



Bethune College Council Meeting #7
July 28 2020
2:30PM EST via Zoom
Chaired by Emily Panzarella

Start Time: 2:32PM EST

Voting Members: Nicole Shwartz, Sarah Elnaffar, Myra Whitfield, Samantha DeVera, Valentina Acosta, Celina Chhuok, Masood Syed, Meryl Pirasol, John Amanatides

Non-Voting Members: Sara Sarwari, Brian Oh, Akin Adewale, Emily Panzarella, Helia Zamani, Justin Calcada, Teodora Neagu, Valeriya Tolstineva, Sharon Musa, Ali Bashar, Ahmad Ali

Absent: Suzanne Park, Clifford Baker, Andrew Skelton, Adam Brihmi, Syed Naqvi

President's Update

- Motion to approve of Article I Section 16 of the 2020 / 2021 bylaws
 - Seconded by Sarah
 - Discussion
 - Recently had a meeting with The Engineering Society and having a liaison (i.e. Lassonde Representative) on behalf of BCC would be beneficial to the relationship between Bethune and Lassonde
 - This would be a hired position and not an official member of council unless passed
 - 8-1-0 motion passes
- The Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support, and Education is offering two free online trainings and it is highly encouraged that all BCC members complete both modules
- Athletics and Recreation are facing physical and sexual assault allegations and are receiving backlash for the ways in which these allegations have been handled
 - A meeting with Jen Myers (Executive Director, Athletics & Recreation) is scheduled for next week
 - Looking into not working with the department during Frosh week and into the fall semester depending on their response

Executive Vice President's Update

- The next virtual council retreat is scheduled for August 7 and details will be sent out within the next few days
- All contracts and one-on-ones have been completed
- SOS has reached out to plan an event for Bell Let's Talk in collaboration with BCC
 - Had a great turn-out last year and is something to consider again for this year
 - Will also help to build a stronger relationship between BCC and SOS

Vice President Finance Update



- Motion to approve of the drafted audit statements
 - Seconded by Myra
 - Discussion
 - It has been recommended for BCC to file taxes because our assets are more than \$200,000 (\$211,000 in change)
 - Due to the Student Choice Initiative (SCI), York required taxing on all ticketed events when revenue was over \$50,000 (essentially all events after Frosh) last year
 - This was only for this year and should not be required moving forward
 - 8-1-0 motion passes
- Budget meetings with Executive members will be planned within the next few weeks

Vice President Social Update

- An outline of all 2020 / 2021 events has been completed
 - Two scenarios: (1) Fall term is online and Winter term is in person, and (2) The entire year is online
 - If the Winter term is in person, both Montreal and Blue Mountain can be planned
 - All online events will be free

Vice President Communications Update

- The Frosh section of the website has been completed
- Currently working on a visual for the Frosh schedule
- All jerseys and Frosh merchandise (lanyards, shirts, etc.) has been designed
- Finalizing Frosh week social media posts

Vice President Athletics Update

- Trivia night is being held on July 31
- E-sports are currently in playoffs (not for Torch points)
- Still waiting on direction for hiring Executive members

Orientation Chairs Update

- The first Frosh training was held on July 22 and went well
- Frosh sign-ups have officially opened — currently, 33 have signed up and 100 are on a waitlist (tried to sign up before the opening date)
 - Numbers should increase when promotions start
- Updates will be posted on the Facebook group
- Still enforcing a Dry Frosh

YFS Director Update

- Working on banning proctored exams, especially for Science students
- YFS is currently hiring

Other

- Commuter Representatives' Update (Ali and Sharon):
 - Currently planning an with Bethune / Lassonde alumni to talk to students about career options



- Consider collaborating with The Career Centre who can provide necessary resources (i.e. recruiters) and assist in running the event
 - Look into creating a LinkedIn for Bethune College
-

Meeting Adjourned: 3:13PM EST

Next Meeting: August 11 2020 @2:30PM EST