

# Bethune College Council General Meeting #11

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

5:00 pm

Bethune College, Room 320 BC  
Chaired by Tomás Mendes Simões

Meeting convened at: 5:20 PM

## Roll Call:

- Voting Members: Tomás Mendes Simões, Pual Delaney, Tsering Yangchen, Syed Naqvi, Nassar Khan, Joey Fahd, Sarah Pecile, Ahmad Ali, Julieta Rybnik.
- Non-voting Members: Cindy Truong, Kayla Lascasas, Maseh Hadaf, Dilveer Viridi, Kazi Mridul, George Gerges, Antonio Lollino, Ryan Singh, Natan Simchovich, Cindy Truong, Wedad Sheh.

## Ascend Network:

- Guest speaker, President, Maseh Hadaf, talking about the possible endorsement of the Ascend Network's Leadership Retreat.
  - Key philosophy: They want to redefine what it means to be a leader. Straying away from the conventional definition of leadership and its ambiguous nature, and rather move away from that hierarchy and give students the tools, skills, inspiration, and connections to be free from the need to be like.
  - The retreat will be happening May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Camp Trillium Rainbow Lake.
    - \$120 from the \$170 retreat cost will go towards the families of children with cancer because the camp is primarily ran by volunteers.
    - Early bird deadline for delegates: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Final deadline in February.
    - Deadline for Mentors and Vanguard: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
    - Looking for 20 mentors, 10 vanguards, and 60 delegates.
  - Applications and more information available online at <http://www.ascendwithus.ca/>

## Executive VP's Update:

- Met with JACs and JCR monitors to touch base and keep in contact with them.
- Office space and personnel have been great, people know when they are suppose to be there and when they aren't.
  - Appreciate the people who notify when they can't make it in for office

hours and try to reschedule.

#### VP Athletics' Update:

- Defaults are still a struggle and are costing us money. We are still working on fixing the situation and improving for next semester.

#### VP Finance's Update:

- Auditors charged us the same amount as last year even though it took half the time.
  - Natan Simchovich, Tomás Mendes Simões, and Paul Delaney called in to bargain a better price. Auditors said there was a little wiggle room but what they charged was what they expected.
  - We will be looking around for new auditors to see the different costs they would charge for the same amount of work.
  - Will also be looking into what exactly is needed for the audit, so that we don't pay for things to be done that aren't needed.
- Motion to lend Calumet College \$8,500 for them to pay their auditors with a contract signed with SCLD to get the money back straight from their levy in early December by Natan Simchovich. Seconded by Nassar Khan,
  - Discussion:
    - We have enough in our budget to lend it to them until early December.
    - It will not affect us with any social event purchases or our current budget.
    - It would be a nice gesture.
  - Vote: 8-0-0. **Motion Passed.**
- We are currently on budget with no issues currently.

#### VP External's Update:

- Bethune's apparel line is currently in production.
  - Oceanic Inc. representatives are currently on vacation and we will be getting an update soon.
  - Promoted the clothing line on various social media outlets and on our website.
    - There is a link on our website where people can sign up for updates and so far a lot of people have signed up.
- Bethune's Town Hall meeting will be happening November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:00-5:00PM in BC 320.
  - There will be free cake to get people to attend.
  - Will be putting together a PowerPoint presentation, as well as an anonymous feedback card.

#### VP Social Update:

- With council's feedback, renting out the attached nightclub will probably not happen for Bethune's Formal.
- Currently trying to bargain with the caterers for Bethune's Formal for a lower price of \$55/person instead of \$58/person.
- We have talked to the Montreal trip's hotel and bus companies about our dissatisfaction, but they haven't gotten back to us. We will be following up shortly.
- Still in the process of planning Blue Mountain happening at the end of Frost week in January.
- Upcoming coffee house event on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is being led by Emily Lioktsis.

#### Clubs and Affiliates' Update:

- Club's meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 went well, more people than expected showed up, free pizza was served.
  - Sharon Martelli from the Master's Office attended to help out and answered questions about club spacing in Bethune.
  - Newer clubs had more questions and difficulties with funding, but that was resolved.
- Club funding unofficial deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2106, which accounts for the fall and winter semester funding.
- There is a currently a waitlist for club spacing (approximately 2 years).

#### SOS's Update:

- Starting November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 2:00-4:00PM every Wednesday, SOS will be having a de-stress/self-care booth in between the Master's Office and BC 206 because exams are coming up and students are stressed. They will have colouring sheets and hot chocolate.
- Also every Friday at LSB 104 from 2:30-4:00 during peer tutoring sessions they will be offering hot chocolate.
- Winter orientation day is on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 11:00AM-1:00PM, SOS is requesting for some council members to be present.

#### YFS Update:

- Updated YFS budget is attached.
  - Began the year with: \$3,134,640.00.
  - Currently spent: \$1,179,361.00.
  - Intend to end the year with a \$4,000.00 surplus.
- Fight the Fees initiative day of action on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 was a huge success.
  - York University had the biggest turn out with almost 600 York students in attendance (twice the amount of University of Toronto).
  - Education coalition meeting will be happening after exams in December, to prepare for another day on action in February.

Other Business:

- Motion to donate the sanitary pads left over from frosh the Yellow Brick House organization by Julieta Rybnik. Seconded by Tsering Yangchen.
  - Discussion:
    - We had previously discussed created care packages including the pads, but after discussing it with the organization, they would prefer the donations of just the pads because they are in high demand.
  - Vote: 9-0-0. **Motion Passed.**
- Kayla Lascasas requested council to give her feedback on an alumni outreach program.
  - This program will charge alumni a fee to join, which will contribute to our levy and allow alumni access to Bethune's events at the cost of current York students.
- May be planning a council social after the next general council meeting.

Ratification of Minutes:

- Motion to ratify meeting minutes #10 and all appropriate attachments by Tomás Mendes Simões. Seconded by Cindy Truong. Discussion. 9-0-0. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Next Meeting: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5 PM in BC 203