



Bethune College Council Meeting #13
BC320
November 8 2019 4:30-6:30PM
Chaired by Emily Panzarella

Start Time: 4:40PM EST

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

Non-Voting Members: Sara Sarwari (early leave 4:55PM), Thadsha Vannan, Alyssa Soroka, Emily Panzarella, Nami Yazdankhah

Absent: Ahmad Ali, Nicole Shwartz, Claudio Budo, Helia Zamani, Akin Adewale, Zain Ali, Ali Bashar, Dominic Bowman, Justyn Drisdelle, Arsh Riyat, Clifford Baker, Suzanne Park, John Amanatides, Andrew Skelton

President's Update

- There was a student round table meeting where all the Presidents from each college as well as administration discuss opinions from student body groups
 - Many student governments have a day event for international students before Frosh week to provide additional student support
 - Decide who will be responsible for organizing the event (Orientation Chairs, other council members, etc.)
 - Choose whether to have this event before or after Frosh week, as not all international students are here before Frosh week
 - The focus of the event would be for socializing rather than about academics in order to help students to transition into university
 - This would be a free event
 - Suggestion to host the event across all colleges rather than making it a college-specific event
 - This would increase student participation on campus
 - Working on a new online platform for students which would have all classes, their availabilities, and degree requirements to be accessible by 2020
- College President's Association (CPA) meeting:
 - Discussions regarding parking fees on campus and attempting to change policies in order to lower the costs
- Community Safety Meeting is coming up to discuss a leadership bursary to be available
 - Awarded to students who have ideas about promoting community safety on campus
- Received lots of positive feedback from the Frosh surveys
- SOS hired Sebastian David as the SOS Coordinator to be voted in their next meeting



- The town hall meeting will be held on Friday November 15 at 6PM where constituents can voice their opinions on the college and its events

Vice President Finance Update

- Update made by Adam
- The levy will be \$97 000, which is 60% of the total funding received
- The total amount the college will be receiving is \$160 000, which is a \$20 000 decrease from last year
 - This does not take into account the final adjustment at the end of the year
- Created a committee to create a financial report involving a summary of the college's expenses
 - Can be used to show future sponsors for the college, as well as made available to constituents
 - Council members are encouraged to join the committee
 - Current members include President, Executive Vice President, Vice President Communications, and a General Member
- The budget is not yet complete but is being transferred to a Google spreadsheet
- Interim audit to be booked by January for the final portion of the levy

Vice President Social Update

- The next social event is Paint Night to be held on November 20
- Overall, the Montreal trip went well
 - Council members are encouraged to continue to promote social events to increase participation

Executive Vice President's Update

- Rentals for the air hockey table, PS4, and board games must always end by 6PM
- 1-on-1 meetings to be held with all new members
- On November 13, the council office will be closed from 10AM-2PM to fix the front desk counter
 - Signs will be placed around the office to notify constituents

YFS Director Update

- The student strike that was held was successful and had a great college representation and turn-out

Other

- The overnight Halloween event went well
- Looking to do a combined fundraising event with all colleges after Frost week to create care packages for the homeless
- Stress busters are being held during the last week of November before exam season

Meeting Adjourned: 5:16PM EST

Next Meeting: TBA