



Bethune College Council Meeting #9
BC 203
September 18 2019 6PM-8PM EST
Chaired by Emily Panzarella

Start Time: 6:08PM EST

Voting Members: Adam Brihmi (early leave 7:35PM), Syed Naqvi, Zain Ali (late 6:35PM), Justin Calcada (late 6:18PM), Nicholas Matthias, Olga Jankovic, Meryl Pirasol, John Amanatides

Non-Voting Members: Ahmad Ali, Sara Sarwari, Claudio Budo, Emily Panzarella, Nami Yazdankhah

Guests: Laura Nati, Sarah Pecile, Claudia Martire, Alex Alkhundov, Myra Whitfield, Gemner Sandoval, Eunsu Kim, Robert Cheung, Akin Adewale, Helia Zamani

Absent: Nicole Shwartz (called in), Dominic Bowman, Justyn Drisdelle, Arsh Riyat, Clifford Baker, Suzanne Park, Andrew Skelton

President's Update

- The audit costs will be raised due to the incorporation of HST into the Student Choice Initiative
- The honorarium meeting scheduled for this Friday will run as usual, where voting members will vote on a major percentage to determine the honorarium received by respective council members
- The kit transfers ran smoothly during CPA, so we should continue using the same system for future years
 - This would allow any Frosh to switch colleges during Frosh week
- Initiatives will be discussed among executive members at the next Executive meeting
- Looking into getting a printing station for the council office and made available for all Bethune students to use
 - Still need to look at costs and whether students will be charged for these services
 - Master's Office and Glendon College are both to send the breakdown of the budgets for their printing services

Executive Vice President's Update

- Office hours have been changed from 9AM-6PM to 10AM-6PM since there is not much traffic in and out of Bethune between 9AM and 10AM
 - The office hour schedule will be changed in the near future once elections are held
 - Executives will have the first shift since charging equipment is kept in the executive office
 - Cleaning schedule has been posted
- Motion to make the council office space used only for office hours or council work from 10AM-6PM
 - Discussion



- The office could be used by BCC members as long as it is used for quiet work, but this may not actually work as this has been used in previous years and the space can get noisy
- The office should be a professional environment when vendors are visiting
- Do not want it to seem like BCC members are isolating themselves from the rest of the college, as council should be representing inclusivity
- Suggestion for council members on office hours to bring a plus one during that time, but this may pose other issues
- Must be consistently implemented by all council members
- Seconded by Olga
 - 6-1-1 motion passes
- Quote to fix the HDMI outlet in the JCR is \$2500.00
 - Also getting a 40-foot long cable, cost \$30.00
- Ordered multiple pool cubes, speaker (for council members), chargers, and cleaning supplies
- Posters for elections for one Commuter Representative have been put up and will be hired by council
 - Not an official council position since it is not in the constitution but will be working for council
- Upcoming elections will be for two First-Year Representatives and several General Members
- Looking into a winter council retreat since there will be many new council members
 - Most likely no budget but costs will be kept as cheap as possible

Vice President Finance Update

- Need an HST number in order to keep track of the incorporation of HST from the Student Choice Initiative
- Approximately 50 less Frosh kits sold this year than last year
 - This number does not account for transfers and numbers will be finalized by the next meeting
- Down \$13 000 from Frosh week
 - Look into how to recover these costs
 - The subsidy originally planned for will need to be reviewed

Vice President Communications Update

- Speaking to vendors regarding council apparel and Bethune apparel
 - Still to look at budgets
 - Expect for apparel by late October (at the earliest)
 - Decide whether to sell for profit as a way to recover some of the costs from Frosh week
- Akin and Helia have been hired as a part of the Communications team
 - Discuss changes in the constitution regarding their positions
- If any council member needs a promotion, a two-week notice will be required
 - A form will be available to complete and submit
- The white board in the JCR can be used to keep students informed about events or deadlines
 - Divide the board in half between BCC and BAC updates
- May be retaking council photos
- The monitors in central square still has last year's council photos and needs to be updated
- Frosh video recap will be completed by September 27



Vice President Social Update

- Comedy Club event next Wednesday September 25
 - Still needs more promotion from council

Orientation Chairs Update

- A few issues with promotions regarding Frosh week came up throughout the summer
- Not all phone calls were made to the incoming students from the call-out list prior to Frosh week
- Council members were willing to help assist in the planning of Frosh week but were not reached out to
- It was communicated that council members would be regular Frosh leaders but were expected to do a lot more work during Frosh week
- Miscommunication about Frosh jerseys which were supposed to have each council member's title on the sleeve but this did not happen
- Several miscommunication regarding the intoxicated Frosh students and no wristbands were cut even though contract was broken
- Scheduling and shifting was very last minute
- Plan to make an official Orientation Chair Package which will include information for future Orientation Chairs and made available to BCC
 - Will include suggestions, advice, council tasks, and experiences regarding Frosh week
- One-on-one meetings to be expected in order to address the concerns of all council members regarding Frosh week

Vice President Athletics Update

- First tournament (soccer-baseball) was a success; two teams made it to the semi-finals with one finalist
- No defaults so far
- All teams have been paid for
- Begin tracking torch points this weekend (September 21)
- Focus on promotions with assistance from VP Communications so that constituents have enough notice about upcoming events

YES Director Update

- November 1: Activist Assembly
 - Discussing the Student Choice Initiative
- November 6: Rally for Student Choice Initiative
 - Most likely will be located in Vari Hall and BCC is encouraged to come and support
- Posters will be sent to council to promote
- York Fest begins next week and council is encouraged to come and represent the college
- Tabling for BCC will be on Wednesday September 25 from 10AM-6PM
 - Schedule to be posted regarding time slots for members to be tabling



Other

- A high school robotics club is participating in a competition called First Robotics and may be using the following spaces from October to May to build their robot:
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5PM-9:30PM: Room 105 and Room 105B
 - Saturday & Sunday from 9AM-6PM: JACS
 - They will be responsible for the clean-up of these spaces after use and students will be supervised
 - The shisha in the council office is to be removed
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Meeting Adjourned: 7:57PM EST

Next Meeting: TBD