



Bethune College Council Fall Meeting # 1  
Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
Chaired by Claire Del Zotto

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**Start Time:** 7:30pm

**Voting Members:** Mary Kyleen Tambot, Yashna Paresch Manek, Myra Whitfield, Gemner Sandoval, Arman Sadr & Sarah Abubaker (Shared vote), Valentina Acosta, Amran Adam, Clifford Baker, Paula Wilson

**Non-Voting Members:** Claire Del Zotto, Meryl Ann Justine Pirasol, Helia Zamani, Hassan Khan, Alice Fours, Bowen Sun

**Guests:** 3

**Absent:** Pooja Natali, Mary Grace Wong, Suzanne Park, Andrew Skelton

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**President's Update**

- Honorarium form will be sent out after the meeting. All council members eligible for honorarium must fill this form out to receive summer honorarium.
- Environmental Urban Student Association (EUCSA) is open to partnerships and collaborations with BCC.
- Black Student Association has an upcoming event and has inquired about borrowing sound equipment from BCC. Council will check to see if we have any.

**Executive Vice President's Update**

- Reminder to student council members to actively check Slack messages, as the most important BCC messages are often sent there.
- Members of council must participate in 2 sports/term, including on-line, league and drop-in sports. Registration has begun, with outdoor sports starting next week.
- Council retreat will be held November 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Location deposit will be put in tomorrow, currently set to rent a home in Barrie.
  - **MOTION:** Increase renovations budget from \$100,000 to \$120,000 to give more leeway in purchasing and ensure that the budget is not exceeded.
    - Seconded by Valentina
    - Motion passes by unanimous vote (9-0).



- To commemorate Bethune's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, council will be planning a small video and coordinating promotional graphics, as well as a formal for alumni.
- Alumni committee meeting will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>, VP Communications encouraged to join.
- 1-1 council check-ins will resume within the next few weeks.
- Working with VP Finance to increase the money provided in the Bethune Bursary, to give back to low-income students.
- Land acknowledgements will now be announced at the beginning of every meeting.
- Orange shirt day is Sep. 30, BPAC will be asked to create a post about this for BCC Socials.

### Vice President Finance Update

- Investing \$100,000 into BCC Bursary, every year moving forward an interest return of \$4000 will be generated and can be invested into the bursary.
- Council has a surplus of money that gets carried over each year, it is wise to use this money to benefit our constituents through the bursary.
- Considering setting aside a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary bursary- a one-time bursary of \$5000.
  - **MOTION:** to commit \$100,000 to endowment for bursary.
    - Motion passes (8 members FOR, 1 abstain vote).
  - **MOTION:** To approve financial audit report.
    - Motion passes by unanimous vote (9-0).
- Banks are not currently issuing new credit cards to student-run organizations, old credit card signing authority will be transferred to President and EVP.

### Vice President Communications Update

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary media has been assigned to BPAC.
- BPAC is coordinating a series introduction of videos for each BCC member. In a 1-2 hour shoot, members will be filming videos about their positions, allowing constituents to get more information.

### Vice President Social Update

- Formal will be hosted at the Venetian Banquet (410 people maximum).
- March 18<sup>th</sup> is our proposed date, deposit will be left next Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- There will not be any in-person events for the fall term, only tabling (merchandising) is currently allowed.
- Culture night falls on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is required to be there, and to wear an orange shirt. All council members are encouraged to promote the event on social media.



- **MOTION:** To put the money allocated to the Montreal trip towards the formal budget to account for inflation in venue pricing. BCC will in-turn have to increase Blue Mountain ticket prices and formal prices. Venue will cost significantly more than previous years.
  - Motion passes (6 members FOR, 3 abstain vote).

### **Vice President Athletics Update**

- BAC member hiring is underway.
- Some sports will be starting next week. Vaccination is required to play in intramurals. All players must upload vaccination proof on York's website.

### **YFS Director Update**

- YorkFest 2021 is underway, will continue through to Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **CRO Update**

- Advertising for upcoming election will start Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Election details are as follows:
  - Nomination period: Monday Sep. 27<sup>th</sup>- Friday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00pm.
  - All-Candidates meeting: Friday Oct. 1 at 5:30pm.
  - Campaign period: Sunday Oct. 2- Wednesday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.
  - Voting: Thursday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am- Sunday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.
- Master's office has been asked to make a nomination form. For this year, BCC has waived requirement of getting signatures from other students.
- A reminder that nobody on council can promote candidates.
- Elected positions include 2 First Year Representatives, 1 General Member, 1 VP Athletics. People who choose to run for VP Athletics together will be a single entry on the ballot.

### **Open Floor Communication**

- Clifford: Request that updated meeting agendas be sent if any last-minute items are added for any reason.
- Claire: Reminder that starting next week, late agenda item submissions will no longer be accepted, and any intended motions may not be proposed until the following meeting if submission is late.
- Arman: Current voting procedures will be altered to better follow Bourinot's Rules of Order. Constitutionally, the Administrative Assistant must explicitly ask who is 'for', 'against', or 'abstaining vote'.

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:49pm EST

Next Meeting: Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30pm EST.