

Bethune College Council General Meeting

September 12, 2012

5:40 pm to 7:05 pm

Bethune College, Room 203

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, Kian Rastegar, Chris Lam, Anil Mohabir, Naim Benoit, Ryan Thai, Walter Nguyen, Paul Delaney, Kashif Kahn (arrived late)

Non Voting Member Attendance:

Sayon Umapalan, Nadim Ladani, Salman Islam, Victoria Sparrow-Downes, Daria Delaney, Jessica, Katherine Callanytre-Choo

2. Ratification of Minutes (General Meeting-August 14th, 2012)

Clifford-Roy Baker

- Anil wants to make sure the frosh kit sales, originally noted as 50% in the minutes has been corrected (15%)

- Clifford brought forth the motion to ratify the minutes from the August 14th, 2012 meeting
 - Seconded by Kian
 - Vote: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstain
 - **Motion Passed**

3. Introduction of New Members

Clifford-Roy Baker

- We welcomed three new members to council:
 - Katherine – Residence Representative
 - Appointed position
 - Nadim - Don
 - Appointed position
 - Jessica – Senior Don

- Kashif – SOS Representative
 - Will act as a liason between SOS and Bethune College Council
 - Has a vote on council

4. President's Update

Clifford-Roy Baker

- Attended meeting for CPA yesterday , whereby goals for the new semester and the 2012-2013 year were discussed
 - Security audits for every college
 - No college has security cameras except for Winters, this presents as a concern
 - Security is being contacted to discuss the need of having a security audit for every college and whether this is a feasible endeavour
- Discussed whether the open bar policy is beneficial
- A new goal for this year which was highlighted is trying to increase the student spirit
 - Homecoming game is on September 22nd
 - Whichever college brings the most students out will win a pizza party for the entire college
- Discussed ways to give back; a goal for this year is to try to initiate more charitable acts
 - One idea which was discussed was building a school in another country
- Establishment of inter-council meetings was discussed
 - Inter-council meetings would involve college councils partaking in joint meetings, whereby they will have the opportunity to see how other councils operate, collaborate with other councils, get new ideas, etc.
- Looking for ways to find more office space and student space on campus

5. Executive Vice President's Report

Kian Rastegar

- Now that the academic year has started, it is now mandatory for council members to submit their reports at the end of every month
 - This will serve as a way to archive and track what is happening with council
- Kian will be giving people performance reviews, so fulfilling your duties is essential
- Discussed office hours

- A sign up sheet will be made shortly to keep track of who is doing office hours and when
- A schedule is being established for office hours; council members will be assigned office hours
- A contract/agreement regarding office hours responsibilities will also be drawn up
- Anil suggests sending out an email with preferences for office hours so they do not interfere with class; suggests a doodle poll
- Council executives are required to complete 5 office hours per week, and non-executives are required to complete 3 hours per week
 - Office hours should be used to do work. Some responsibilities may include: answering the phone, answering questions, assisting with promotional work, cleaning the office, etc.
- JACS Updates
 - The bulb in the JACS projector blew and BCC is responsible for replacing it
 - Looking into purchasing a new projector
- JACS monitors are hired and working; they are doing a great job
 - Working with Suzanne to get them security codes and keys

6. Vice President Social's Report

Sayon Umapalan

- The last programs meeting took place before frosh week, the next one will take place next week
- Event planning is going well
 - Slightly over budget during the summer, but costs have been brought down and now the numbers are looking good
- Next event is the homecoming barbeque
- *Cirque du soleil* will take place in October
 - Daria has improved the budget for Cirque du Soleil
 - Tickets have been paid for and the buses have been finalized
- Hockey Night in Bethune will be cancelled as the NHL is on lockout for the upcoming season (1000 dollars were set aside for hockey nights)
- Still in discussion with regard to the location of the Frsh Party
 - As of now, the Pit is a possibility; will be meeting with the pit next week and will be using a licensed alcohol provider

- Anil suggests the Vanier Renaissance Room or the Bethune Patio as locations
- Issues regarding the costs of security for an event at the Pit with alcohol
- Sayon will propose the Bethune Patio as a location and will finalize this next week
- Naim has a friend who is a DJ, and he has agreed to DJ for Bethune at no cost
 - Bethune would only be responsible for renting speakers for the DJ (Anil has information regarding rentals)

7. Vice President Finance's Report

Daria Delaney

- The audit update and the levee advancement were discussed earlier today in the finance meeting
- Sue says there are still some issues with regard to finalization of the audit which need to be discussed with her manager; she will get back to us shortly
- At the finance meeting, applying for a levee advancement was strongly supported

- Daria brought forth the motion to pursue a levee advancement for the 2012-2013 year of up to \$20,000
 - Seconded by Kian
 - Vote: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstain
 - **Motion Passed**

8. Vice President Athletics' Report

Anil Mohabir

- The Terry Fox Run is taking place this Sunday, it would be great to have the support of all council members
- Bethune Athletics Committee is not accepting members
 - All members will be accepted
 - 35 people have been interviewed thus far
 - BAC training is taking place tomorrow
 - People will be contacted shortly with regards to intramurals and the committee will be fully functioning on Thursday
 - Any events or sports will be promoted on Facebook a month in advance and will be posted to the BCC website and linked to the Facebook page

9. Orientation Chair Report

Anil Mohabir

- Dragon week was a big success
- Some concerns with regards to the attendance of council members; Cliff will be dealing with this
 - Clifford will be meeting with the council members who did not attend orientation
- A lot of student participation
- 435 frosh kits were sold; over the breakeven point
- Paul suggests that we plan to sell any remaining merchandise from orientations week as soon as we can
 - Students have expressed interest in purchasing the t-shirts and hats
 - Anil will discuss this possibility further with Daria
- 7 frosh leaders were cut (out of 134) due to drinking amongst other issues
 - The names and student numbers of these leaders were recorded

10. Fall Retreat Update

Clifford-Roy Baker

- Clifford is trying to set a date for our next retreat; leaning towards making it during the co-curricular week
 - Clifford will send out a doodle poll to confirm everyone's availability
- Executive council members will be required to take the lead during this retreat by leading sessions
- Bethune Athletic Committee Executives will be invited to this retreat
- Clifford is looking for input with regards to what should be included in the agenda for the retreat
- Possibilities for the location of the retreat include a cottage at Blue Mountain or a cottage in Innisfil

11. Miscellaneous Business

- Anil suggested that VP External should be on the Lexicon board
- Council needs to see what is being proposed with regard to the Lexicon so it can be discussed at the October 3rd, 2012 meeting
- YorkFest table was disorganized; many people did not follow the schedule
- We need to promote the First Year Representative position
- Chris Lam mentioned we need to hire a Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the First Year Representative Elections
 - Deadline to apply for the position is September 21st, 2012
 - Council or hiring committee will have 2 weeks to choose the CRO and train them

- Nominations will start on October 1st and will continue until October 5th
- October 9th and 10th of October will be campaigning days and October 11th and 12th will be the voting days
- Naim suggests that the CRO should state the rules regarding elections as there were some issues during the last election with respect to this
 - Chris mentions the 'one strike' policy as an option for anyone who fails to follow the rules during the election process

- Chris brought forth the motion to approve the dates for the First Year Rep election as follows: Nomination Period – Oct 1st to 5th, Campaigning Period – Oct 9th-10th, Voting Period Oct 11th to 12th
 - Seconded by Naim
 - Vote: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstain
 - **Motion Passed**

- Sayon asked for feedback regarding Yorkfest
 - Naim suggests next time we have a meeting to brief everyone on council before an event such as this takes place
 - Overall consensus was that our table was disorganized; we ran out of supplies and people did not follow the schedule
 - Naim suggested next year we have a budget for YorkFest alone

**Clifford-Roy Baker officially adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm*