



Bethune College Council Meeting #14  
BC320  
November 22 2019 4:30-6:30PM EST  
Chaired by Emily Panzarella

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**Start Time:** 4:35PM EST

**Voting Members:** Adam Brihmi, Syed Naqvi, Justin Calcada, Chanthe Powell, Pooja Natali, Arman Sadr, Gemner Sandoval, Meryl Pirasol, Clifford Baker

**Non-Voting Members:** Ahmad Ali, Sara Sarwari, Nicole Shwartz, Claudio Budo, Akin Adewale, Thadsha Vannan, Alyssa Soroka, Emily Panzarella, Nami Yazdankhah, Justyn Drisdelle

**Absent:** Helia Zamani, Zain Ali, Ali Bashar, Dominic Bowman, Arsh Riyat, Suzanne Park, John Amanatides, Andrew Skelton

**Guests:** 7

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**President's Update**

- Potential changes to be made to the Constitution as proposed by the Constitution Committee:
  1. Change Article III title from *Privileges of Bethune College Council* to *Privileges of Bethune College*
  2. Make all Executive positions voting members (VP Finance, VP Social, and VP Communications)
    - Discussion
      - During the hiring process of Executive members, there should be an equal number of Master's office members and council members present to avoid bias
      - Voting privileges may cause conflict between council meetings and executive meetings, as many motions may be decided at executive meetings without consulting all council members
    - Motion to give Executive members voting privileges
      - 6-3-0 motion passes
  3. Commuter Representatives to be changed from hired members to elected members who will have voting privileges
  4. Eradicate the four general member positions and add Director of Social and Director of Finance
    - Discussion
      - Directors would be hired positions rather than voted positions
      - Potentially rotate directors halfway through the year to gain experience under VP Social and VP Finance
      - Consider keeping two general member positions but create specific tasks to be fulfilled under Executive members



5. Add Director of Athletics to further integrate BAC into BCC
  6. Revise and condense Article V - *Qualifications, Power, and Duties of Council Members*
    - Add Fellows Representative to the Hiring Committee
    - Change Fellows Representative title to Alumni Representative
    - Require SOS Representative to plan an event with Bethune College
    - Change the chair of the Finance Committee from President to VP Finance
    - Add Commuter Representative positions and responsibilities
    - Add Communications Committee
    - Add Sponsorship Committee to be chaired by the President and Orientation Chairs and VP Finance will be members of
    - VP Social to have signing authority
      - Discussion
        - VP Social makes several purchases and sign many contracts; it is becoming difficult to schedule times for the President, EVP, and/or VP Finance to meet
        - It is best to keep as few members as possible have signing authority
- A revised version of the Constitution is to be reviewed at the next scheduled council meeting.

### **Executive Vice President's Update**

- Winter council retreat is currently being planned
  - Dates will be selected; options include Winter break, Winter reading week, or a weekend in early January

### **Vice President Finance Update**

- The budget is still to be voted on
  - The student levy is estimated to be \$97 000
  - SOS invoice will be received at the end of the year and should be around \$28 000
  - Money is still to be received by other colleges from Orientation Week
  - Money is left over from Training and Team Building
    - Consider having each council member undergo training for their position
      - Each member to look up courses on Udemy that would be beneficial to their role
  - Honorarium will remain as is
  - Increase JACS and JCR budget to \$9000 for space monitors and potentially new chairs
  - Potentially purchasing three new computers (for VP Communications, VP Social, and main office)

### **Vice President Communications Update**



- College merchandise expected to be available by January
- Council merchandise is being designed and will be voted on
- Planning to hire two photographers and a Digital Media Assistant
  - Advertisements for the position to be posted

### **Vice President Social Update**

- Holiday Day will be on November 28
- Tickets for Blue Mountain will be on sale by mid-December for \$150
  - The price is subsidized by 50%; opt-out price is \$300 per ticket
  - Rentals are not included in the price but discounts are received (\$30 on Friday and \$67 on Saturday)
  - Busses are still to be arranged
- Paint Night had a large turn-out

### **YFS Director Update**

- The divisional court reached a decision that the Student Choice Initiative is unlawful
  - Most likely, the college will be receiving the budget and there will be no opt-out option next year

### **Orientation Chairs Update**

- Council members will be contacted to assist in developing the Orientation Chair package

### **Other**

- Non-inclusive language is being used in Bethune College spaces
  - Post York Inclusive Space posters similar to the ones posted in Tait Mckenzie
  - Have announcements before the start of all social events are hosted
  - Utilize social media platforms
  - Implement consequences for using non-inclusive language
  - Host inclusive-language trainings to educate constituents
  - Host events for pride month, history month, etc.

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**Meeting Adjourned: 6:54PM EST**

**Next Meeting: TBA**