

Bethune College Council General Meeting #10

October 31st, 2016

5:00 pm

Bethune College, Room 320 BC
Chaired by Cindy Truong

Meeting convened at: 5:08 PM

Roll Call:

- Voting Members: Tomás Mendes Simões, Kristine Del Rosario, Ivana Murray, Ahmad Ali, Sarah Pecile, Syed Naqvi, Tsering Yanchen.
- Non-voting Members: Cindy Truong, Natan Simchovich, Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh, Kayla Lascasas, Julieta Rybnik, Nassar Khan, Olivia Sinopoli (left at 7:03), Jordan Madeira (Left 5:30PM), Sophia Capó (arrived at 5:20PM), Kazi Mridul (arrived at 5:35PM).

YFS' Update:

- Guest speaker: Jordan Madeira, YFS' VP Campus Life talks about the possible endorsement of the Fight the Fees initiative.
 - Focused around the idea that education is a right and should be completely accessible for all students regardless their background.
 - Liberals campaign was focused on a post secondary mandate and young voters. They promised students a few items, but they were never addressed.
 - The Fight the Fees campaign focuses on getting rid of tuition, getting rid of student debt, by turning loans into non-repayable grants, and getting rid of interest on those loans.
 - YFS is handing in a petition, letting the Canadian government know that they haven't addressed the issues that were promised to students, to the legislative assembly on November 1st, 2016.
 - November 2nd, 2016 is the day of action for all national student governments.
 - Canada hasn't had a national day of action since 2008.
 - 9:00 AM: Free pancake breakfast at York and address the issues about food sustainable and security on campus.
 - 10:00AM: Mini rally at York to hype up the students.
 - 11:00 AM: Leave York on free shuttle busses meeting at Ryerson
 - 12:00 PM: March through the streets to rally at Queen's Park with other universities.
 - 5:30 PM: Shuttle busses will come back to York.

- YFS president sits on the senate and worked to get academic amnesty. Through senate policy the professor must provide academic accommodation for students to attend the Fight the Fees' day of action when proof of event attendance is submitted. Proof of attendance forms will be given out on the bus.
- YFS is asking for Bethune College Council's formal endorsement on the Fight the Fee's day of action.
- Motion to advertise the YFS' Fight the Fees day of action on November 2nd, 2016 by Kazi_Mridul. Seconded by Natan Simchovich. Discussion. 7-0-0. **Motion Passed.**

CRO's Update:

- Elections went well, not many complaints during the campaigning period, and the debate went well overall, but participation was a bit low.
 - A good goal for next year is to increase participation during debates.
- Executive Vice-President:
 - Nassar Khan: 128 votes.
 - Kamran Zare: 87 votes.
 - Abstain: 28 votes.
- Lexicon Chief Editorial Officer:
 - Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh: 157 votes.
 - Ivana Murray: 74 votes.
 - Abstain: 14 votes.
- First Year Representatives:
 - Victoria Van Dyk: 59 votes.
 - Julieta Rybnik: 42 votes.
 - Aaron Suresh: 39 votes.
 - Irteza Afzal: 37 votes.
 - Luke Moslenko: 29 votes.
 - Farshad Heydarizadm: 23 votes.
 - Iresha Katurusinghe: 15 votes.
 - Madumitha Balaji: 13 votes.
 - Abstain: 5 votes.
- Voting turn out could be increased next year by having a voting station in the Junior Common Room run by the Chief Returning Officer.
- Social media advertising should be increased for next year's election and create an overall election event page.
- Motion to ratify Nassar Khan as Executive Vice-President for BCC by Tomás Mendes Simões. Seconded by Syed Naqvi. Discussion. 1-0-6. **Motion Passed.**
- Motion to ratify Wedad Sheh as Lexicon's Chief Editorial Officer for BCC by Tomás Mendes Simões. Seconded by Kayla Lascasas. Discussion. 6-1-0. **Motion Passed.**
- Motion to ratify Tsering Yangchen as SOS representative for BCC by Cindy

- Truong. Seconded by Kayla Lascasas. Discussion. 6-0-1. **Motion Passed.**
- Motion to ratify Victoria Van Dyk and Julieta Rybnik as First Year Representatives for BCC by Cindy Truong. Seconded by Syed Naqvi. Discussion. 7-0-0. **Motion Passed.**

President's Update:

- CPA and Tomás Mendes Simões discussed having a less intense version of cross council during the winter semester. Tentative date: Friday, January 13th, 2016.
 - Good to touch base with other college council as well as good experience for the new members.

Executive VP's Update:

- Tomás Mendes Simões talked to York's head of security, David Timmins about installing a fire alarm for emergency exit doors for the one door in JACs and the two doors in JCR, quoted at \$600.
 - The door in JACs is reserved as emergency exit doors and should not be open unless there is an actual emergency. The issue is students use that door to go outside to smoke, leaving the door open and letting the smoke indoors.
 - Issues relating to the installation of the alarms would be students getting used to it and having security come every time.
 - False alarms could be installed, but in case of a real emergency it would be misleading to say it was an emergency exit door without an alarm going off to contact security. Also word would get around that it is a fake alarm.
 - It would take time for the students to get used to not using those doors not being used in the beginning, but it's better in the long run and the increased security presence is a good thing.

VP Finance's Update:

- Updated budget: \$106,000
 - Still waiting to get paid \$6,500 from frosh.
- Bethune received \$1,100 from last years Blue Mountain trip for an unexplained reason. The certified cheque was not cashed and was then refunded to us.
- Two unused telephones (Lexicon and Bethune council general office) were canceled, saving us \$100/month.
- Auditors haven't been paid because of a bargaining meeting happening on November 3rd, 2016 between the auditors and Tomás Mendes Simões, Natan Simchovich and either Paul Delaney or John Amanatides.
- Updated budget and reconciliations from events we've had so far are attached.
 - Blue Jays' costed us \$660.
 - Clothing sale made \$500, with reduced prices.

- Montreal cost close to \$5,000, not including snacks.
- Motion to approve the updated budget by Natan Simchovich. Seconded by Kayla Lascasas. Discussion. 7-0-0. **Motion Passes.**

VP Athletics' Update:

- Issue with defaults this month.
 - The team must pay default fee.
 - Discussion of the possibility of collecting a deposit per team.
 - This may discourage students to come out and play.
 - Further suggestions are welcome for the next meeting.
- November 25th, 2016 is Rage Dodge-ball
 - There is the possibility of a council team.
- Reminder that council involvement in sports would be appreciated to help with teams.

VP External's Update:

- Elections went well, it was promoted on social media platforms, as well as hosted a giveaway.
- Bethune's 2016/2017 clothing line is in production at Oceanic.
 - Estimated cost was \$4,600, but was reduced to \$4,200.
 - Consisting of 25 sweaters, 25 hoodies, 30 basic t-shirts, 25 sweatpants, 30 hats, and 25 long sleeve shirts. All in various sizes.
 - The production of socks and shorts were stopped because of quantity need for a lower price.
 - Estimated to be delivered in mid to late November.
- Council jackets (bombers) are in progress.
- Blowout sale went well, we only have t-shirts and tuques left over.
 - Tuques will be sold with the new clothing line.
- Bethune town hall meeting will be held in late November, most likely in BC 320. Snacks will be provided.

Clubs and Affiliates' Update:

- Clubs' meeting will be held on November 2nd, 2016 at 3:30 PM in BC 320. Food is provided.
- Clubs can apply for extra funding through YFS and receive up to \$800 per event.
- Engineering Society, Computing Students (CS) Hubs, Lassonde Student Government, Cyber Troops, and the Robotics Society will be leaving by November 1st, 2016.
 - Clubs may not occupy spots in Bethune while having space elsewhere (e.g. Bergeron)
 - Extra space may be used for Bethune Athletic Committee and study space, determined by the master's office.
- Lexicon office will be shared with the International Educated Professionals at

York (new club).

Orientation Chairs' Update:

- Big thank you to everyone again.
 - Kayla for DIY
 - Council, Tomás Mendes Simões, and Natan Simchovich.
 - Bosses
- Sanitary pads came in today that we could use for various things.
 - Lexicon advertising.
 - Women empowerment day event with fund raising for charity.
 - Donate to various charities.

SOS's Update:

- Thank you to BCC for accommodating the SOS Halloween pumpkin-carving contest in JCR.
- The advanced leadership training was held over the co-curricular days and was a success. The training included active by-standard training and sexual violence intervention.
 - This training is highly recommended for members of BCC.
- Reminder that it is mandatory for all new BCC members to attend Basic Peer Leadership (BPL) training. Next session held on January 22nd, 2016.

VP Social's Update:

- Blue Jays' was on budget, after opening sales up to other colleges and non-York.
- Montreal was roughly around \$5,000, under the expected budget.
 - Everything went smoothly, no hospital trips were made, but had a few people who were drunk and needed to be escorted back to the hotel.
 - Bed bugs were found in Sophia Capo's room, so that room was not paid for.
 - Security was not present during the times promised, even after talking to the security manager. This issue will be further discussed because we are unhappy paying close to \$700 for security that was not present.
 - Big thanks to Arsh Riyat, Tomás Mendes Simões and Kayla Lascasas.
- Officially decided to plan a Blue Mountain trip because of the amount of interest.
 - There will be a maximum of 56 spots for this trip. We'll be riding with the same coach bus as the Montreal trip, hopefully getting a discount, and staying the Blue Mountain Inn. Ski lift tickets will be for Saturday and Sunday.
 - Some smaller events will be cancelled to accommodate for the Blue Mountain Trip.
 - Hopefully be happening near the end of York's Frost Week.
- Next event is the coffee house/karaoke event happening mid to end of November; Emily Lioktsis will be leading this event.

- Bethune's formal will be held at the Riviera Parque.
 - They are charging us \$58+tax/person (may be lowered to \$55+tax/person) including salad, pasta, a entrée option (Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian gluten free), ice-cream crepes, midnight snacks (poutine and sliders), and 2 drink tickets.
 - Bethune may be selling addition drink tickets.
 - Will be discussing the possibility of moving the formal into the attached nightclub, which would be used exclusively for us. This will cost us an additional \$1000.

Other Business:

- Motion to extend the meeting past 2.5 hours by Cindy Truong. Second by. Discussion. 7-0-0. **Motion Passed.**
- Motion for the alumni representative position to be opened up on the grounds that the position was never advertised nor properly voted on. Not a proper motion constitutionally. **Motion Fails.**
 - Alumni representative should be better advertised next year and all options should be presented to council to decide, since this year only one option was presented.
- A possibility of new communication platform may be used for council; right now the main source of communication is through Facebook and emails.

Ratification of Minutes:

- Motion to ratify meeting minutes #9 and all appropriate attachments by Cindy Truong. Seconded by Kristine Del Rosario. Discussion. 7-0-0. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th, 2016.