

Bethune College Council General Meeting

May 28th, 2013
7:06 pm to 8:10 pm
Bethune College, Room 203A
Chaired By: Vice-President Finance Christopher Lam.

* Christopher Lam called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

1. Roll Call

Voting Member Attendance:

Anil Mohabir, Sayon Umapalan, Jiries Karborani, Victoria Sparrow, Julia Dumitrescu, Susana Ruano, Kashif Khan, Aryan Heidari.

Non Voting Member Attendance:

Naim Ibrahim Benoit, James Ott, Christopher Lam, Chris Ricketts, Marta Morozova, Manraj Chahal.

2. Robert's Rules of Order Overview

Parliamentary procedure: is a set of basic rules that must be followed during all meetings to allow council members to be heard and make decisions.

Motions:

- a) Main motions will be the type used during the meetings.
- b) Placing a general motion: I move to ____.
- c) Motion has to be seconded, debated and voted on.
- d) A council member can speak or debate only when he or she is given an opportunity to and the speech has to be respectfully addressed to the chair.

Motion Voting:

- a) A show of hands is the usual method of vote on any motion by BCC.

3. Social Media Overview

- Quick update on social media strategy.
- Further training will happen at a later date and will be incorporated into office hours.

4. Social Committee Update

Naim Ibrahim Benoit

- The committee has not had an official meeting yet, however Naim has already met with all general members and SOS representative regarding the plan for this upcoming year. The first official meeting is planned to be held by the end of current week or on Monday, June 3rd, 2013.
- Frosh Week Revival has been discussed with sponsorship and will also be discussed during an official VP Social Committee meeting.

5. Promotions and Marketing Update

Victoria Sparrow-Downes

- An official meeting has not been held yet.
- Each task will have a two week focus in order to gradually complete all of work by the end of summer 2013.
- The updated club listing has been sent out by Anil and each club will have a scheduled meeting with Victoria.
- BCC website redesigning is a number one priority before Frosh Week along with Facebook, YouTube and Twitter pages.
- An individual computer will be specifically reserved for a Promotions and Marketing committee in Bethune office for a full time access to YouTube and Twitter accounts.
- Suggested including a separate club page on BC website.

Aryan Heidari

- Suggested a 60 second creative video for all of BC Clubs and their promotions.

6. Finance Report

Christopher Lam

- Any non-urgent expenses must be postponed in order to save BC budget for Frosh Week.
- Any purchases made by council members need to be approved by Christopher Lam ahead of time; an approval request may be sent by an e-mail and a response should be expected within a period of 48 hours.

- A receipt from all approved purchases must include a detailed item listing/description for verification.
- Any purchase over \$750 must be approved by VP Finance and General Council members; therefore, a motion must be raised during a general meeting and the spending must be approved.
- April 2013 honorarium cheque needs to be picked up by 2012-2013 BCC members that still have not done so.

VP Athletics Updates

Jiries Karborani

- Wednesday, May 29th, 2013 is the set date for the next meeting.
- There were not enough BC students joining to create a BC soccer team; also, there are only 2 soccer teams in a league from all of York University colleges. The Athletics Committee was informed about soccer league only two days prior to registration deadline.
- York University students outside of BC are allowed to join the BC soccer team only during the summer leagues.

7. Orientation Assistant Update

Chris rickets

- Frosh Leader interviews were held during the past 2 weeks; 150 applicants were hired including council members, leaders, bosses and also, the Don team will have a bigger affiliation with 2013 orientation as well.
- The same boat as last year will be booked for Mariposa Cruise; different options were explored, however based on sheer numbers, very few choices are available and the rest of options were already booked.
- Digital Media Assistants will create new designs for Frosh Leader jerseys which will most likely be addidas and can also be fully sublimated.
- BCC website design is in progress and will be created by Digital Media Assistants.
- Since 95% of applicants considered Instagram as a way to incorporate more social media usage, a BCC account was made. (**DragonWeek** on both Twitter and Instagram)

- Encouraged council members to share, tweet and like BCC posts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube in order to promote Frosh Week events and invite more students to attend BC Social Orientation.
- Academic and Social Orientations 2013 have been condensed into one week.
- Monday, September 2nd, 2013, is the first day of Frosh Week; September 3rd is Academic Orientation for Biology and Biochemistry in the morning, and other Science degrees are in the afternoon; September 4th morning is for Engineering students.
- Some events can no longer be held like Wasaga beach because of the conditions the beach was left last year and the Blue Jays Game since no games are planned during the week of Social Orientation.
- York University with the help of other colleges is holding a YU night on the first day of Orientation.
- The Frosh Week parties will be on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, however there will be no parties on Monday and Tuesday nights because of Academic Orientation. Also, the boat cruise will be on Sunday, the last day of Social Orientation.
- The Frosh Leaders will be hired and the first training date will be set on the last week of May

Anil Mohabir

- The role of BCC members is to be the best Frosh Week leaders; each member will have an area to focus in such as club promotion for the Director of Clubs and VP Athletics, organization of two events for each of General Members and SOS for SOS representatives.

8. Summer Retreat Update

Anil Mohabir

- The chosen date is the weekend of Friday June 28, Saturday June 29 and Sunday June 30 which must also be rescheduled because of long weekend and price increase for cottage rentals.

***Motion that Executive Vice President provides an update to the summer retreat by Wednesday, June 5th via e-mail to say if we will proceed with that date or we will have to delay the cottage trip; seconded by Aryan.**

- Results: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstained; motion **passed**.

9. Ratification of Minutes

***Motion to ratify the minutes from the Emergency meeting; seconded by Naim**

- Results: 5 for, 0 against, 2 abstained; **motion passed.**

10. Other Business

- YU start is a program that helps students transition and achieve the skills needed to succeed in first year is coming to Science and Engineering.
- The club list for the ongoing year has been updated. The unregistered clubs need to apply through Bethune website as soon as possible while the spaces last.
- The council members will be safeTalk trained (suicide prevention training) and the training will be 2-3 hours long during the summer or fall 2013.

11. Next Meeting

The next meetings will be scheduled on Tuesdays around 7 pm and the future meeting updates will be sent out by VP Executive.

The meeting was called to adjournment by Christopher Lam at 8:10 pm; seconded by Aryan