

# Bethune College Council Emergency Meeting #8

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

3:30 pm

Bethune College, LSB 105

Chaired by the President, Tomás Mendes Simões

Meeting convened: 3:42 PM

## Roll Call:

- Voting Members: Tomás Mendes Simões, Amir Mehdi, Kristine Del Rosario, Joey Fahd, Syed Naqvi, Sarah Pecile, Tsering Yangchen, Sarah Pecile, Ahmad Ali, Emily Lioktsis, Ivana Murray.
- Non-voting Members: Cindy Truong, Natan Simchovich, Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh, Kazi Mridul, Dilveer Viridi, Jiries Karborani, Ryan Valerio, Hasan Baig, Jacob Melissis, Abdulla Youssef, Liliana Jato, Paulina Szeremeta, Agata Szeremeta, Hisham Rezk.

## Orientation Week Update:

- Tomás Mendes Simões suspended Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh on September 10th, 2016.
  - Tomás Mendes Simões' case:
    - During the summer he failed to complete tasks by deadlines.
    - Showed up late to York Orientations Directors Association (YODA) meetings.
    - Never showed up on time for office hours and failed to sign in multiple times.
    - Failed to order the swag and jerseys on time.
  - Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh's case:
    - The constitution states that: "Any member of Council must be given at least 14 days notice of a motion to impeach, suspend, or censure." While he was dismissed on the spot.
    - He showed up to majority of events and preformed to the best of his abilities.
    - He was an open line of communication between the froshies and leaders to the bosses, orientation chairs, and president.
    - Could not order swag because he was not taught how to correctly order using cheques.
    - He did not attend the Mac Decent Block Party event, on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, without notice due to exhaustion; this was from the late frosh boss meeting the night before and the early downtown event the morning of.

- Communication throughout the week was poor.
  - Needed more communication between the bosses, orientation chairs, and the president.
  - Difficult for leaders to understand what to do because bosses weren't given instructions either.
  - A Whatsapp group chat was made for the bosses, orientation chairs and president for the week, but Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh was not added to the group until the second last day of orientation week.
- More presence of orientation chairs and the president were needed for many events and boss meetings.
  - Other colleges always had an orientation chair or the president around to lead everyone during every event, but there was a lack of presence during Bethune's events.
  - Issue and other concerns were brought up during boss meetings and debriefs but with no one to hear them out
- Issues with outsiders attending frosh events.
  - Sujeevan Puvaneswaran and Ahmed Naguib were accepted as leaders after talking to Tomás Mendes Simões, Natan Simchovich, and Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh.
- Motion to suspend Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh as an orientation assistant due to negligence of duties by Jiries Karborani. Seconded by Amir Mehdi.
  - Discussion:
    - Overall it was a success and the last event, the boat cruise, is a time to enjoy and celebrate everything. It seems unfair to ban him from the last event after all of his work.
    - All the work put into orientation throughout the past 2 months was all leading up to this week. There needed to be more communication and planning.
    - Last year's orientation chair failed to perform her duties and there was no action taken upon her during the week.
  - Vote: 1-5-5. **Motion Failed.**
- Sarah Pecile's performance was said to be subpar for a council member, and the decision of taking her off the boat cruise was made by Tomás Mendes Simões prior to this meeting.
  - There was an unofficial executive council meeting for discussion of various leaders' performance during the week, but no votes were taken concerning the boat cruise.
  - It was said that she was not seen at majority of events, this was renounced at the meeting.
  - Her case: She notified bosses if she needed to leave and she was stationed at walk and talk stations during majority of events.
- Motions for Sarah Pecile and Sarah Casola to attend the Bethune boat cruise by Cindy Truong. Seconded by Wedad Mumtaz-Sheh.

- Discussion:
  - There was an overall lack of communication during the week, not just from her.
  - There were other leaders that were not present at majority of events but are still allowed onto the boat cruise.
- Vote: 5-0-6. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.