



Bethune College Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. EST
Room 203/Zoom Meeting
Chaired by Vincent Vuong
Minutes by Sarah Pullano

Voting Results: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bSQBw3pjnV4ihkXK7-koC-mYQtL4feBhwpAyNO4nMYw/edit?usp=sharing>

Voting Members

Name	Position	Attendance
Arman Sadr	President	Present
Masood Syed	Executive Vice-President	Present
John-Paul Gagliano Veiga	Vice President Athletics	Present
Hassan Khan	Vice President Athletics	Present
Abisan Buvanendran	Commuter Director	Absent with regrets
Issay Amaha	Commuter Director	Present
Pedro Gonzalez	Lassonde Representative	Present
Aydin Sadr	General Member	Present
Farid Musavinejad	General Member	Present
Ernest Gasparyan	General Member	Absent with regrets
Glory Ohikhen	General Member	Absent with regrets
Kyleen Tambot	YFS Director	Present
	SOS Representative	
Paula Wilson	Head of the College	Present
Clifford Roy Baker	Fellow's Representative	Present
Andrew Skelton	Academic Advisor	Absent without regrets
ReneJay Aguilar	First Year Representative	Present
Christian Pittao	First Year Representative	Present

Non-Voting Members

Name	Position	Attendance
Yashna Manek	Vice-President Social	Present
Ethan Chin	Vice-President Social	Present
Sumeyye Camuzcu	Vice-President Finance	Absent without regrets
Yurij Kunyckyj	Vice-President Communications	Present
Muhammad Abdulhafiz	Vice-President Communications	Present



Claire Del Zotto	Outreach Director	Late with regrets (arrived at 8:22 p.m.)
Remie Taza	Outreach Director	Absent without regrets
Jarred Laganas	Orientation Chair	Present
Vincent Vuong	Speaker	Present
Sarah Pullano	Secretary	Present
Arghavan Sammak Moghaddam	Chief Returning Officer	Present
Adam Hadad	Mascot	Late with regrets (arrived at 9:55 p.m.)

Guest(s)

Name	Position	Attendance
ReneJay Aguilar		Present
Angel Zheng		Present
Adeola		Present
Michael Petosa		Present
Cecilia Di Matteo		Present
Estime Gnonlonfin		Present
Christian Pittao		Present
Ghina Dhiyaa		Present
Simraj Gakhal		Present
Emily Clarke		Present
April Cole		Present
Zaki Ali		Present
Rashad Mubarak Shah		Present

This meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 8:19 p.m. EST with Vincent Vuong as Speaker and Sarah Pullano as Secretary.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: President

Seconded by: Executive Vice-President

Result: Unanimous

BCC025 was moved after BCC007.



2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit and intent of Truth and Reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional Indigenous territories on which we live, learn, and play. This territory is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, an agreement between the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. By understanding and acknowledging, we wish to pay respect to Turtle Island, Mother Earth, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

This land was acquired unfairly and as settlers on this land it is part of our collective responsibility to recognize and mitigate the oppression of Indigenous peoples.

For more information on land acknowledgements for your current location, and some helpful maps, visit <https://native-land.ca/>.

3. UPDATES

a. Vice President Social

- **Pub Night (November 18th)**
 - Pub night was a success
 - Went over budget by \$200 but was taken out of contingency after consulting with the finance committee
 - Planning to hold another bar night in the new year
- **Anime night (November 24th)**
 - From 6-10 p.m. in JACS, JCR, and Room 320
 - There is a sign-up form if you want to join the event and cosplay
- **Cross College Movember Event (November 30th)**
 - Please sign up & join the council Movember WhatsApp group chat to participate in the fun of Movember.
 - Cross college collaborative event with Bethune, Stong, Mac, New College, Founders, LES, and CSHUB
 - Challenges for those participating include getting hit with whipped cream for \$5, waxed for \$8, and eating a chili pepper
 - A link was sent in Discord to sign up to participate in the event
- **Grinch Stole Christmas**
 - Advent calendar type of event to get to know council better
 - Constituents have to guess who the Grinch is
 - Council members please fill out the form on Discord so we know who we can use from council that will be participating in the event so we can start getting everything to comms to get promotional material ready
- **Christmas Party**



- Reschedule Christmas party to Valentine's Day
- It could be done at Christmas, but we don't think we would be maximizing the amount of people coming
- **Blue Mountain**
 - Looking at updated insurance arrangement
- **Formal**
 - Theme has been picked
- **Soccer World Event**
 - Going to be subsidizing a Soccer World event that is happening tomorrow, a Canada versus Belgium watch party

b. Speaker

- **Governing Document Changes Presentation**
 - Today will be heavy in terms of presenting constitutional changes
 - There are a lot of changes, it is recommended to pull up the links for all five documents in the agenda as we go through it
 - For the motion for new governing documents, we are not passing it today, only proposing changes and writing them down
 - Having a meeting next week to pass every change we have
 - You have a chance to propose changes, then have a week to sleep on it so when it comes to vote in a week everyone had a week to think about what happened during the meeting
 - Through Discord, updates in various meetings, and the form on Instagram, there were concerns about the procedures of the constitution committee, so based on those concerns Dr. Wilson has some things to add so today we are going through the different proposals
 - 2 weeks from now council will vote on it and a month from now we will have the AGM

4. MOTIONS

TITLE: BCC007 – Lasonde Rep Budget Motion

MOVER: Lasonde Representative

SECONDER: General Member (Aydin)

WHEREAS: The Lasonde Representative is to hold events and other facilities for the constituent student bodies; A stated mission of the Council and/or its members is to help consolidate ties between the Lasonde and Bethune student bodies; The budget proposed by the Lasonde Representative is the following;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The budget proposed by the Lasonde Representative be approved and the necessary funds appropriated for the purposes outlined therein;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Lassonde Representative will see each of the items in the budget proposal to completion, acquisition and distribution, to the best of their ability, unless the council agrees otherwise

RESULTS OF MOVEMENT TO TABLE MOTION: 11/0/0

TITLE: BCC021 - An Act to Overhaul the Bethune College Council Governing Documents

MOVER: Speaker

SECONDER: Lassonde Representative

WHEREAS: The current governing documents of the Bethune College Council need a major overhaul from years of patch work and amendments

WHEREAS: The Council currently has little to no autonomy over defining certain aspects of Council policy or operations due to the inflexibility of the current constitution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Council adopts Bylaw 1: The Bethune College Council Constitution as written and be presented at an upcoming Constitution Meeting:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1at8F22mIY3qYAOcca10RCRCBkf_0iPv/view?usp=share_link

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Council adopts Bylaw 2: The Executive and Council Bylaw as written and be presented at an upcoming Constitution Meeting:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gDKvYS3Lw7YG5dmJH60_9UjvRs8Jjy-F/view?usp=share_link

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Council adopts Bylaw 3: The Elections Bylaw as written and be presented at an upcoming Constitution Meeting:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VjciCZbazlFi0V1hqCOHAQdZq2foevGp/view?usp=share_link

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Council adopts Bylaw 4: The Honoraria Bylaw as written and be presented at an upcoming Constitution Meeting:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xaO74q63p0fRQ1F27s9dbvpltZDBgR4v/view?usp=share_link

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Council adopts Bylaw 5: The Finance Bylaw as written and be presented at an upcoming Constitution Meeting:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tWlaRiTKbVLvF-sotXmbyKuJtwAGoRAK/view?usp=share_link

RESULTS OF MOVEMENT TO TABLE MOTION: 11/0/0

TITLE: BCC022 – Club Funding Guidelines Approval

MOVER: Outreach Directors

SECONDER: Executive Vice-President



WHEREAS: The Outreach Directors are to support and facilitate funding for Bethune affiliated clubs. The Club Funding Guidelines must be looked over and approved by council so that this policy may be implemented and used by Outreach Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Club Funding Guideline be approved by council. Link to club funding guidelines: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XW4cfsXkotZFeZ9Hv_r34hSvNoSE64t

RESULTS OF MOVEMENT TO TABLE MOTION: 11/0/0

TITLE: BCC023 - Executive Vice-President Budget Increase Approval

MOVER: Executive Vice-President

SECONDER: President

WHEREAS: The budget lists all items/services requested as well as the corresponding costs for items/services. The current budget is currently approved for \$13,685.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Once approved, the Executive Vice-President budget will be increased by an additional \$6,300 to accommodate for the purchasing of new desktop computers for the council office. The new budget will have a monetary value of \$19,985 in total. Link to budget: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wP7vTykb3oSqmpySnOij6RkhrcYeINJb_X-s-wowWNM/edit#gid=0

RESULTS: 9/0/1

TITLE: BCC024 - Socials Budget Increase Approval

MOVER: Executive Vice-President

SECONDER: President

WHEREAS: The budget lists all the events and the corresponding expenditures for the 2022 - 2023 year. The currently approved budget is listed at \$79,537.15.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Once approved, the Socials budget for the 2022 - 2023 year will be increased by an additional \$700. The new budget will reflect a total monetary value of \$80,237.15. Link to reasoning for budget increase: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RsolPSPdY6eANkvsldHq7VmJNzNZhgHXSOawxPIh3Xo/edit>

RESULTS: 10/0/1

TITLE: BCC025 - Ratifying 2022-2023 First Year Representatives

MOVER: President

SECONDER: Commuter Director (Issay)



WHEREAS: The Council has to vote to ratify the First Year Representative Elections

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The following be ratified as First Year Representatives: ReneJay Aguilar and Christian Pittao. Voting results are shown below.

Election name: Bethune College Council Fall Elections 2022

Eligible voters: 2568

Voted: 112

1. Who would you like to see as your 2 First-Year Representatives for Bethune College Council this year?

Abstain - Not exercising a vote Reject - Not accepting candidates for the position

- Angel Zheng - 30
- Cecilia Di Matteo - 13
- Christian Pittao - 38
- Estime Gnonlonfin - 7
- Michael Petosa - 24
- Peter Vo - 22
- Rene Jay (RJ) Aguilar - 44
- Sofia Castano Valderrama - 9
- Abstain - 6
- Reject All - 2

Voters votes: 111 (195)

RESULTS: 11/0/0

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- Ethan - MTL Bus Reimbursement
 - Update to the bus situation: We still haven't yet resolved the bus situation from Montreal. I forwarded the link to the bus T&Cs to our contact (Lisa) at risk management for a 2nd opinion. Her email response can be found here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YBK4kaAaTmoSbtRUKM76m3dwT4Hk8Ez9ys_fxWkS8do/edit?usp=sharing
 - She said we cannot get any more than \$500 back directly from bus.com
 - There is a possibility you could obtain more form the bus company themselves, however we don't have a contract with the bus company, so it is a tough situation
 - Arman – Risk Management is for what we can safely do on campus, contact York Legal

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: President

Seconded by: Vice President Athletics (Hassan)



7. MINUTES

Note: Minutes are not verbatim.

// BCC007 – Lassonde Rep Budget Motion

// Lassonde Representative moves to table BCC007.

// Seconded by President.

Vincent – He hasn't submitted what was approved in the finance meeting, this motion is from 2 months ago.

// Vote on tabling BCC007.

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

// BCC025 - Ratifying 2022-2023 First Year Representatives

Arman – I apologize about the miscommunications, we did update in a previous council meeting about what information they wanted and when they were putting up the form so apologies to first year rep candidates. On that note, I have not received any complaints and I don't believe Masood or Arghavan have so if I could get confirmation on that. If there were complaints, they would be brought up by the final day of elections but if anyone has anything to bring up. I have the results. 112 people voted but I don't know who won. We can decide if there are any deductions to be put in place prior to announcing that.

Arman – We have the abstain feature and the rejecting feature. 112 voted out of 2568 eligible voters. Angel with 30 votes, Cecilia with 13, Christian with 38. I don't know who is first and second, I have it as given to me. This is the number of votes that are there. Estime has 7, Michael with 24 votes, Peter with 22, RJ with 44, Sofia with 9, 6 abstains, and 2 rejections. The 2 most votes are RJ with 44 and Christian with 38. The motion is to ratify the 2 first-year rep candidates who are RJ and Christian. We just ask the 2 first years who got it to leave the room and then vote on the ratification. I appreciate all of you running and I hope all the candidates stay involved in the community. Everyone loses elections, I've lost them, don't let that demotivate you from being on council.

// President moves to have RJ and Christian ratified as first year reps.

// Seconded by Issay.

Pedro – What is voters votes?

Arman – If someone clicks on 1 person and does not click on a second it only registers as 1 result and not 2.

// Vote on BCC025.

For: 11



Against: 0
Abstain: 0
BCC025 passes.

// BCC021 - An Act to Overhaul the Bethune College Council Governing Documents

// Seconded by Lassonde Representative.

Vincent – Open up Bylaw 1. I’m going through significant changes that have been done so far. Mission statement, this was exactly copied from the current constitution. Article I, section 2, interpretation and conflict of interest are strictly copied from the old constitution. Article II, community membership, nothing changed. Now we have specifics. Article III is new, it is called executive. It defines the executive and their roles within council. Not much changed in here, I want to mention it is now specified that should the EVP resign, council is required to appoint an interim Vice President no later than 15 business days following resignation. For president it is 10 days, those are the only things that were clarified. 1.7, each Executive shall oversee Directors, Executives do have the authority. Not only the EVP and President, each Exec has the authority to create new Directors. Each Executive is supposed to be at least 18 years of age, that is a new requirement that was added. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are copied from the old constitution. If you want to propose changes to that we will get to that. Article 4, council, is pretty much the most changed portion of the constitution besides another one. The general section is copied from the BCC Council part of the old constitution, it is exactly the same. Duties are also copied. Membership is exactly the same. Voting members are President, EVP, Athletics, Head of the College, Fellow’s Representative, 4 general members, 2 first year reps, Commuter Director, Lassonde Rep, SOS Rep, Bethune College Academic Advisor, and YFS director. Non-voting is Finance, Social, Comms, Director of Finance, Admin Assistant, O-chairs, Outreach Director, YFS director, and Res Life Rep.

Arman – That is a mistake made by last year’s council so that is why it is there.

Masood – We made a council interpretation earlier in the year.

Vincent – Some can be split between people. Now quorum is one-half of voting members during the academic year and a quarter during the summer. Each voting member outlined in section 3.1 shall hold one vote and you also have the ability to hold proxy. This also adds the formal addition of the speaker. That is my role. The speaker shall use applicable law, BCC constitution, bylaws, York policy, College policy, and Robert’s Rules of Order. That is how I am currently chairing meetings, but it is now formalized in the constitution.

Arman – There was one section missed in the carrying over. A portion missing for article 4, point 3. It is for VP athletics to allow them to split the position.

Vincent – I think I missed it because it wasn’t added in section 3.3. That is a bit of a typo in the old constitution. If they put a (S) but then don’t put it in the section that defines which positions shall be split 2 ways.

Arman – The difference is the position is not split because they don’t share a vote, that is why we did an interpretation on Commuter Directors since they are splitting a position.

Note: The VP athletics position is not split, they each get a vote. However, there can be 1 VP athletics with 1 vote.



Vincent – For emergency/special meetings they shall be called by the President or Speaker within 1 week, signed by half of the members of council. Signed can be via email. Notice of all council meetings should be advertised no less than 72 hours in advance. Minutes should be sent out after 2 days, shall record the rationale for a secret ballot vote, and shall reflect the use of proxy votes. If you don't come to meetings but still vote we record it. Minutes shall show if people are in favor, against, or in abstention. Decisions of a meeting may be challenged by presenting signatures of 100 members of the Bethune community. If they want to challenge a council decision, they can. Regular members are defined above in the membership section which is article 2. Standing committees is to define all the committees within BCC, it is copied verbatim. Only thing that is changed is Robert's, changing from Bourinot's to Robert's Rules of Order, a procedural change in terms of how meetings are run.

Paula – Are you going to be providing rationales for these changes when you are finished?

Vincent – It's going to be in the minutes so if you want to ask questions you can, I will be providing a document with the rationale as well.

Arman – If the rationale is not clear when we present it, you can motivate as well.

Kyleen – YFS is both in voting and non-voting members, how would that be changed?

Vincent – It is a clerical error, it was already ruled by us that YFS Director has voting rights, it will be corrected quickly.

Vincent – In terms of standing committees, I changed a couple things. Instead of saying the social committee “consists of,” I said “consists of at minimum” which allows the social committee to add more members to their committee rather than having fixed membership. If the social committee wants to define further membership, they can. If any other committees want this right, you can bring that up when we start discussion, we can motion to have that as a change as well in terms of flexibility in committee membership. If I don't put at minimum in the language, that committee's membership is fixed by the constitution.

Paula – For adding members you might want to put a process for that. A process for expanding membership?

Vincent – That is within the Executives right at the moment, that was defined in Article 3, they have authority to hire their own Directors.

Arman – This only applies to council adjacent positions. A VP Finance cannot hire a Director of Finance solely. A VP Finance can sit in the hiring, but this is applicable for BAC and BPAC who traditionally have followed their own hiring processes. As of right now they are freely able to hire people.

Paula – Hire as in they are going to be paid?

Vincent – This is only a starting point, right now there is no definition besides the constitution in terms of committee structure, but we talked with the committees and are working with them to define their structure and they won't just be able to hire 20 strays.

Arman – Just because someone is adding to a position, council positions must go through the honorarium protocol and anyone council adjacent it is expected to be vetted through a finance meeting and further a



council meeting through the budget. None of the standing committees have honorarium except for athletics. It was voted for and motivated for paying the three athletics executives. They can't take directly from the budget and pay that to their associates without any council say in it.

Vincent – The committees I added at minimum release is for the social committee, BAC as well, constitution committee, and BPAC has the at minimum requirement, but all other committees are fixed. The ones that are fixed are sponsorship, hiring, finance, and executive are fixed currently in the proposal. Next article is 6, General Meetings. This is a new section to the constitution, it has not existed before. We are redefining our meeting with the community as a general meeting. All requirements in terms of holding general meetings per semester is copied from the old constitution but there are a couple things that are clarified. One is that a general meeting shall be called upon a resolution of the council requesting such a meeting, the receipt of a requisition by the Speaker requesting such a meeting signed by 100 members, or a resolution passed at a general meeting, such as the semiannual general meeting during that academic year. Council can vote to hold a general meeting, 100 members of the community can give me a petition to hold a general meeting, or at a general meeting they can say we want another general meeting in 2 weeks. Those are the 3 ways of calling a general meeting. Motions and discussion items shall be added to the agenda at any time earlier than 7 days prior to the meeting. That is a little bit new. The agenda shall be circulated 5 days prior to the general meeting, I think that is more robust transparency in terms of what we are changing to membership. Those are the minimum requirements in terms of sending out agendas to membership before the meeting. Everything else here is basically copied. Notice shall be given 14 days prior to any general meeting. There has been 1 change to quorum, that is section 6. 6.1, quorum is 50 members present, in person or by proxy. 6.2, at least half of quorum shall be maintained after the meeting has started. That is the new section there that has been added to the general meeting protocol. The speaker of the council shall preside over general meetings, that is new. All general meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. The Speaker shall not hold more than 1 vote at a general meeting because the Speaker is also a member of BCC. Article 7, Student Ombuds Service is completely copied from the old constitution. Article 8, Referenda and Recall. This is essentially the same as from the old constitution except section 1.1c is changed. A resolution by BCC to consult the community on an important matter facing the college. The original language was funny. The old section said a desire by the BCC to test the will of the community on an important matter facing the college, I changed it to not say test the will but to consult the community, so it is less combative. Everything else is basically the same. Recall is a new way of calling impeachment, it is the same thing, everything is copied from the old constitution. It is a bit shuffled but everything from the old constitution is in here, I only had to change section 2.3 to implement the conduct that may be considered during an impeachment/recall. That is straight from the old constitution, incompetence, misappropriation of council funds etc. That is how I implemented the old constitution into this constitution to still consider these acts as valid for a recall. Everything else is the same in terms of procedures for recall. Penalties regarding honorarium are cumulative.

Masood – This means in case you are suspended and lose 25% and then you lose 30% at an honorarium meeting.

Issay – So you have lost 55%?

Vincent – Yes.

Pedro – It is not cumulative from term to term?

Arman – Technically it is not defined but that is how we have been doing it.



Vincent – Article 9, Honoraria, the only change is that in section 1.4, all honoraria procedures will be governed by Bylaw 4 which we will go over in a minute. The big change is Article 10, Amendments, Bylaws and Policies. This is important to look at, this changes how BCC will be governing themselves and how you guys change your roles. Section 1, General, 1.1, the BCC shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this constitution.

Vincent reads out Article 10, section 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2a, 2.2b, 2.2c, 2.2d

Vincent – This language is complicated, 2.2c says the council is allowed by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to change certain provisions of the constitution but at the expense of only having until the next general meeting of that term to confirm that change, otherwise that change can't be revisited for the next year.

Arman – Is this a notwithstanding clause?

Vincent – Correct. Any change that is done by council by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to change the constitution has to be confirmed by the next general meeting, otherwise that change cannot be revisited for an entire year.

Issay – How would that be upheld?

Vincent – Speaker and records, that is why we record minutes and have agendas. It is up to the Speaker's interpretation. If the council the next year tries to pull the same stunt before the time is up, it is up to the Speaker to say you can't do that, or anyone else to call it out.

Vincent reads out Article 10, section 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7.

Vincent – I will continue on for BAC and BPAC as well. This allows these 4 bodies to pass their own policies but if BAC confirms a policy, council still has the right to change your policy and vice versa as order of precedence. That is the entire constitution besides the annulment section which hasn't been added from the old constitution.

Paula – I have a question on changing policies which is 4.2, you have 4 different options. Does that mean BAC can change a policy that might govern some other committee?

Vincent – Incorrect, policies passed, repealed or amended at a meeting of BAC or BPAC may only be repealed, amended, or reinstated at another meeting of their respective committee. Only the respective committee is allowed to change their own policies, or council, or general meeting so it is order of precedence. It is 4.8.

Paula – If you take 4.2 standalone then it looks like a meeting of BAC can change the policies governing BPAC.

Arman – In 4.8 it specifically says policies passed, repealed, or amended at a meeting of BAC or BPAC may only be repealed, amended, or reinstated at another meeting of the respective committee, a council meeting, or a general meeting within 1 year. Does that mean athletics can instate a policy without the approval of council?

Vincent – Correct.

Arman - Once it holds by council it stays for a year?



Paula – Isn't this unnecessarily complex? I find it difficult reading. It seems rather complicated, I'm not sure why.

Arman – I have to agree for this. I don't think athletics or comms committee have a voting system so they can't really vote on something to decide if it is going to be changed.

Vincent – They do have a voting system because Robert's Rules of Order governs all standing committees.

Paula – Why don't you just say these 2 committees can change policies governing their own committees. Make procedure clear for upcoming councils and I think you should write it clearer for future councils.

Arman – I also don't think that is the most effective thing because technically if Hassan and JP go and put in a policy in the athletics committee to say you have to play 2 sports, does everyone on the athletics committee have a vote? Nothing stops them from being overruled by general members.

Vincent – If you want to entrench certain things that is up to council to entrench certain responsibilities within the constitution if you please. That is why the motivation for this is that it is extremely specific so there is little room to exploit this. I could explain this to you simply if I said it in plain English but it is not so we can cover all the bases, that is why there are 6 sections talking about this. I know it sounds complicated but in layman terms, BAC governs BAC and BPAC governs BPAC. Council can change BPAC or BAC. The community governs all.

Paula – You want language that everyone can understand. I worry about future committees wondering what that means. Keep it in mind in terms of wording.

Masood – I don't have a problem with what Dr. Wilson is proposing. I get it is a bit more wording, but we can have subpoints or in brackets explaining what the clause means. Have a footnote or something explaining it because in the future it could turn into a problem that someone might misinterpret it and they are not following what we are putting in so it could turn bad.

Arman – Out of curiosity if they run into an issue about how to go about voting procedures. Let's say if the general members of athletics decide they want to have no sports requirement and that is passed by BAC, can council go and vote something in? Can the athletic committee come back and rechange it there?

Vincent – If they pass it for their own committee?

Arman – Yes, not for us, for their own committee.

Hassan – Wouldn't you have to wait another year then?

Vincent – If it passes then yes.

Hassan - If council reject what my committee voted. If my committee voted to get rid of sports and council reinstates it, my committee would have to wait a year to go back to that?

Vincent – Yes.



Arman – Are they allowed to make a change internally 6 months later without council intervening?

Vincent – No because of the 1-year requirement.

Arman – I have a list of things I want to bring up. Do we want to give votes to non-elected members? If last council were against this, in theory they could go on the last day of the year and motion it so they can reject it for another year, that would stop us from making those changes. I personally don't think it should be there in that aspect. You could say it could be void for council's next term. If I have an agenda against athletics, I would say let's bring it up now because I see Hassan and JP aren't here today. Allow it to be changed by the term but still allow the higher governing body to overrule that policy.

Hassan – Maybe the year is a bit too harsh, I would go as far as saying what if we did it by semester instead?

Vincent – So 4 months?

Arman – It is important to say semester and not 4 months but allow the higher governing bodies to override that 1 year or that time frame.

Vincent – I'm going to interpret this amendment suggestion as to change the amendment procedure of a policy to open up the amendment of a policy after the semester it was passed in and allowing higher bodies to overrule that at any time regardless of the semester policy.

Amendment 1: Semesterly protection of a policy.

Amendment 2: To allow council or a General Meeting (higher bodies) to change committee policy regardless of the semester protection rule of the policy.

Arman – They both include the term but altering the amendment to have the higher body take precedence.

Hassan – Wouldn't what was originally proposed stating that it goes for BAC, then to council which is the higher voting authority. Isn't it already positioned like that?

Arman – As it stands because of Robert's changes, the athletic committee in total has the ability to vote on things. A VP athletics should be in charge of deciding what requirements are required of a general member and a senior member. If your general members beat you in a vote within your committee after that, that can't be revisited at all in the athletics committee but in that 4 months council will get the priority.

Vincent – This problem can be fixed with 1 Bylaw. BAC can write their policy that can only be approved by council. Their committee composition is still approved by council anyways. Robert's Rules allows for meeting order not necessarily for voting, you can strip away voting rights, but bylaws can override Robert's rules of order. If they say we are athletics of this committee and we dictate policy and the rules of this committee and no other higher member of this committee has a vote and we have executive authority over the committee, that is allowed and that will be approved by council. That bylaw is not added at the moment, but this constitution allows that type of clarification to be added in.

Arman – What if a VP Social came in and said only I have a say in how social committee is to work.



Vincent – They can't, the policy is going against the bylaw that would define their committee. The constitution by definition gives everyone a vote on that committee.

Arman – Are you giving people who are voting members votes within their respective committees?

Vincent – No. Those that get a vote are whoever composes the social committee at the moment unless specified otherwise.

Hassan – If we are outvoted why would it be a problem that we have to bring to council anyway? Council can overrule them?

Vincent – Not right now.

Arman – In my opinion, and I'm asking you all, but I feel like every individual shouldn't have a vote. A committee can prevent council from doing something and it sets a bad precedent. They can because it would be locked for 4 months.

Hassan – We also wanted to add an extra bylaw.

Vincent – You have to propose a bylaw so that is a whole document.

Arman – You will be given the opportunity to do it.

Vincent – I will take that because we can up the bylaw count from 5 to 6 so it will leave room for a 6th bylaw to account for that.

Arman – A 6th Bylaw would be for any committee to further define themselves, so it is not exclusive to just athletics, includes promos as well.

Vincent – The constitution defines that the bylaws can only be changed by council.

Arman – By having something in the bylaws you are giving a path for policies to be built off those committees for their respective committees.

Amendment 3: Create a Bylaw 6 for standing committees of the council.

Pedro – Bylaw is only to give them the ability to make their own governing documents or is it required that they do?

Vincent – Right now they are just motioning to make a Bylaw 6, it will be approved by council at a later date. If you want to up the bylaw count to create that document, you can.

Issay – In Article 3. The point about the President and EVP, 1.3 and 1.4, the interim process. It says the interim president is to be appointed no later than 10 business days and same with Vice President, no later than 15 days. After that is it open to voting on that position again?

Arman – Currently with a mix of SCLD not being too keen to do elections at any time, typically what we have been doing in the past is it will be decided through an interim policy and then council will vote.



Issay – If it passes those days then what happens?

Arman – We are supposed to be following it, if not someone is responsible for breaking a rule.

Vincent – Bylaw 3 specifies interim protocol. The only thing that is fixed is resignation and appointee within 10 and 15 days but if council so pleases to further clarify that they have room to clarify the interim protocol.

Arman – I have a list of things I would like to propose to be changed. Do we discuss the changes at the end of all 5 bylaws?

Vincent – Go ahead.

Arman – On Bylaw 1 we shouldn't limit to 18 years old. From the standpoint of legal liability and so forth, I think we can discuss having it for the signing authorities. Although it is unlikely, I don't think the 18-year rule should be there for executives. Proxy in the AGM, I don't think we should allow proxy in AGM to an infinite degree. For the referendum it says 2/3 of people present must vote to pass something, however typically we say present and voting. We haven't included abstention, so if 67 people voted yes and 33 voted no and 1 person abstained it means that should not pass so I think we should exclude abstention. As long as 50% or more don't abstain then abstention shouldn't count toward the 2/3 passing. Next thing I wanted to note was the 3/4 for council to use notwithstanding clause. I want council to be able to vote on that 2 weeks from now. If something is changed by the community, let's say the community has an issue with something that would stop council from revoting two-thirds over that afterwards.

Pedro – Can I suggest an idea? The proxy issue, you could just limit the number of proxies to an individual.

Amendment 4: Do we keep the 18-year requirement or not?

Amendment 5: Proposing 1 proxy per person for a general meeting.

Amendment 6: To include abstentions in the vote count during a referendum or to not count it for the 2/3 for referendum.

Amendment 7: Yes or no to a 3/4 notwithstanding clause in the constitution?

Option 1: Unanimous

Option 2: Unanimous – 1

Option 3: No notwithstanding clause

Amendment 8: Amendments made in a general meeting on any other bylaws shall not be changed for the rest of the fiscal year, barring another general meeting revisiting the amendment.

Amendment 9: Give authority to higher governing bodies to override rulings without the rulings being changed back by lower bodies.

Paula – What is the rationale for changing to Robert's rules of order?

Vincent – Bourinot's only allows people to speak once during a meeting and council doesn't follow that in principle and in Canadian Parliament they are only allowed to speak once during a session. That is



clearly not what the BCC needs, they need a more robust system which Robert's Rules does provide. Second, Bourinot's doesn't have an updating official document that governs its procedures and Robert's has been updated frequently and a document that is being frequently updated is more beneficial for BCC but those are my 2 rationales for changing to Robert's, because it is updated and constantly looked over to ensure it is not contradicting itself and there is more literature on Robert's than Bourinot's and Bourinot's has a restrictive rule in terms of speaking rights so that is why.

Arman – It was an issue we ran into in previous years. We have struggled to find literature to support Bourinot's rules.

Vincent – The speaker can be provided a copy of Robert's if they need clarification in terms of order or procedure and Bourinot's does not provide that. Robert's has a certified way of going about procedure that can be accessed by council and many resources online to help council get a hang of this.

Masood – There is also a lot of restriction in terms of committees using Bourinot's.

Yashna – In article 4, duties of the council, it says that one thing is to attend all BCC social and academic events to the best of their abilities. How would we feel about adding a minimum?

Arman – What I would recommend is perhaps things like that maybe we can have in the second bylaw, general council duties, and have that be in bylaw duties for example office hours where we can change those by discretion of the council.

Yashna – This is a clarification, where it talks about the executives, for the VP Athletics section it says have been a BAC exec or senior member at least 1 year prior. What happens if that is not followed?

Vincent – Notwithstanding.

Arman – It is somewhere that in any instance where no one meets requirements it opens up to a further range.

Masood – It is under elections protocol.

Arman – Remember to change Article 4 section 3 in regards with athletics votes, it has to be 2. If there is more than 1 athletics, they hold 2 votes.

Yashna – About the sponsorship committee. What is its purpose?

Arman – We have discussed it with the constitution committee. There were numerous committees that were added and never given any guidelines. We had this with every committee and how they are supposed to run. It has already existed. We will go through any preexisting issues at the end.

Vincent – I will clarify the state of committees at the moment. The only change I made off the old constitution is which committees are fixed, which are executive, finance and sponsorship, every other committee is not fixed by the constitution.

Amendment 10: Have a notwithstanding for eligibility. If no one eligible runs, it is opened up to all regular members. *The language must be clarified here*



Arman - It should open to the next group. Just because an executive doesn't run for president, it should open up to the next body, council, then the community.

Vincent – His proposal is that for example nobody is eligible to run for president then it moves to council members, then if no council members are eligible it will move to everyone else at the discretion of the CRO or council.

Arman – For something like athletics, only executives and senior members may run for council. I think council members should be able to run for athletics. That would be one waive and then the second waive being the total of council.

Amendment 11: Include 2 academic terms on council as a qualifier to run for President.

Arman – For the finance committee, currently you made the finance committee exclusive, although finance committee doesn't have any special powers over other members, last year some decisions were made in finance committee and not well explained to council and as VP Athletics I was interested in partaking but was not sent links to the meeting. I think either leave the finance committee open ended or allow anyone to attend, or at least anyone on council.

Vincent – That can be added to article 5 to say that all community members should have ample access to all standing committees.

Arman – I would prefer chairs to have final say rather than a vote.

Vincent – We can entrench the decision-making process into the constitution or make it into a bylaw.

Arman – I think we are better off leaving the finance committee open ended.

Amendment 12: Specify that the finance committee consists of “at minimum” the President, EVP, etc. so it is allowed to expand.

Vincent – Standing committees can also make sub-committees.

Masood – If you are putting in that committees are open ended and council members can join, mention that executive committee will not follow the same procedure.

Arman – Give the committees the right to have closed meetings from the community.

Vincent – That is not a problem.

Arman – Any specifics about the composition of committees will be in Bylaw 6 which is not implemented yet. I think we want to reterm it to the communications committee so that they can have the subcommittee of BPAC.

Amendment 13: Rename BPAC to the Bethune Communications Committee.

Vincent – Bylaw 2 is the Executive and Council Bylaw. It is straight copy, did not change anything at all. I have split it into 4 categories, General, President, Vice President, and council members. In any situation(s) where the bylaw contradicts Bylaw 1, Bylaw 1 shall take precedence. You can't override



Bylaw 1. Bylaw 1 has precedence over the rest. Section 2 is president, copied straight from the bylaw passed from last year. Section 3 is Vice President, taken from the bylaw passed last year. All the roles are copied, no change. Section 4, the only thing that was taken from the constitution is the Outreach Director because there was nothing on Outreach Director in the bylaw. The description is section 4.10 in the constitution. When we pass this bylaw in the general meeting, the most important thing to pass is Bylaw 1, if you don't like something from these bylaws, they can be amended in a regular council meeting by $\frac{3}{4}$.

Arman – Are we able to go through Bylaws 2 through 6 and if there are no additional things they don't have to be voted in by the community. Just moving them has to be voted in. Bylaws 2 through 6 are governed by council.

Vincent – The next one is Bylaw 3 which was removed from the constitution so this changes the fact that now council can overlook and oversee the election procedure and CRO responsibility. Everything is copied from the constitution and here and there from the bylaws, but it is straight copy from what the current procedure is now. The only change is that council has a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to change any election procedure.

Issay – Earlier I brought up interim protocol about the President and EVP from document 1 and you said it would be addressed in document 3.

Amendment 14: All other bylaws can be changed with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote down from $\frac{3}{4}$.

Vincent - All these amendments only require 50% plus 1 to pass. This is because it is a regular council meeting on a regular council vote. To put this through to a general meeting to be confirmed as our constitution we need $\frac{2}{3}$, so I'll interpret that as $\frac{2}{3}$ to amend the document in the motion. Not 50 plus anymore, it is $\frac{2}{3}$. Any amendment to whatever changes I am proposing, you guys can amend the change now which is 50% plus 1, but to pass the change through council to go to the constitution meeting it is $\frac{2}{3}$.

Arman – Changing the standard from requiring $\frac{2}{3}$ to approve it to not requiring $\frac{2}{3}$ to approve it by changing it to 50%.

Vincent – By convention you are saying that in a regular year you change the constitution per line but my motion is to change the entire thing and the motion is to adopt the entire document to change the constitution and whatever changes there are considered at $\frac{2}{3}$, if people have a problem that is why we have the amendment process and in terms of communication if people want to propose amendments that is why we are going through this process and consulted to highlight all possible changes so people are aware that this is happening and have a chance to go back and amend any change that have been changed. I have said every portion that has been changed so the final vote is to change the constitution based on these documents. If you want to go line by line, we will be here all day. I do not recommend the splitting of the question and if you go through with it, you may break certain provisions of this document.

// President motions to extend the meeting by 2 further hours.

// Vote on motion to extend the meeting.

For: 9

Against: 1

Abstain: 2

Motion passes.



Vincent – The constitution requires that constitutional changes be passed by 2/3 but it doesn't specify in regard to amending it. To clarify, the motion BCC021 requires a 2/3 vote to pass to go to the constitutional meeting but to amend the motion only requires 50+1 and all the amendments now are put up for consideration and to pass those amendments they require a 50% + 1. I was clarifying if they want to split the question for amendments going on right now.

Arman – We are voting each individual thing that has been brought up by 50%.

Vincent – Each amendment will have its own vote at the meeting in 2 weeks. To finish this off, Bylaw 4, the Honoraria Bylaw is taken from the current BCC bylaws, nothing has changed from this in terms of honoraria procedure. Bylaw 5, the Finance Bylaw is moved from the constitution. The finance procedures can be amended by council now.

Arman – Now I have amendments I want to bring forth for the council meeting in 2 weeks. For the sake of time because we will be meeting in 2 weeks can we table all the rest of the things. The only thing we need done this week unless there is a budgeting one can we save them for 2 weeks, the constitution ones we have to get done.

Arman - Council members may run for athletics in the following year is an amendment I want to make. The only people who qualify for VP Athletics are senior members and their executives. I would like to allow council members to run for VP Athletics in the following year.

Amendment 15: 1 year of council experience required as a qualifier to run for VP Athletics.

Arman - Whether Outreach will be elected or not which would give it a vote, a single position that may be split.

Amendment 16: The outreach position to be elected, yes or no?

Arman – When we added Outreach and Lassonde Rep, etc. we wanted to reduce the number of general members to potentially 3 or 2 but we rescinded that motion because if we removed the general members, we would have had too many votes that went to non-elected members. There are 4 head office votes that are unelected and 1 not elected through Bethune which is YFS Director

Amendment 17: Reduce general members to a total of 3, yes or no?

Ethan – I don't think that is a good idea from a socials perspective because we do need help and the general member requirement is that they have to be able to plan and run an event and it is better if they do it in pairs rather than 1 person do it on their own.

Masood – 3 should be more than enough because you have council to support you.

Vincent – Standing committees can also expand to have more help. This question regards vote count rather than help.

Amendment 18

Option 1: 4 General Members to 3

Option 2: 4 General Members to 2



Arman - Club ratification and funding policies.

Vincent – We will come back to that, the council is not provided the function to make policies right now so that policy would not take shape in any way that is significant if voted currently.

Arman – Currently our club ratification strictly goes through an SCLD process so SCLD must ratify them and then Head Office has to give us that list and we have had clubs reaching out to us and we have not been cleared to spend our 10% on anything because clubs have not been ratified. I have an amendment to allow that to encompass clubs that are ratified by the BCC in a meeting.

Masood – It would be a new policy produced on ratification process.

Arman – 10% of our money has to go to clubs.

Vincent – That is in Bylaw 5.

Arman – We can vote on that in January.

Amendment 19: To add a clause that all council members that have a vote must be elected through the BCC election process.

Arman - For example YFS is elected but not by the BCC.

Amendment 20: Academic Advisor be moved to a nonvoting position.

Amendment 21: SOS Rep be moved to nonvoting position.

Amendment 22: SOS Rep be changed to Academic Rep.

Masood – We have 1 position that is Alumni/Fellows’ Rep, and they also get a vote. We have no guideline on how the person gets the position. We brought it up last year too but for that we think we should have a more defined idea of how we are selecting that position or how it comes into power so we can justify the vote behind it.

Amendment 23: Defining a procedure on how they are selected.

Amendment 24: Create an Alumni Rep position as a nonvoting position.

Amendment 25: Move Fellows’ Rep to a nonvoting position.

Note: Add back Article 4, section 5 from the old constitution to Bylaw 1.

Amendment 26: YFS Rep, voting member yes or no?

Amendment 27: Sponsorship committee to be removed, yes or no?

Amendment 28: To consider adding in a clubs committee which would include the President, Vice President, VP Comms, Lassonde Rep, and Outreach, chaired by the President, and have the committee have open ended membership.



Arman – So we can better coordinate with clubs.

Amendment 29: Add Speaker to the constitution committee, yes or no?

Amendment 30: Rename Administrative Assistant to Secretary

Arman – No other college at York gives votes to non-students and 6/9 colleges do not give votes to non-elected members so since the colleges run for students it should be considered whether we want to give this many votes to people not elected to make decisions. The exception is that Vanier give it to their YFS Rep and to hired positions and Calumet give it to their YFS Rep, we are the only ones who aren't in accordance with that.

Masood – Meeting agenda made mandatory 24 hours before the meeting so motions will be due 24 hours before.

Vincent – The agenda includes motion submission.

Masood – Make it clear motions are due 24 hours before the meeting so people can't submit motions 2 hours before the meeting.

Amendment 31: All motions to council meetings must be submitted within 24 hours of the set meeting time.

Amendment 32

Option 1: Requirement to have 1 general meeting in the fall and 1 general meeting in the winter

Option 2: To have minimum 1 general meeting per year

Amendment 33: If someone misses 3 consecutive meetings without 24 hours' notice, removal of vote and not counted towards quorum for Council meetings.

Note: Change back to original about 2 counts of offenses for recall.

Amendment 34: Failure to attend 2 consecutive meetings without notice results in removal of voting rights.

Note: In camera requirement for recall meetings has been removed.

Amendment 35: Council may reject ratifications by 2/3 vote.

Arman - Currently they can be rejected by 50%.

Vincent – November 29th is fine for any other amendments.

// President motions to table BCC021 to the next meeting.

// Seconded by Lassonde Representative.



// BCC022 – Club Funding Guidelines Approval

// Seconded by EVP.

Masood – Can we motion to table this because once the constitution is in effect, we can put it in a bylaw?

Claire – This is a preliminary version of the club funding policies. This is outlining the procedures we are going to use to fund clubs. As of right now to become a Bethune affiliated club you need to be ratified with SCLD and Head Office. We had a meeting with executives and the policy that has been decided is that to access funding you need to be a Bethune affiliated club but can be either SCLD or YFS affiliated but you do need to be SCLD affiliated to be a Bethune club.

Arman – You wouldn't have to motion this now because it is going to be part of the bylaws.

Masood – I told Claire to motion this because I hadn't gotten Vincent's documents yet so I didn't know we could introduce policies so in my opinion it is smarter to table it because we would have to remotion it after the constitution gets passed.

Claire - This is the first council meeting since I have received the list of clubs.

Masood – If we pass it right now, we can start funding clubs.

// Lassonde Representative motions to table BCC022.

// Seconded by VP Athletics (Hassan).

// Vote on tabling BCC022.

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

// BCC023 - Executive Vice-President Budget Increase Approval

// Seconded by President

Masood – We do not have desktop monitors right now, we have been looking into them for a while. It is Black Friday so we can buy computers for cheap, it will be the 3 in 1 computer that is currently on my desk in the office. Those are listed for \$600 right now, to overbudget in case one is not good I am asking for \$900 per computer since science IT was giving us a cost of \$1200 plus costs for installation and imaging. \$900 per computer and we need 7 of them. It is added on the spreadsheet. This was talked about in a finance meeting with Sumeyye.



// Motion to call to vote.

// Seconded by Executive Vice-President.

Result: Unanimous approval

// Vote on BCC023.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

BCC023 passes.

// BCC024 - Socials Budget Increase Approval

// Seconded by President.

Masood – Socials have a lot on their plate, so I have offered to take this on myself, and the money has to come out of the budget. Sumeyye can approve anything under \$750 herself. We are hosting an event with Soccer world, they will be providing lunch and other activities. Tickets range from \$5-\$15. This event is tomorrow. We couldn't get it approved before because there was no council meeting. Asking for a \$700 increase in events budget and the closest one is socials.

// President calls to vote.

// Seconded by VP Athletics (JP).

Result: Unanimous approval.

// Vote on BCC024.

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

BCC024 passes.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:01 a.m. EST

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.