

Bethune College Council General Meeting #7

August 22nd, 2016

4:00 pm

Bethune College, Room 203 BC

Chaired by the President, Tomás Mendes Simões

Meeting convened: 4:08 PM

Roll Call:

- Voting Members: Tomás Mendes Simões, Joey Fahd, Paul Delaney, Syed Naqvi, Sarah Pecile, Tanya De Sylva.
- Non-voting Members: Adam Brihmi, Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh, Kazi Mridul, Sophia Capó.

VP Social Update:

- Contacted the Ministry of Transportation regarding bus drivers' allotted driving time for Montreal.
- Looking into different clubs for Montreal.
- Adding an insert into the Frosh Kits for this year's social event schedule.

President Update:

- Meeting attendance has been low and there has been a lack of notice of absences.
 - Reminder: The Bethune constitution states that members of the council must notify the speaker at least 24 hours in advance, if possible, of an intention to be absent from a meeting of Council, if such notification is possible.
 - Now enforced is a 3-strike policy for meetings. Absences will also be considered when deciding honoraria payments.

VP Finance:

- Finalized everything for the audit. Levy will kick in within the next 2 weeks.
 - Met with Charmaine Mohamed and went over the pro and cons of audit.
 - Predicted first installment of levy: \$92,000.00. Total projected levy: approximately \$150,000.00.
- Working on an updated orientation week budget.

Orientation Chairs:

- All swag had been delivered; kits are ready to be stuffed.
 - Kit stuffing starting August 25th, 2016 at 4:30 PM.
- All stars event has been switched over to a joint event with Vanier College.
- Next training happening August 26th, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

- Motion to make ‘Dragon Week’ the official name for Bethune’s frosh week. Not seconded. Motion does not proceed.

VP External’s Update:

- Weekly contests are running. Issue with participation.
 - Shorten contest posts.
- YFS printing should be done by the end of week.
- Frosh bucks’ design almost complete.

Athletics Update:

- Athletic committee sleeves have been ordered for frosh week.
- All necessary equipment for frosh athletic events has been booked.
- New Facebook group has been created to increase promotions and participation.

Clubs and Affiliates Update:

- All clubs have been contacted concerning the frosh week club fair (September 9th, 2016 at 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM).
 - So far 6 clubs have reserved spots, in addition to Bethune College Committee (BCC), Student Ombuds Services (SOS) and a Bethune merchandise table.
- Motion to make it mandatory for Bethune clubs to attend the Bethune frosh week clubs’ fair, if not they will not be eligible for funding from Bethune College Committee by Syed Naqvi. Seconded by Adam Brihmi. Discussion. 6-0-0.
Motion Passed.

SOS Update:

- Basic Frosh Leadership training went successfully.
 - Those students will all be receive 0.0 credit course on their transcript for the fall semester.
 - Good turnout.
- Peer tutors and PASS leaders have been hired; their training is coming up.
- York Orientation Day training coming up on August 29th, 2016.
 - YU start begins the day getting leaders excited and informed. Lassonde room is booked for further Bethune leader training.
 - Further training mainly focuses on giving tours, safety, and what is expected of during the day.
- During the York Orientation Day (September 7th, 2016), Bethune council, Normy the Dragon and leaders are requested to make an appearance to hype up the crowd.
- First Monday of classes will be the beginning of recruitment for class representatives.
- Taken a financial hit in College Life At York (CLAY) work-study programs.

- Maximum of \$2,500.00 claim per position. This includes pay per hour, vacation pay, and benefits.
- Work-study has now posted that CLAY now does not cover the 10% benefits. Which means that per position we are out \$250.00.
- This now means the PASS programs, which were previously over by \$1,000.00, must be reviewed. Some sessions may need to be cut, because of the cost.
 - No change with happen to the fall term due to commitments, but something to consider in the future.
- Student Finance profile is now open for the fall/winter semester. Beneficial to fill out for eligibility for bursaries.

YFS Update:

- Items for the YFS frosh kits have arrived. Kit stuffing will be happening on September 24th and 25th, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) held their annual general meeting last weekend.
 - Starting the Fight the Fees initiative. It is a nation wide campaign demanding free education. Also looking into turning loans into grants and eliminating existing interest fees on loans already taken out.
 - YFS will have a meeting discussing their stance in the initiative on August 30th, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Student Centre room 336.
 - November 2nd, 2016 is the day of action. Which will involve a protest on campus as well as a march at Queen's Park.

Ratification of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to ratify the Meeting Minutes #6 by Tomás Mendes Simões. Seconded by Joey Fahd. Discussion. 6-0-0. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:11

Next Meeting: TBD.