



Bethune College Council Meeting
January 19th, 2022
Chaired by Claire Del Zotto

Start Time: 7:30pm EST

Voting Members: Myra Whitfield, Gemner Sandoval, Yashna Manek, Brook Hann, Abisan Buvardren, Amran Adam, Paula Wilson, Arman Sadr and Sarah Abubaker (shared vote), Sophie Eisen, Clifford Baker, Sakshi Talwar, Kyleen Tambot, Valentina Acosta.

Non-Voting Members: Alice Fours, Hassan Khan, Mary Grace Wong, Claire Del Zotto, Helia Zamani, Suzanne Park.

Absent: Andrew Skelton, Helia Zamani, Meryl Pirasol.

Guests: 3

President's Update

- Fall honorarium meeting will be held on Wednesday the 9th of February.

MOTION: Appoint Rashidi LLP as the new auditor of the BCC.

- Seconded by Arman Sadr
- 11 in favor, motion passes

MOTION: To hire a bookkeeper who will help us organize our finances, help with behind-the-scenes financial duties and prevent burnout for the VP Finance. They will not have signing authority and are rather meant to help the VP Finance carry out their duties.

- Seconded by Clifford Baker
- 11 in favor, motion passes

President's Update: Constitution Proposals

1. More options for online learning courses
 - a. Not a possible amendment by the BCC
2. MOTION: To remove gendered language from the constitution and replace all instances of 'he/she' with 'them'.
 - Seconded by Kyleen.



- 11 in favor- motion passes.
3. MOTION: With regards to Article 5 Item 12: Change wording to “The SOS Representative shall: Represent the interests of all SOS Peer Mentors, Peer Tutors, PASS Leaders and Class Representatives.”
 - Motion seconded by Sophie
 - 11 in favor, motion passes
 4. MOTION: Add to Appendix I: Bethune College Council Financial Policies: Bethune College Council must set aside 10% of their yearly levy and leave it aside for Bethune-Affiliated Student Clubs to apply for and use.

Reasoning given by constituent:

- “Article VIII.1.f of the constitution states one of the roles of the BCC is “to grant unto any such bodies, committees, clubs or commissions funds requested for their activities, after taking into account the opinions and recommendations of the Vice-President Finance.”; This justifies funding for clubs but the amount and process of accessing these funds is not explained. This has resulted in zero funding provided to clubs by the BCC in recent years. Given that the BCC has an excessively large surplus of funds, it calls into question whether the BCC is budgeting in the best interest of its constituents. While the BCC continues to hoard assets, many of Bethune’s clubs are underfunded and time that could be spent on events and recruitment is spent on fundraising. By leaving a specific amount of funding for clubs each year, it will become clear to future councils how much they can spare to affiliated clubs. Subsequently, club executives will become aware of the funding set aside for them which they can apply for and use for their programming. This will strengthen the BCC’s relationship with Bethune affiliated clubs and provide clubs with the necessary tools for their programming.”
 - Roughly \$20,000 would be distributed annually to Bethune-Affiliated clubs. If not used, money would be put back into the BCC’s general funds. Limits would be set at \$1000 per club per year.
 - Motion seconded by Valentina
 - 10 in favor, motion passes
5. MOTION: Regarding the nominations committee, ARTICLE XI.3.e: Abstain vote and allow people to run together.

Reasoning given by constituent:

- Majority abstain clause is used in Calumet and Lassonde, giving options to not vote for a candidate, or vote against them.
 - Seconded by Arman
 - 9 in favor, motion passes



6. MOTION: Decision currently given to CRO to release vote counts. Should make it mandatory to make vote counts public prior to ratification. Should be listed under ARTICLE X.2.J
- Motion seconded by Clifford
 - 11 in favor, motion passes

Executive Vice President's Update

- Will be collecting course, work, and extracurricular schedules to assign office hours to council members ahead of Bethune building opening.
- One on one council check ins will be taking place sometime in the upcoming weeks.
- Will be reaching out to general members to plan a council bonding activity.
- VP Finance hiring will be happening this week and next week.

Vice President Communications Update

- Four new members welcomed to BPAC: Webmaster, junior and senior promotions assistants.
- Possible merchandise design options presented. BPAC is encouraged to work with the winning merchandise submission and determine final designs with input from the original designer.
- Poll will be arranged to make final decisions on merchandise.

Vice President Social Update

- Blue Mountain was cancelled, and the deposit has been held for next year.

Vice President Athletics Update

- In-person sports are currently halted.
- Online game nights currently being hosted on Wednesday and Friday.
- Bell Let's Talk video campaign going on: Due to controversy surrounding the campaign Sarah and Arman will not be participating.

YFS Director Update

- Council is encouraged to participate in YFS frosh events.
- VRO and poll clerks being hired for the upcoming election.
- Annual general meeting upcoming on the 24th, pre-registration is required.

SOS Representative

- Currently recruiting math and physics peer tutors, as well as class representatives.
- BPL training is Saturday Jan. 29 from 1-5pm.



- Will be in touch with Saya who runs the Instagram account to increase engagement by collaborating with BCC.
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MOTION: To extend the meeting past 10pm

- Seconded by Myra
- 4 in favor- motion does not pass. Meeting will not be extended past 10pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00pm EST.

Next Meeting: Special meeting to discuss constitution: Wednesday January 26th at 7:30pm EST.