



Bethune College Council Meeting #11
October 20th, 2020
5:30PM EST via Zoom
Chaired by Emily Panzarella

Start Time: 5:35PM EST

Voting Members: Nicole Shwartz, Sarah Elnaffar, Myra Whitfield, Samantha DeVera, Valentina Acosta, Celina Chhuok, Masood Syed, Meryl Pirasol, Remie Taza, Issay Amaha, John Amanatides, Clifford Baker

Non-Voting Members: Sara Sarwari, Akin Adewale, Emily Panzarella, Helia Zamani, Justin Calcada, Teodora Neagu, Valeriya Tolstineva, Ahmad Ali

Absent: Ali Bashar, Sharon Musa, Adam Brihmi, Syed Naqvi, Suzanne Park, Andrew Skelton

CRO Update

- Motion to ratify Celina Chhuok (general member), Masood Syed (general member), Issay Amaha (first year representative), and Remie Taza (first year representative)
 - Seconded by John
 - 12-0-0 motion passes

President's Update

- Honorarium amounts may be changing given the difference in workload due to COVID-19
 - Overview
 - 2 years ago: President — \$3000, EVP — \$1800, VP Finance — \$2500, VP Social — \$2300, VP Communications — \$1800, VP Athletics — \$3000
 - 1 year ago (SCI): President — \$2500, EVP — \$1800, VP Finance — \$2500, VP Social — \$1800, VP Communications — \$1800, VP Athletics — \$1800
 - Discussion
 - President
 - Although Frosh was done virtually, the same amount of work was required to execute the week
 - Community outreach has been especially important this year (ex. discussing anti-Black racism with York's administration, addressing sexual violence with Athletics and Recreation Department)
 - Honorarium should not be lowered given that the position is as equally demanding as it has been in previous years
 - EVP
 - Hiring and transitioning of roles was not affected
 - Council retreat did not happen in person, but virtual council bonding events were planned throughout the summer to accommodate this (and are continuing to happen throughout the year)



- Creating the office schedule was affected, but is looking into creating virtual office hours for students to drop in and ask questions
- Taking care of JACS and JCR spaces has been affected; may consider lowering the total honorarium amount for this year
- VP Social
 - Although in-person trips are no longer happening, 1-2 events are being held per week to compensate; still requires booking, budgeting, planning, and so on
 - Consider going back to what honorarium was before the student choice initiative (SCI)
- VP Communications
 - Postering has been affected, however, all other duties have remained exactly the same
 - Promotions have increased given the switch to online platforms
 - Honorarium amount should stay the same since the same amount of work is being done relative to previous years
- VP Athletics
 - Many of the duties that would include in-person interactions have been transferred over to online platforms
 - May consider lowering honorarium for this year, will look into bylaws to determine a number
- Honorarium meeting will be planned soon
- The Engineering Society reached out looking for council support regarding contacting administration about the stress that students are facing under current circumstances

Vice President Finance Update

Made by Director of Finance

- Signing authorities have still not changed
 - Once the VP Finance position has been sorted out, these will be changed

Vice President Social Update

- Events have been successful so far, but looking to increase turnout numbers
 - Can include these events in the weekly Bethune email (sent out by John)
 - Consider putting together clips of what the event would be like by setting up a mock
- Council is encouraged to show up to as many events as they are able to

Vice President Communications Update

- Bethune merchandise designs have been finalized; currently looking to have them made
 - Rather than a flat rate for shipping, it will differ depending on where each student is ordering from

Vice President Athletics Update

- Events are still being hosted (Bingo nights, Trivia nights, etc.)
- SIRC executives have been hired

YFS Director Update

- Upcoming event: Xpressions Against Oppression (October 29th, 2020)



Meeting Adjourned: 6:03PM EST

Next Meeting: November 3rd, 2020