

Bethune College Council General Meeting

Tuesday July 17, 2012

6:04 pm to 7:24 pm

Bethune College, Paul Delaney Gallery Rm 320

Chaired By: President Clifford-Roy Baker

**Clifford-Roy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm*

1. Roll Call

Voting Member Attendance:

Clifford-Roy Baker, Naim Ibrahim-Benoit, Anil Mohabir, Chris Lam, Walter Nguyen

Non Voting Member Attendance:

Daria Nicholas Delaney, Victoria Sparrow-Downes, Sayon Umapalan

2. Ratification of Minutes from Last Meeting (General Meeting-June 26th, 2012)

Clifford-Roy Baker

- Clifford moved to ratify the minutes from the June 26th, 2012 general meeting
 - Seconded by Anil
- Clifford brought the motion to vote
 - Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstain
 - **Motion Passed**

3. Vice President Finance Report

Daria Delaney

- The third finance meeting was held on July 16, 2012
- The audit update was discussed at the last finance meeting; auditors are still inspecting and working with files
- The Dragon Week paperwork has been dropped off, Daria plans to work with the auditors and answer their questions
- The budget was passed around to members present at the general meeting
- Last years council passed a budget of \$135, 000

- Daria brought forth the motion to amend the budget to \$136, 200 from the \$135, 000 budget which was passed last year
 - Seconded by Chris
 - Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain
 - **Motion Passed**

- Anil asks Daria to print what he was spent so far for orientation
- Discussed the Programs Budget
 - Sayon requested that Daria switch the budget line for Formal and Programs such that Formal would be switched to \$12,000 and Programs would be switched to \$15,000
 - A consensus regarding the switch of budget lines was reached at the last finance meeting
 - Budget lines will be switched on two conditions:
 - Ticket prices for Bethune Formal must not increase from last year's price
 - Programs budget line must be reduced by \$1000, i.e. from the projected budget of \$16, 000 to \$15, 000
 - Important to note there is a possibility that there will be no open bar this year at formal, which will save money; also looking into booking banquet halls earlier to save money

- Cliff brought forth the motion to switch the Formal and Programs budget lines on the condition that the programming budget is reduced by an additional \$1000 and the ticket price of the formal for 2013 does not change from the previous year
 - Seconded by Naim
 - Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstain
 - **Motion Passed**

4. Orientation Chair Report

Anil Mohabir

- Full Dragon Week schedule has been posted on the Dragon Week website
- Bethune College Council members have been wondering what their job is for orientation; job is to be the best leader
 - Bethune College Council members should know the most about frosh week because we have meetings and leadership training
- VPs at York would like letters describing how beneficial orientation week and the college system

- Anil has requested Bethune College Council members write these letters describing how orientation week affected each of us

5. Vice President Social's Update

Sayon Umapalan

- The programs meeting which was supposed to occur today (July 17) was cancelled due to lack of attendance
- Naim and Sayon discussed a few things
 - Bethune College Montreal trip; Sayon is currently looking to reserve rooms at a hotel
 - Sayon removed the Laser Quest event for the 2012-2013 year due to perceived lack of interest in addition to cost
 - Sayon has contacted banquet halls regarding Formal
 - Sayon has been making an effort to meet with VP Socials from other colleges; they are trying to schedule a meeting for next week
 - Bethune College will not be having a joint formal with Glendon; they are holding their Formal a month before us
 - Discussed participating and helping out with SOS events
 - For promotional events, Chris and the general members will set up a table in Central Square

6. Vice President External's Update

Chris Lam

- Bethune College Council jacket style has been finalized
 - Respective names and positions will be on the right sleeve of the jacket; dragon symbol on left breast; jackets will be navy blue
 - Jackets will be ordered this week
- Clifford needs to message the Residence Representative
- Chris would like to receive personal blurbs *and* videos from all council members by July 31st
- Anil found someone to help redesign and maintain the Bethune College website for no expense
 - Note: His name is "Johnny R"
- Youtube Channel has a new background thanks to Naim
- Twitter name has been switched from @Bethune_College to @BethuneCollege
 - We gain approximately 2 new followers a day on Twitter
- In the process of creating club cards for YFS

- The Clubs Fair will take place on Friday of Dragon Week and will be used to promote clubs
- Events have been posted on YUConnect
 - At least 5 new people join our YUConnect everyday (400 people have joined as of now)
- We are in the process of getting a television in Central Square
 - Television will be used to display posters advertising upcoming council events; will also be used to release videos promoting Bethune College and Frosh
- York Fest will take place on September 12; Bethune College Council will have a tent
 - We need people at the tent; we also need a mascot

7. Vice President Athletics Update

Anil Mohabir

- Two new positions have been added to the 2012-2013 Bethune Athletic Committee: Residence Representative and Director of Female Sports
 - The Residence Representative has been decided, it is Nadeem
- Bethune Athletic Committee will work closely with Bethune College Council to help with promotions and social events
- Anil will deal with his 'smart ass' BAC members

8. Summer Retreat Overview

Clifford Roy-Baker

- All council members who attended the retreat must send their evaluation to Clifford as soon as possible
- Reviewed the SWOT analysis completed during the retreat - some things to work on as a council this upcoming year:
 - Seeing as the incoming Kin majors are no longer affiliated with Bethune College, we may have lack of diversity with our events
 - Lack of networking; lack of dedication; not a lot of participation in council events
 - Low percentage engaged in student life
 - Lack of meeting knowledge and etiquette
 - Robert's Rules of Order will be reviewed in the fall, we are waiting for the full council to be elected
 - We are not working together; lack of respect in the council hierarchy

- Anil says people are welcome in his office anytime
- Procrastination: lack of productivity of council members during office hours; lack of attendance; lack of transparency within council and outside of council

9. President's Report

Clifford-Roy Baker

- Clifford met with the Dean and the Associate Dean to discuss orientation
- Clifford is working with YODA; they have began OTL and have began finalizing approvals for orientation
- Clifford has been attending meetings to discuss the planning of a cross council social; trying to hold one event per semester
- Also discussed the possibility of joining council initiatives such as a toy drive, or Free the Children
- Has been working with Janet Morrison to create a new open bar policy for the colleges
- Lexicon Update: Clifford is trying to schedule a meeting for next week with the Lexicon Committee

**Clifford-Roy Baker officially adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm*