



Bethune College Council Meeting #21  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
6:30PM EST via Zoom  
Chaired by Emily Panzarella

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**Start Time:** 6:35PM EST

**Voting Members:** Nicole Shwartz, Arman Sadr, Myra Whitfield, Samantha DeVera, Valentina Acosta, Celina Chhuok, Masood Syed, Meryl Pirasol, Remie Taza, Issay Amaha, Clifford Baker

**Non-Voting Members:** Sara Sarwari, Akin Adewale, Justin Calcada, Emily Panzarella, Helia Zamani, Valeriya Tolstineva, Ali Bashar

**Absent:** Sharon Musa, Teo Neagu, Adam Brihmi, Syed Naqvi, Ahmad Ali, John Amanatides, Suzanne Park, Andrew Skelton

**Guests:** 12

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**President's Update**

- The College Presidents have been focused on preparing for transitioning people and the package is almost ready to go
- Election period is over (see CRO update)
- Open fora for choosing the new College Head is being held on March 30<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Executive Vice President's Update**

- Town Hall is coming up on March 29<sup>th</sup>
  - If any members have ideas for the meeting, message EVP directly
- Due to lack of interest, mediation is not going to be happening

**Vice President Social Update**

- e-Formal was held and it went well
  - Currently working on sending out prizes and gift cards
- Final event is coming up — Ontario-wide games night in collaboration with other universities
- Poetry night and paint night was supposed to be held before the exam period but is no longer happening due to the many events coming up with Pentadragon
- Pentadragon update:
  - Chess competition is this coming Saturday @2PM
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$75 gift card (from Amazon, Steam, or UberEats)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$50 gift card (from Amazon, Steam, or UberEats)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$25 gift card (from Amazon, Steam, or UberEats)



### **Vice President Finance Update**

- Working on gift card payments
- First half of College merchandise payment has been made

### **Vice President Communications Update**

- Council members are encouraged to repost the posters on social media
- A good amount of merchandise should be delivered tomorrow and shipping will be coordinated afterwards
  - The pink hoodies were out of stock and are being replaced with a different (higher-quality) one at no extra cost
    - Delayed by about a week
- Preparing for transition out of the role

### **Vice President Athletics Update**

- Wrapping up all of the online events
- Someone from BAC has expressed interest in the interim VP Athletics position for the summer term

### **YFS Director Update**

- SCI Appeal Action Day was today
- Yoga class is being held tomorrow from 12PM to 1PM — need to pre-register

### **CRO Update**

- Elections are now over
  - President: Myra Whitfield
  - Executive Vice President: Gemner Sandoval
  - General Members: Amran, Fatima, Yashna, and Kyleen
- Motion by Ali to reveal the voting results
  - Seconded by Arman
  - Discussion
    - The current CRO has decided not to share the voting results because it has had negative effects on candidates who were not successful in past elections
      - Decision was made collectively with the President because the previous CRO was pressured into sharing the results and it was uncomfortable
    - Traditionally and historically, CROs share the results and are included in the minutes
      - Results would maintain and improve transparency between council and constituents
    - Lassonde Engineering Society stated that they release the voting results from their elections
      - Provides clarity and transparency, helps the council to improve how elections are run, and offers direction for candidates to run again in the coming years
  - 8-2-1 motion passes
- Candidate results:
  - President
    - Myra: 220 votes
    - 89 abstained
    - Vote count: 309



- Executive Vice President
    - Gemner: 143 votes
    - Arman: 133 votes
    - 39 abstained
  - General Members
    - Amran: 141 votes
    - Fatima: 150 votes (with a vote deducted)
    - Harveer: 102 votes
    - Alan: 130 votes
    - Yashna: 165 votes
    - Ahmer: 121 votes
    - Kyleen: 156 votes
    - 62 abstained
    - Vote count: 1027
  - There are concerns about ratifying incoming members and what ratification means
    - The only reason to not ratify is if there are concerns about whether the election was held properly rather than whether the council agrees with the results
    - The main issue with not ratifying the election results is that it will seem like council is ignoring the students who voted in the election, compromising democracy
    - There are current issues within council and some members do not feel like they are in a position to vote on the ratification right away
  - Motion by Ali to go in-camera
    - Seconded by Masood
    - 11-0-0 motion passes
  - Motion by Helia to ratify the incoming Executive Vice President for the 2021/2022 year
    - Seconded by Meryl
    - 3-6-1 motion does not pass
  - Motion by Helia to ratify Amran as a General Member for the 2021/2022 year
    - Seconded by Valentina
    - 3-6-1 motion does not pass
  - Motion by Masood to postpone all motions to ratify the election results
    - Seconded by Arman
    - 6-3-1 motion passes
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**Meeting Adjourned: 7:27PM EST**

**Next Meeting: TBA**