



CUSA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 21st, 2016 @ 6:00 pm

Prepared by:

Brandon Burrill, Council Clerk
Lauren Konarowski, Vice President Internal

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| Position | Councillor | Proxy(print name) | Signature |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| President | Fahd Alhattab | | |
| Vice President Finance | David Andrews | | |
| Vice President Internal | Lauren Konarowski | | |
| Vice President Student Issues | Alex Noguera | ABSENT | |
| Vice President Student Services | Ashley Courchene | | |
| Vice President Student Life | Zameer Masjedee | | |
| Engineering and Design | Julia Dalphy | Johan Prent | |
| | Sarah Garlough | | |
| | Yannick Brisebois | Benjamin Bichel | |
| | Ryan Herbrand | | |
| Business | Victoria Lalande | ABSENT | |
| | Jennie Rankin | | |
| Public Affairs | Justin Bergamini | Chloe Miller | |
| | Julia Parsons | | |
| | Liam Harrington | | |
| | Maria Laura Cordoba | | |
| | Cody Nicoll | | |
| | Abrar Rahman | | |
| PAPM | Jessica Beaudoin-Walker | Matt Pelletier | |
| Science | Isabella Boushey | | |
| | Austin De Ste-Croix | | |
| Journalism | Mona Mahmoud | | |
| FASS | Laura-Kathleen Gifford | ABSENT | |
| | Lily Akagbosu | | |
| | Charissa Feres | | |
| | Hajer Furat | | |
| | Christopher Del Pino | | |
| | Oliver Nacey | | |
| | Ruth Lau-MacDonald | Sophie Kourtsidis | |
| Computer Science | Nima Dadar | | |
| Special Student | John Davids | ABSENT | |
| Humanities | | | |
| GSA | Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah | | |



6th CUSA Council Meeting 2016-2017
September 21st 2016
Dunton Tower, Room 2017 6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Announcements and Correspondence
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Vice Presidents' Report
 - a. Vice President Finance
 - b. Vice President Internal Affairs
 - c. Vice President Student Issues
 - d. Vice President Student Services
 - e. Vice President Student Life
6. RRRR Report
7. GSA Report
8. CASG Report
9. Senate Report
10. Board of Governors Report
11. Constituency Report
12. Committee Reports
 - a. Financial Review Committee
 - b. Constitutional and Policy Review Committee
13. Items for Information
14. Question Period
15. Other Business
 - a. Motion to Strike Fall and Winter Standing Committees
 - b. Motion to Strike Council Participation Ad Hoc Committee
 - c. Motion to Strike Student Union Building Development Ad Hoc Committee
 - d. Motion to Student Issues Action Ad Hoc Committee
 - e. Motion to Strike and Fill the CUSA Clubs and Societies Committee
- 16 Adjournment

CUSA Council Minutes

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Clerk: Brandon Burrill

Chair: Shawn Humphrey

Meeting called to order @ 6:16 pm

1. Announcements and Correspondence:

Lauren:

I want to quickly state about attendance. Its super important that you are here at 6pm when the meeting starts. If you could come on time that would be awesome. I am also tracking attendance, there are a certain amount of meetings that you can miss, and there are a certain amount that you can send a proxy too before you have to resign, so please fulfill your requirements and responsibilities as a council member.

Ruth:

Thanks for letting me do this before the general information session since I have to run to class. After this years slut walk I had a few constituents ask why CUSA wasn't represented at the walk. It is important to keep that line of communication open and there is still a lot we can do to protect students on campus regarding CUSA policies, so I think that we can be leaders in sexual awareness on campus that way. It was disappointing not seeing an executive or a service centre leader in attendance. I hope that in the future they can attend in order to have more opportunities for open dialog.

Abrar:

Does the summer meetings count toward that total, Lauren?

Lauren:

No, it does not.

Charissa:

The student's alliance for mental health is having their meeting this weekend at roosters and you're all invited to attend.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED: Zameer Masjedee

Seconded: David Andrews

Motion passes

3. Approval of Past Minutes

MOVED: Mona

SECONDER: Lily

Motion passes

4. President's Report:

Ongoing Projects:

- Henry's to receive a facelift with a grab and go add-on
- Sarkany Group Consultations – Service Centre Value Props, Metrics and Score cards for improvements – in collab with Airloop
- Policy and Governance overview – Elections and Corporate changes
- Student Union Building Concept Design Consultations – Phase 2 is progressing

Past Month

- Fall Orientation – CUSA won shine cup!
- Shinerama raised over \$40,000
- BECS – Space being put to use right away with Fall Orientation
- Home Coming Pre party Sept 17th Homecoming – great success
- Working closer with RedZone and Athletics to increase CUSA reach
- Hatch – New Agreement with LTW providing student co-horts with \$1500 grants

In the Office:

- Health and Dental Plan opt out period – Month of September
- Internal Board Room completed

The Month Ahead:

- Panda Game
- Student Union Building meetings/negotiations

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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5. Vice President Reports:

a. Vice President Finance

Ongoing Projects:

- Auditor rotation
- Businesses
 - Henrys – Grab n' Go Roosters theme
 - Oliver's – New programming
- Sponsorship
- Reviewing financial state of CUSA departments

In the Office:

- Sponsorship training
- Orientation Week
- First year class talks – CUSA video

This Month:

- C&S professional development day presentation – Sponsorship
- New programming for Oliver’s
- Financial Review Committee – presentation to committee – September 28th
- Clubs and Societies Funding presentations – September 26th- 30th

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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b. Vice President Internal Affairs

Past Month

- September is easily the busiest month for myself & the clubs office, getting all students groups set up for success for the school year.
- Fall Orientation was a blast. Clubs expo was successful for everyone, CUSA included.
- CUSA Hub is doing well! We have integrated our funding application for clubs on there.
- Funding Presentation to clubs was last week. Applications due FRIDAY SEPT 23
- New Programming Commissioner, Ameer Baig. Club Office Interns as well, honorarium based.

This Month

- Annual Clubs Conference this weekend, Registration Closes tomorrow, Sept 22nd
- Funding Week is next week! Looking forward to seeing all the student groups. Won't be in the office for most of the week due to presentations, but email me and I will get back to you!

c. Vice President of Student Issues

Past Month

International Student Orientation Resource Fair and Panel
 Frosh Week
 Sexual Assault Awareness Week: Beforeplayask
 Career Counselling and Linked Inn Booth ft. Career Services
 Mental Health Framework
 National Day of Action endorsement: Moving towards free education campaign discussions
 Pop the Stigma Confirmations
 Thrive week discussions

Upcoming

Pop the Stigma
 Mental Health Framework Launch
 Thrive week
 Exam support prep

d. Vice President Student Services

- Service Centre events are well under way. Both the Service Centre Manager and I are working to ensure they get the proper promotion they deserve. To check out what our centres are doing, check out the CUSA Service Centre Facebook page.
- Working on a new "Meet the Coordinators" campaign. We're hoping this will get more students into the service centres. The big finale of the event will be a paintball day at Capital City Speed Way on Oct 15. If you're interested, tickets are \$35 (a great deal, actually). Come talk to me about it.
- Still working on projects such as the Women's Gym Hour, and the Health and Wellness Revamp. The campaign for the former will start on Oct 3, and the HWRC revamp will be rolled out in the Winter Semester.

e. Vice President Student Life

Ongoing Projects:

- Escape Room on Campus
- Special 75th Anniversary Programming
- College Survival Coupons

Upcoming:

- Rockstar Live Karaoke Sept 27
- Panda Game Oct 1
- Atrium Video Games Oct 3
- Sex Toy Bingo Oct 12
- Colonel By Classic Oct 19

Taking all questions and suggestions at vpsl@cusaonline.ca or [613-520-2600 x 1606](tel:613-520-2600)

6. RRRA Report:

We had a really good frosh week, lots of engagement. We had our first council training this past Sunday, that's why we weren't at the Slut Walk; Jim Watson came as well as 45 of our council members. We are really trying to get our numbers up. Talent show next Monday in Fenn lounge, everyone is welcome. We will also be posting some info about the various opt outs on campus, so far we are aware of 3, so we will be letting students know about these since one of our big initiatives during the election was affordability for students.

7. GSA Report:

Some updates about what we will be doing. We had our 2-week long welcome week, very exhausting, great time, lots of engagements. Since I am a first year grad student it made some other students feel like they could get involved. Day of Action, is still being organized, will be held on November 2nd. We are having organizing meetings for that, and all students are welcome, you can contact your execs and they will pass along that information to you. Sexual assault policy, just finished consultations with Jen Sugar, the director of student affairs, we are hoping they continue with our

recommendations to meet with other student groups including aboriginal groups and minority groups. October 1st is our Justice for Abdirahman Abdi Conference that we are doing alongside the Justice for Abdirahman Abdi coalition, which is an initiative to bring awareness to the black man that was killed by police back in August. So the GSA is doing our part to make sure that the police are held accountable. WE are working really hard to start our Mental health awareness groups that will meet once a week. Essentially what we will have is a support group for folks who are dealing with a whole bunch of things to come together and talk with other grad students. We were also at the labour day parade and the slut walk, which was really great since we got to talk to a lot of people and put a face to the association. GRC elections are Sept 25th, we are working hard with RRRRA to make sure that the Graduate Residence Caucus are up and doing their own thing since they are separate from RRRRA.

8. CASG Report:

Right now we are going through our election period to which we are looking at doing second run since there are a lot of vacant seats. We have our Academic initiative fund early bird deadline coming up at the end of September so that we can actually sponsor events this year, as apposed to just giving them the money at the end. CASG awareness video being made. We were at Canal Games and Clubs Expo to really try to get first years to what CASG is cause a lot of people don't know. Meeting with CUSA, GSA and RRRRA to collaborate with them this year.

9. Senate Report:

No report.

10. Board of Governors Report:

Orientation, met a lot of new members on the board. Essentially went through the things that the university is dealing with, also how the board of governors works with motions and what not. Went through the university's plan for crisis situations. Had a good discussion with the Chair, Chris Caruthers, who may come to council to talk about the university's strategic policies and what they are trying to accomplish. This will let us ask him some questions about the board. We are looking at lining up some dates for that.

11. Constituency Report:

Matt Pelletier:

Access elections are coming for first and second year races. The second year will be an acclamation for Adam Khouri. We are going to be having a 50/50 type draw, where you pay \$5, for the US election going state by state for the winner. Half will go to the winner, half with go to a charity.

Sarah Garlough:

Hot 899 had a contest to give away \$10,000 and one of our engineers was chosen to do that and he has promised that if he wins he will give it all back to various things on campus on Giving Tuesday, for which everything that is donated, Carleton matches. So if you're not doing anything this Friday, if you want to show up to the Canadian Tire Centre before 6pm with all your constituents, that would be pretty nice.

12. Committee Reports:

a. Financial Review Committee

Chair is absent. No report.

b. Constitutional and Policy Review Committee

Next meeting is on September 30th at 6pm at 513 university centre, everyone is welcome to attend.

13. Items for Information:

Debbie (GSA):

Its been brought to our attention that CUSA signed a statement along with other student associations across Canada to condemn the CFS, which is the Canadian Federation of Students, for a bunch of things, including transparency, etc. My personal thoughts are, this is great, but I do have a few question about how this statement came to be was there any proof or process through council, because I didn't notice anything in the minutes, so was anyone consulted for this?

14. Question Period:

Debbie (GSA):

I want to know if anyone was consulted about the statement regarding signing it, and what that process was.

Fahd:

Yes, all the executives consulted it, and we decided that it was something that we would like to unanimously stand behind. We are definitely in favour of a nation wide students group to bring forward the interests of students across Canada; however, our goal is to improve rather than just critiquing what we have now. It is our responsibility to hold the CFS accountable. I've worked along side many member groups and non-member groups and there was a lot of discussion about it in the summer months in crafting the motions for the statement, making sure that our intentions are not to just condemn but to improve through constructive criticism.

Matt Pelletier:

Just out of curiosity, the letter was brought to attention through another student union group, so what will CUSA be doing to bring this forward to students?

Fahd:

We are getting that ready, and we have a date for when we will be releasing our statement on it, but we will be there at the November conference, and it is important that we work on the motion that we will be bringing forward at the CFS conference. The end goal is to work on improvements and constructive criticisms, it isn't to bring too much media attention to this, more just to make our statement. We are being very transparent in that we would like to see some improvement.

Matt Pelletier:

So why did the KUSA students association go ahead in announcing their position before CUSA did?

Fahd:

There is no go ahead, we all agreed that this statement is final and that it can be released. We haven't released yet at CUSA because we had Sexual Assault Awareness week and Mental Health Awareness week, and in our opinion in terms of communications those issues for our local members was more important and immediate than the conference.

Debbie:

We haven't seen CUSA at the CFS in a long time, so we are wondering were you guys are getting your information from, also, will you continue to attend after you go to the November one?

Fahd:

You are right, I didn't go to the meetings last year because they are quite time consuming and interfere with our initiatives. We didn't attend the August one since it is orientation week and we didn't attend last year's November conference since it was during our Clubs and Societies referendum. But it is important that we attend them, and we will be attending this November's conference. We want to be proactive with improving the conditions at CFS, so this is our way of taking responsibility. In terms of our research, we have spoken to many of the schools that have gone to the conferences, we have read many of the minutes, especially concerning the finally aspect, to which some of them we were not given.

Greg:

I asked David to look up the number to see what we pay in to the CFS, is there a reason why that isn't in the annual budget?

David:

There are a few levies that we do not put into the operating budget since it will skew the numbers if some students drop. Its \$8.86, which comes to \$212,000 for all students together, then on the Ontario level, we give \$7.38, both these numbers are indexed to CPI and that comes to a total of \$177,000. In total to the CFS, Carleton undergraduate students give \$389,000.

Greg:

Is there currently any CFS material available to students?

Fahd:

So about 2 years ago, Folarin's team did an entire report on everything that the CFS provides to students. I can get that report for you and send it to you. The conclusion is that the benefits that they provide are great for smaller student unions. We, as a larger student union, have the ability to provide these benefits to students better than what the CFS can provide. There is a benefit to the campaigns that national ones provide, but it's also beneficial for local groups to do their own because it will be more targeted toward our tailored student needs. For anyone that is looking for that report I can definitely send it.

Greg:

Are there any services from CFS that we currently use?

Fahd:

We are currently working with The GSA for the National day of action, so we are using their material.

Sophie:

Is the service worth that \$389,000 every year?

Fahd:

No, it is not worth it.

Sophie:

So why are we still charging it?

Fahd:

So there is an extremely difficult process for de-federating from the CFS. To even get to a referendum you need 20% of student population to sign a nomination sheet. 20% is over 6,000 students; we get 9,000 students who vote on our full elections. So to get 6,000 students to sign a sheet would take months of work. So there are some initiatives that are more important to our student body that can be dealt with right now.

Sophie:

So the process of forming the letter and signing it was done during the summer, but it wasn't brought to council until another student union brought it up. So why wasn't council consulted.

Fahd:

So I understand that our process can be critiqued. If we were to try to bring the letter to council and go through everything, we would have had to create a report that would've taken 6 months to do. I do not know what the knowledge of students here on campus is like when it comes to the CFS. So sometimes it seems very staff heavy and not involving students. So to be able to act immediately on this was better than missing our opportunity to voice our opinion. It is not directly affecting any student. All execs were consulted and it was unanimous.

Abrar:

Are we going to continue to pay until students put forward a referendum to scratch it? Or are we just not going to pay it?

Fahd:

You would get sued if you didn't pay it. So it is in our best interest to continue to pay it and use their services for what we want.

Cody:

When was the contract originally signed?

Fahd:

So we are local 1, so it was founded here on our campus. But we de-federated during the 80's and then came back during the 90's. Just like any other student association, at one point they were a really strong force, but there was times where money went missing, etc. Just to be clear there is CFS Ontario, and CFS Canada. And the fees come from our ancillary fees, which comes from our tuition fees.

Charissa:

Since de-federation is not an option, why is it not an option to start using their services if we are paying for them? How come we can't include them in our initiatives, especially since we are paying for their services?

Fahd:

De-federation is not, not an option, but it is difficult to do. Your criticism is fair, but as of now, there are campaigns that they do that are similar to what we do, so we did our own campaigns that are familiar to our students and associate with our brand.

15. Other Business:

a. Motion to Strike Fall and Winter Standing Committees

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

WHEREAS according to Bylaw V 1.2, Standing Committees shall be actively encouraged to examine Council business of a relevant nature to the Committee.

WHEREAS according to Bylaw V 2.4 there shall be two sessions during which Standing Committees shall sit. The first shall be the Summer Session, which shall begin May 1 and end August 31. The second shall be the Fall/Winter Session, which shall begin May 1 and end April 30.

WHEREAS standing committees shall be struck by a simple majority vote of council.

INFORMATION TRANSER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council strike the following Standing Committees to open up membership for the Fall and Winter session, maintaining the elected members.

- Constitution and Policy Review Committee
- Financial Review Committee
- Student Initiative Fund Committee
- Accessibility Fund Committee

Motioned: Lauren Konarowski

Seconded: Fahd Alhattab

Lauren:

I know a lot of you are thinking that we already did this in May, but since there are two sessions, this is a symbolic striking of these committees to open up committee for this session. This is just reminding councillors that you have the duty to be on one committee throughout the year.

Questions:

None

Debate:

None

Motion passes

b. Motion to Strike Council Participation Ad Hoc Committee

WHEREAS according to Bylaw VI 1.0, Ad Hoc committees may be struck at any point to deal with issues that are not already designated to a Council Standing Committee.

WHEREAS these committees shall act solely as information bodies to Council.

WHEREAS Council participation not only within meetings, but within the Carleton community and their constituencies is extremely important.

INFORMATION TRANSER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Participation Committee is struck for the Fall and Winter Term, tasked with the following but not limited to:

- Explore ideas for councillor engagement
- Organize Councillor Social internally, and a meet and greet externally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these meetings be open to all members of council.

Motioned: Lauren Konarowski

Seconded: Zameer Masjedee

Lauren:

As was mentioned, Ad Hoc committees are based on certain issues, and council attendance participation is really important, so it would be good for all councillors to get to know each other, so that we can better get to know the community at large.

Questions:

None

Debate:

None

Motion passes

c. Motion to Strike Student Union Building Development Ad Hoc Committee

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

WHEREAS the Student Union Building being pushed forward by CUSA is in preliminary stages of planning.

WHEREAS CUSA strongly believes there is a lack student spaces on campus and a need for a dedicated building to house all the student life activities, including but not limited, conference spaces, theatres, meeting rooms, co---working spaces, student lounges, offices, services, etc.

WHEREAS CUSA believes for the success of the Student Union Building, internal research along with a high level of student engagement and input throughout the entirety of the project must take place

INFORMATION TRANSFER:

BE IT RESOLVED that CUSA Council strikes the Student Union Building Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee be open to all Carleton University Students, with the CUSA President as Chair.

Motioned: Fahd Alhattab

Seconded: Lauren Konarowski

Lauren:

So this was a committee that existed last year as well, and that was when the student union building was more of a hope, but since the university is ready to move forward on the building we should get a committee together for it.

Fahd:

So last year we started the process, the executives put together a report on how the building would work. We put it forward to the president of the university and they were very excited, so we had to do a program study for finding the numbers for the building. So we looked at a stand-alone building as opposed to an expansion of the university centre. The stand-alone was \$50 million, whereas as university centre was \$25 million. So we thought it would be very nice to include it at the front of the university centre instead as an expansion. We looked at how much things would cost, so the entire expansion would be around \$45 million. So now we are getting into how each room would look. So it would be very good to have a steering committee on council to help things move along. The university agreed that no student would pay for the expansion until the centre is open which is really great. We are getting all the agreements put together, so having a committee on campus would really help, especially in bringing ideas to council about the stuff we do at consultation.

Questions:

Charissa:

What are the plans in terms of engaging students beyond the committee?

Fahd:

Right now it is through you and your constituencies, but also through social media.

Charissa:

Is there a reason why you didn't include any requirements in terms of the members that it can comprise of?

Fahd:

I wanted it to be really open because this is for all students. So it should be an open committee. It is in no way a political issue, it's more about what we as students can build for future students.

Debate:

None.

Motion passes.

d. Motion to Strike Student Issues Action Ad Hoc Committee

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

WHEREAS outlined in the CUSA Policies, the Student Issues Action committee shall work on issues that include but are not limited to: housing, health care, tuition increases and other social concerns students may share.

WHEREAS the committee shall work in conjunction with the CUSA executive to create position papers in response to government policies on various student issues.

WHEREAS as outlined, the Vice President Student Issues shall be the chair of the committee.

INFORMATION TRANSFER

BE IT RESOLVED that Council strikes the Student Issues Action Committee.

Motioned: Alex Noguera

Seconded: Lauren Konarowski

Lauren:

The idea is that Alex wants councillors and students to be engaged in these programs, and to find out what your constituents need or want to see in these events, so it is important that we all get in involved.

Questions:

None

Debate:

None

Vote:

Unanimous

Motion passes

**e. Motion to Strike and Fill the CUSA Clubs and Societies Committee
PRESENTATION SUMMARY**

WHEREAS the Clubs and Societies Committee meets to consider funding applications for the Clubs and Societies Fund, as outlined in Bylaw X.

WHEREAS according to Bylaw X 3.1 the C&S Fund Committee shall consist of the following voting members:

- a. The CUSA Vice President Internal
- b. The CUSA Vice President Finance
- c. Clubs and Societies Commissioners
- d. 1 CUSA Councillor
- e. Four delegates, two from Clubs and two from Societies elected at the Fall Introduction Meeting from the Clubs and Societies that receive the highest number of votes.

WHEREAS the four delegates will be elected this Sunday at the Fall Introduction Meeting, and funding week will follow.

INFORMATION TRANSER

BE IT RESOLVED that the CUSA Councillor position for the Clubs and Societies Fund Committee be elected.

Motioned: Lauren Konarowski

Seconded: David Andrews

Lauren:

As mentioned before, funding week is next week, we do need councillors to sit on this committee, and it is quite time consuming and a big commitment. So next week clubs and societies will be giving presentations to the committee for funding. The presentations are from Monday to Friday 9-5, so it is a big commitment, quorum is 5 so it is important that you show up.

Questions:

Cody:

For the elections on Sunday, when and where is that.

Lauren:

So it is not important for council. I have already reviewed nominations from clubs and societies through email.

Cody:

If we want to be on the committee how do we do that?

Lauren:

You'll have to nominate yourself.

Lauren:

If you are not chosen for the committee as a councillor, and you are a part of a club or society, you can talk to your rep.

Debate:

None.

Vote:

Unanimous

Motion passes

Nominations:

Oliver:

I nominate Cody Nicoll

Matt:

I nominate Jessica Beaudouin-Walker

Cody:

I am pretty involved on campus with the Clubs & Societies, I know what clubs are looking for depending on what they are. I want to represent council, and I want to make sure that clubs get what they need but not have it abused.

Matt:

Jessica brings experience to the table, and she is able to build consensus, she is also all around committed to attending events, and she is flexible with meeting deadlines. For those three reasons I think she would be excellent for this committee.

Charissa:

Are either of the nominated on a club and society?

Cody:

I am president of the Movember committee.

Matt:

I believe she is part of one.

Vote:

Cody: 14

Jessica: 8

Cody wins.

NEW MOTION BROUGHT TO COUNCIL:

WHEREAS The Constitution states that CUSA provides value to our members through transparent and sound financial management and that we respect that undergraduates are the owners of the Association and the primary reason for our existence.

WHEREAS the fiscal year begins in May of each year and we will reach the halfway mark in October.

WHEREAS audits do not provide Council with up-to-date information regarding the organization's finances.

WHEREAS Bylaw IV 4.1 c. states that the Vice President shall be responsible to Students' Council for the presentation of regular financial statements and such other financial statements as may be requested by Students' Council.

WHEREAS Council, in addition to the legislative body of the Association, acts as the organization's Board of Directors and is responsible for: ensuring the purposes of the corporation are properly carried out, ensuring the corporation's financial stability, setting the corporation's long-range objectives and strategic plans and being responsible for all aspects of the corporation's operations (Section 21 Ontario Not for Profit Act, 2010).

WHEREAS we are entrusted to represent the interests of students and have the opportunity to actively engage in the governance of the Corporation.

Be it resolved that, beginning at Council's October meeting, the Vice-President finance submit written reports to Council that include financial statements on a bi-monthly basis.

Mover: Ruth Lau-MacDonald

Seconder: Debbie (GSA)

Sophie: (Ruth proxy)

It states in the bylaws that this is required, and its important for the executives to present this information to council so that they know what is going on with the finances, Its important for making sure things are not politicized, and to keep track of grants. Lastly, the last two budgets included over spending on executive spending for travel, and as of now there is no oversight on this issue.

Questions:

Ash:

It says a bi-monthly basis, but we only have council meetings on a monthly basis.

David:

It means every second month, not twice in a month, its okay I thought the same thing when I read it.

David:

So would that not be the purpose of the financial review committee? As well, October is half way through the fiscal term, but in terms of funding, it will skew the numbers. Also, having the convenience store open during the summer is not what most students associations do, and so during the school year is our rebound period, so showing the loss every year it will cause people to ask for it to be shut down.

Sophie:

I think that the purpose is just to have a more transparent and consistent update for the council members for what is happening with the budget.

David:

I do think that the purpose of the financial review committee is exactly for that. So issues with the budget is something that would be brought up during that committee meeting.

Sophie:

The financial review committee hasn't met yet.

David:

It has not met this month, but Victoria did call for it, however we didn't reach quorum, We are having one on the 27th.

Debbie:

How often does the committee meet?

Lauren:

The idea of this committee is the same as this motion. You can attend the committee meeting if you are interested in this sort of thing. The committee allows us to not have an hour-long financial review during our meetings.

Charissa:

Would you say that since part of councillors responsibility is to have oversight over the corporations matter, and because we've had a historical problem with reaching quorum at the committee meetings, having the report here at council would allow us to see financial things at a glance rather than all at once?

Sophie:

Yes that is a good point to the purpose of this motion.

Debate:

Lauren:

I understand the reason behind the motion and I don't disagree that it is important to review these things. But if we wanted to move what happens at the committee to the

council, it would make the committee redundant and so it would be cut out. Also it is efficient to have the reports in the committee rather than here in the meetings.

MOTION TO ALLOW MOTION TO BE VOTED ON

Vote:

Majority in favour

Motion to allow motion passes

Vote on motion:

In favour: 4

Against: 8

Abstain: 7

Motion does not pass

MOTION TO ALLOW ANOTHER MOTION

Vote:

Majority in favour

NEW MOTION BROUGHT TO COUNCIL:

WHEREAS CUSA members continue to pay into the Canadian Federation of Students annually.

WHEREAS CUSA Service Centres and Office Space do not currently stock and distribute CFS Campaign materials related to anti-oppression, anti-tuition and other socially relevant campaigns.

Be it resolved that, by Council's October meeting at the latest that CUSA spaces begin supplying and distributing this campaign material in the relevant service centres as long as members continue to pay CFS dues.

Mover: Charissa

Secunder: Debbie

Charissa:

Following from the discussions earlier, seeing as we pay into CFS and are receiving hardly any services from, this would allow at least some of the money to be put to use.

Questions:

Ash:

Is there anything right now to having CFS material being distributed throughout CUSA's spaces?

Cody:

Is there nothing being distributed as of right now?

Fahd:

So the operating policy is that if a club has requested it, we will provide the information to the CFS and get it. But we have focused on the local campaigns to not flood students.

Cody:

So the money that is allocated is sitting in an account?

Fahd:

No, they are service fees, they don't change even when we ask for services.

Cody:

So what happens to that money?

Fahd:

Good question. The CFS doesn't actually provide a full audit. In the news there was an account that was discovered that hadn't been audited in 5 years. They are currently under investigation from the CRA.

Sophie:

In regards to distribution and local campaigns, why not just combine them?

Fahd:

They are different campaigns. They are different marketing. The practice has been focusing on specific campaigns; we are trying to market simple campaigns, and not overly large ones to make sure there is engagement.

Sophie:

You already stated that CFS has a lot of similar campaigns, so I am going to come back to why not combining them?

Fahd:

I will give an example with the No Means No and the Beforeplay ask campaigns. Their marketing strategies are very different. No Means No is very key about reinforcing consent, but the Beforeplay ask is all about taking a lighter approach to things. If we brought this to council you would essentially be doing our jobs for us. It is great that on campus we have both of these campaigns.

Debbie:

Who decides what is local and what isn't? Because, personally, if there is anything addressing anti-blackness, I don't actually see the difference between separating Carleton students dealing anti-blackness, which we do every single day, versus what the CFS is doing as a campaign, so I am trying to understand why there's this pick and choose or who has access to what, and which service centres have access to what, cause we can get access to another campaign to support what we are doing. So why is there this "we do our own thing, they do their own thing", cause two things can work together to make the message stronger. I just don't see why the two are separate.

Fahd:

If students were looking for a campaign around anti-blackness it can be brought up and done for sure. But it's about a brand image, CFS's brand has been deteriorating, so if we can separate our brand from theirs and not associate our campaigns with theirs then it is in our

best interest to do so. Its not that we do not support the campaigns, they are great, but unfortunately over the last few years there has been many red flags around the CFS. So I want our CUSA brand, which is highly regarded in the Ottawa community, to not be associated with a negative brand such as CFS. As of right now, until we see these things improve, we should not jump ahead and approve this.

Debbie:

So are you going to talk to the service centre coordinators about this? Because they don't know anything about this, and we cant be left to do things on our own.

Fahd:

Thank you for that feedback, and that is something that I will take back to my executives.

Sarah:

Will there be any fees on top of what we already pay to the CFS if we order materials?

Fahd:

Posters and buttons are free.

Greg:

I am an employee of the CFS, so these things would be delivered to the school for free. In your mind, is there a large brand differentiation between pop the stigma and the current mental health campaign from the CFS and why can't they be combined?

Fahd:

I already made a statement about our position on the brands.

Greg:

Are you okay with the money that is being spent on the CFS and the materials not being used?

Fahd:

The materials can be accessed, but we choose not to use them, there are 4 different schools that have adopted the pop the stigma campaign because they enjoyed the approach that we took to it. Maybe the CFS campaign is better than ours, and I need to take the time to look at them. But right now, I am not willing to use their brand.

Debate:

Greg:

We already pay for these services all we are asking is that these materials be provided in the service centres.

Mona:

Speaking in the terms of a service centre coordinator and councillor, I have never been told I cannot give these materials to students, but why would I provide them when I can give my own campaign materials to students. These buttons not only say the campaign but also have the CFS log on it, so we can't hand these out when we just signed a letter saying we condemn it.

Debbie:

If am a correct, this is an issue of supplementation, so you're going to add the issue of having CFS materials available in the service centres office. If people want to focus on their local campaign that's fine. If the issue is that CFS brand isn't taken well, then we need to be aware of the organizations that we critique. We should be having a discussion about campaigns.

Sophie:

I just think that there is a bit of inconsistency from the arguments that I hear such as reforming CFS and working with them in regards to the letter that was brought forward, but we do not want to associate with their brand. So shouldn't we just cut off from them? It's redundant to be paying for these services, and its one thing to be provided with these materials, and another to have to ask for them.

Austin:

If we want to make an effective change, getting water bottles doesn't do anything. If we want to make an effective change, we should go out and get those 6000 votes.

Lauren:

To clarify, in terms of inconsistencies with the statements, both statements are very similar to each other, and they are after the same goal.

Mona:

I don't understand your argument, Sophie, if it was as easy as just voting in council it would have been done by now. It's another critique of the CFS in that they have made it hard to leave. We are paying all this money and we do not know where it is going, it is not just buttons. We are paying to support the brand, so we should not be advertising their brand either.

Cody:

To reiterate, we are arguing about 300,000 dollars over buttons, we should be arguing about the money, and where it is going. There is 300,000 dollars coming from the student body and going to the CFS and it is not being shown. We should be worried about where our money is going.

Debbie:

On the topic of de-federation, it is difficult, but it is not impossible. So for a campus that enjoys sustainability it is absolutely doable. There has been 5 years worth of talk about this, that's 5 years of trying to get the 6000 votes. So lets put together committee for de-federation.

Charissa:

All these points are very good; so bring a motion forward if you want something to be done. But what I have heard is that, if we are not de-federating, we should be getting the materials that are provided to us.

Vote:

In favour: 9

Against: 10

Abstain: 3

Motion fails

16. Adjournment:

Moved: Mona

Seconded: Isabella

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned @8:31pm