

Student Administrative Council

Meeting #10

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017

MINUTES

Present

Madelyn Allen
Lauren Barnett
Jayme Dodge
Carlie Forsythe
Kim Francis
Kevin Kaiser
Andres Garzon
Anthony Lopez
Kate Morris
Nana Grant Osei-Agyemang
Barish Patel
Aaron Peterzon
Morganna Sampson
Jahmoyia Smith

Regrets

Observers

Carol Balzer
Paul Masse
Melissa Novacaska

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. with Carlie Forsythe as chairperson and Bonnie McCharles as secretary.

Approval of Agenda

10.1 It was:

MOVED by Nana Grant Osei-Agyemang, SECONDED by Jayme Dodge and CARRIED to approve the agenda.

Carlie introduced the Board to Carol Balzer, Administrative Services Manager and Melissa Novacaska, Writer for the Interrobang and welcomed them to the meeting.

10.2 It was:

MOVED by Jayme Dodge, SECONDED by Morganna Sampson and CARRIED to approve going in camera, with Paul Masse and Carol Balzer present.

10.3 It was:

MOVED by Morganna Sampson, SECONDED by Jahmoyia Smith and CARRIED to approve going out of camera.

CSA Video Presentation

Carlie introduced the Board to the Jennifer Nguyen, CSA General Manager, and Gurpal Singh Bhatia, CSA President. Jennifer Nguyen and Gurpal Singh Bhatia presented a CSA Powerpoint to the Board. Jennifer noted a new strategy and initiatives have been developed moving forward into the upcoming years. Jennifer and Gurpal presented upcoming changes for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. These changes included having three conferences, the development of an Advocacy Training Program, Campus Specific Programs, a pilot project which would allow a Student Association to submit three issues occurring at their Campus and have the chance to have their issue chosen, three issues will be chosen, to be focused on throughout the year by CSA, and a July Workshop for Research and Advocacy. Additional changes included a CSA Co-Curricular Record, an Annual Research Plan Cycle, the development of a Membership Operations Policy, and a partnership with 'Yellow is for Hello' which will eliminate the costs associated to promote mental health on campus.

The exploration of CSA Fees were presented with a comparison of fee structures of other lobbying groups OUSA and CASA. Jennifer noted there is the potential reduction of fees over time, however, the numbers are projected at this time and pending the Membership approval.

CSA Video Presentation Ended.

Carlie began the Question and Answer period with CSA.

Kevin asked a question regarding advocacy at Queens Park. Kevin asked how an issue that may not be a Membership Priority but rather a Student Association Specific- Priority, how CSA can help advocate with the MP's.

CSA Response - CSA would look into the issue in the beginning and communicate the issue with the MP's in July and when Members meet at Conference, Members can follow-up with the MP's regarding the issue which will allow for more advocacy follow-up.

Nana asked a question about what bylaws CSA follows and when the bylaws were approved.

CSA Response - The February 2014 bylaws are the ones in use currently and the most up to date. The new bylaws were approved by the Committee, sent to the lawyers and will be approved by the Members at the May Conference.

Nana asked a question regarding advocacy for International Students.

CSA Response - CSA have been in discussions with the Ministry regarding an International Strategy with CSA advocating for lower fees for International Students.

Nana asked a question regarding CSA Operations issues and how the issues are being remedied.

CSA Response – CSA has had some operational issues. A new General Manager was hired in August 2016, new policies are being created to allow for transparency and communication has increased.

Kate asked a question regarding why Seneca or Loyalist never joined CSA or were not on the recruitment list.

CSA Response – It takes a lot of time and effort to contact all of the schools and after a strategic discussion the recruitment list was determined and included Mohawk, Durham/UOIT, Fleming Frost, St. Lawrence Cornwall, Sheridan, and Ignite (Humber). It was stated that an email was sent to Seneca from Gurpal, however, CSA never heard back from them.

Kevin asked a question regarding the voting structure and the historical context of when the multiple votes per College was determined.

CSA Response - It was believed to occur in 2011 when there was a constitutional change based on the plenary records, however, the records do not reflect why it happened. It was noted that a Voting Structure Working Group was formed and met three weeks ago. The working group was presented with three options for a voting structure; keeping the voting structure the same, moving forward with the 1 vote per College as proposed by the FSU, or move to a weighted voting system. It was noted that the working group was split on all three options and a formal vote will be held at May Conference. The working group is consisted of Conestoga, Niagara, St. Clair, Cambrian, Fleming, and St. Lawrence Brockville. Additionally, the discussion of the voting structure was brought to the Policy Committee.

Carlie asked a question about the status of the Membership Agreement.

CSA Response - The final draft of the Membership Agreement will be presented at May Plenary. This Agreement was approved by the Policy Committee and has been sent to the lawyers. This Agreement will support the bylaws and define the expectations between the Student Association and CSA including the length of term. It was noted as it is the final version a copy can be sent to Carlie.

Carlie asked a questions about the Future of CSA Program Working Group and the progress of this group.

CSA Response – Unfortunately, the working group meeting was scheduled for reading week and will be rescheduled.

Kevin asked a questions regarding why the FSU should stay and wait for other schools to join for the membership fee to lower for CSA.

CSA Response - The fee will be lowered, the amount it will be lowered will be determined by the Membership. However, it was noted that things take time to progress and change.

It was noted that any follow-up information that CSA can provide to the FSU, CSA would be more than happy to provide. CSA thanked the FSU for taking the time to listen to the CSA Presentation and ask questions/

CSA Discussion

Carlie asked if there was further discussion regarding CSA. Lauren noted there is a lot of services that CSA provides that Fanshawe College already has for students and asked if it was a tiered system, where you could pick services. Carlie note it was not a tiered system. Andres noted if there was more value in the services that CSA provides, the fee, if it was higher or lower, would matter as it would be benefit for the students with services.

10.4 It was:

MOVED by Morganna Sampson, SECONDED by Jahmoyia Smith and CARRIED to approve to call the question to proceed with the final termination vote.

10.5 It was:

MOVED by Kevin Kaiser, SECONDED by Jahmoyia Smith to terminate the Fanshawe Student Union Membership with the College Student Alliance effective immediately.

A vote was called by a show of hands and the vote was unanimously in favour to terminate the Fanshawe Student Union's Membership with the College Student Alliance, effective immediately.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. in SC-2016.

Adjournment

10.6 It was:

MOVED by Jayme Dodge, SECONDED by Kevin Kaiser and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting.