs to be constant communication and compromise.

Katrina- as a PASS facilitator I have never had to butt heads with administration. With carleton Law society I have dealt with faculty and admin a lot. Had a meeting with them today in fact.

Riley- I haven't butted heads with high admin, but with the glbtq centre we've had scheduling issues with admin but it always gets resolved if you're open to compromise. They have the final say but we can negotiate.

## **VP Operations:**

Alex Watson; CUSA council as public affairs councillor. I push for transparency. Students pay into CASG, and they need to know what they are paying for. Currently interning for aboriginal group and I deal with 5 digit budget so I am capable of dealing with student's money.

Mohammed al Cusi; first year neuroscience, MSA member, CUSA spirit council member. Budgeting, I am good with numbers, promotion needs to be improved. I am first year and only heard about CASG twice. We need to campaign directly to students with posters and tv ads at CUSA. Work with admin to get info on carleton newsletter. 2 new events that bring students together; jeopardy night competition and wheel of fortune night as well. Work with CUSA to get a better office which is more accessible to students.

Marc Bedard; 1) properly manage finances by being more transparent. Students pay \$1 levy, I want to increase this by 0.50 cents. Increase in representative appreciation. Increase funds set aside to \$750 for end of year party. Increase CASG awareness on campus; frosh week, programming, pamphlets, cards. Promote in atrium. Raffle draw for students who join our facebook group. President of 2 clubs on campus, one is FAST. Manage 70 volunteers, and work with budgets similar to the one of CASG.

Questions;

*- CASG has large budget, what experience do you have managing money?*

Mohammed- I am only in first year, don't have much experience dealing directly with money but am willing to take advice from others

Alex- I flew an academic in from Russia, dealt with their flights etc, and it was the government's money. So if they can trust me with that money, you should too.

*-How do you plan on helping students get the best value from CASG?*

Alex- trimming costs. Give money back to students. We shouldn't be spending money on us and our parties, we should cut each budget back by \$50 and put that towards scholarships for students

Mohammed- looking at the budget, there was nothing done on promotion. I want to promote more, add a budget for it and ask students what they want.

*-how would you increase transparency?*

Alex- sitting on CUSA council, I have learned a lot about transparency. Students should know when/where/why the money is going. Students need to know who we are so they can know how our money is spent.

*-how would you get people to know about us during frosh?*

Alex- this year, not much but I would like CASG to be part of the CUSA/RRRA/SEO frosh, and actually have a say in what happens. We can't participate in the programming aspect but we can put flyers in frosh kits, etc.

Mohammed- we should continue promotions throughout the year, not just frosh. I would allocate funds for promotions during exam times, and when people are thinking directly about their marks.

*-any ideas besides posterings and tv ads to increase awareness about our elections?*

Mohammed- class talks, facebook, twitter, name in the charlatan, Carleton news letter,

Alex- that would be under the VPI portfolio, but class talks (first years need to know about us)

*-what is the largest cheque you personally signed?*

Alex- confidential information, cannot respond.

### **VP Academic;**

Jason: 4<sup>th</sup> year in economics. TA experience, volunteer experience for Paul Menton centre. Want to tweak rules to improve things for students. Create rule in undergrad calendar where any student has a say in scheduling midterms which are not on scheduled days (ie if a class is on Monday 6-9 then the midterms is at that time or there needs to be equal say/vote for when the midterm is).

Kayley Cameron; (not present). 3<sup>rd</sup> year gender studies student. Connect students to resources available. Rep on cusa council. Call for a survey to engage students in our work. We will see what they want and show our findings to the dean/admin. Provide resources through multi-media.

Maddy Porter; (not present). 3<sup>rd</sup> year crim and law. RRRA rep. crim rep for student government. On BOG. Co-president of carleton's equal voice chapter. Lobby for exam scheduling, partnership with ISC, work with CUSA VPI to talk about mental health awareness week.

Questions;

*-how would you implement the rule about midterm dates?*

Jason; I have mentioned it to the examination services, and they agree with me. This is a students right, and it will have to happen. I will work with admin to get it done.

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End of meeting.