



**ALGOMA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Meeting – Agenda & Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

**Regrets:**

**Facilitator:**

**Scribe:**

**Date:** October 6, 2003

**Start Time:** 2:30 PM

**End Time:**

**Location:**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003
4. AUSA Printer
5. History Society
6. SASA
7. ~~James and the Refrigerator Factory~~
8. New Business
  - Canadian Federation of Students National Annual General Meeting
9. Committee Representation
10. Question Period
11. ~~New Business~~
12. Adjournment

*- Diana → next meeting*

*Our Constitution*

*↳ other universities*

*- "slave" for a day*

*- 10:00*

To: AUSA

RE: Funding for the AUC History Society

To Whom It May Concern:

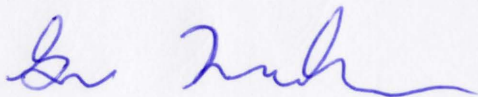
The History Society is once again looking to educate the AUC student of history outside of the boundaries of the AUC campus. Last year our collective historical and cultural horizons were enriched by a visit from University of Toronto professor and author Sylvia Van Kirk and by a trip to Montreal.

Historically in previous centuries, an integral part of a student's education was a 'Grand Tour' of the countries that have been integral contributors to the evolution of western society such as France and Italy. In that tradition the History Society is planning a trip to Mackinac, and our 'Grand Tour' will climax with a trip to Chicago where we plan to visit several museums and art galleries.

While we are in the pre-planning stages for some fundraising activities such as sponsoring a pub and holding a spaghetti dinner (which was our main fundraising activity last year), we are asking if AUSA may be able to offer the History Society financial support in the amount of \$1500.00. This money will be used towards other fundraising events, bringing guest speakers to AUC, and helping to cover costs for our trip to Chicago. Some costs for the trip include rental vans, gas, and hotel rooms.

We feel that this money would be used to represent the History Society and AUSA in a positive way by promoting AUC through our club's activities. Thank you for your time in consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Greg MacLachlan  
History Society President



**For: AUSA**  
**Submitted by: AUC History Society**  
**President: Greg MacLachlan**  
**Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Peters**

## **Estimates For Costs For History Society Activities**

### **Fundraising**

Putting on a concert with a historical theme  
Lighting-\$200.00  
Sound Equipment-\$200.00  
Miscellaneous (food, alcohol, tickets, etc.)-\$100.00  
Total-\$500.00

Preemptively we plan to sell tickets at \$5.00 to \$7.00 and plan to sell over 150 tickets. Greg MacLachlan will perform part of the concert or most of it and may obtain the services of some friendly and extremely talented musicians. Selling 200 tickets at \$5.00 a piece for example would make \$1000.00. Better prices may be available for sound and lighting costs because the History Society president knows people and 'has connections' in this area. We may also sell baking and other items at this concert, so between these two factors, profits can be further maximized; however, since these are estimates, I have tried to keep things simple.

### **Costs For Trips** (estimates are for 15-20 people)

Rental Vans (most likely 3 vans)-\$800.00  
Gas-\$400.00  
Accommodations (probably for 4 rooms for 3 nights)-\$1000.00  
Totals-\$1900.00

\*Note that these prices are for two trips: one minor trip to Mackinac to see the historical sight there and one major trip to Chicago.

*Early Jan.*  
*March*

## **MOTION FOR OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup> AUSA EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Whereas** student life is an integral part of a students' university experience

**Whereas** student facilities at Algoma University College are inadequate and do not meet the needs of students

**Whereas** the Algoma University Board of Governors requires the commitment of the Algoma University Students' Association to building a "Student Centre" to consider a capital allocation for such a purpose

**Be it resolved** that the Algoma University Students' Association establish a Student Centre Building Fund by initially depositing \$7,000.00 in a special account solely dedicated for that purpose.

**Be it resolved** that "Student Centre" is defined as any building that predominantly serves the interests and needs of Algoma University College students. This may include, but is not limited to a lounge, student offices, meeting rooms, cafeteria, games room, movie theatre and bar. Classrooms, labs, faculty offices and student residences are not considered to be within the definition of the "Student Centre"

**Be it resolved** that the AUSA commit itself to making an annual contribution of \$10,000, or 15% of annual revenue, whichever is greater, to the Student Centre Building Fund for five years, starting with the 2000-2001 academic year. Monies must be deposited into the Fund as early as possible in each academic year, but no later than April 30 of each year.

**Be it resolved** that the Student Centre Building Fund account be held in trust with the Algoma University College Faculty Association. Any withdrawal from the Fund will require the signing authority of two members of the AUCFA executive, and the signing authority of two members of the AUSA executive, including that of the President.

**Be it resolved** that should the construction of the Student Centre not have commenced by December 31, 2005, the accumulated contributions plus interest be transferred to an endowment fund to finance student scholarships and need-based bursaries at a 50-50 ratio based on the total value of the fund at that time.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Gekas, President, Algoma University Students' Association.



## **Algoma University Students' Association 5 Year Action Plan**

### **DRAFT November, 2000**

The Algoma University Students' Association (AUSA) is a student union consisting of approximately 800 part-time and full-time students. AUSA is an Algoma University College constituent, and is represented on the AUC Board of Governors, AUC Senate, and most university committees. AUSA is a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, the largest student union in Canada.

The AUSA is committed to the principle of constitutional democracy and the betterment of its membership. Being a membership-oriented organization it aims to provide an atmosphere conducive to the highest academic achievement possible. The Association promotes and reflects the cross-cultural nature of the University in all of its deeds and acts.

The proposed initiatives represent some long-standing and important issues that concern the student constituency. AUSA requires their inclusion in the 5-year AUC Strategic Plan, and an action plan to be formulated to address these issues.

#### *Student Fees/Governance:*

- Increase the Student Activity Fee to near the average student fee paid by students at other Ontario universities
- Eliminate the accumulate deficit
- Become fiscally responsible, and never incur a deficit
- Hold an annual general meeting every year

#### *Physical Resources:*

- Building a Student Centre to enhance student life and improve the retention rate
- Provide students with Special Needs adequate space to address their needs
- Provide Native Students with adequate space to address their needs
- Provide an appropriate office for the AUSA executive. Consideration should be given to the current BRIDGE office, which will be vacated when it moves to another constituent institution.

#### *AUC Board of Governors:*

- Request that the AUC Board of Governors continue to include student consultation in the formulation of the Strategic Plan. Organizing focus groups to review proposed academic directions and student services needs to be included in the AUC Strategic Plan

#### *AUC Foundation:*

- Persuade the AUC Foundation to embrace the Student Centre project and initiate a fundraising campaign for that purpose

#### *Alumni:*

- Convince Alumni Affairs that upon the development of a graduates list, send a letter inviting them to join the Alumni by explaining the virtues of such an action



*Campus Bar:*

- Enhance the AUSA finances from Campus Bar profits

*Athletics:*

- Promote and financially support AUC intramural and extramural athletic teams

*Student-Faculty Relations:*

- Encourage AUC Faculty to get more active in student issues, including the following:
  - Academic Counselling be provided in an organized fashion to all students, and not only those in first year
  - Tutoring service be enhanced by each faculty member submitting to Student Services the names of three exceptional students in each of their classes at the latest at least one month after classes commence in each term
  - Promote and support student-sponsored events by participating at greater numbers and more often
  - Direct students to the Writing Lab when it is determined that they could benefit by taking advantage

*Marketing:*

- Supply the input and perspective of the AUSA in future publications of AUC Today
- Develop and expand links with other post-secondary institutions in the city, and in Northern Ontario
- Become more involved in the community and improve our visibility

*Continuing Student Activities:*

- Issuing International Student Identity Card (ISIC)
- Providing Information on programs of the Canadian Federation of Students (Student Work Abroad Program, Travel Cuts)
- Coordinating the Used Book Sale
- Publishing the Student Handbook
- Providing Pool tables and Amusement Games
- Publishing The Sentinel - the Student Newspaper
- Holding weekly pubs
- Promoting local talent (bands, singers, poets)
- Holding Special Events
  - Frosh Week
  - Shinerama
  - Halloween Masquerade
  - Christmas Party
  - End-of-the-year Party
  - Canned Food Drive
  - Game Nights



**DRAFT Response to "Notes from Review Students' Surveys"**  
**Prepared by Algoma University Students' Association**  
**October 22, 2000**

The Student Association is relatively pleased with the results of the student survey. While there are areas in need of improvement, students seem satisfied with the quality of services provided on campus. We recommend that such a survey be conducted on a regular basis to monitor all university services and ensure that the findings of the "Survey" Committee of the Board are being addressed. We also offer to help in the administration of the next survey.

**GLC**

Improvements have been noticed in the GLC. The increased effort to create intramural and extramural sporting teams is very positive. Athletics play an important role in student life.

**Tutoring**

Not enough students are offering to become tutors. Many of the university's brightest students may not be aware that tutors are actually paid. "A" students should be approached on an individual basis and asked to tutor. A few weeks in to the semester, perhaps professors can pass along names of potential tutors to Student Services. This will create a database of names for each class, before tutors are even required.

Many students who require extra help are not taking advantage of tutoring services. Many students who may benefit from these services are either not knowledgeable about the existence of these services, have not been properly directed by their professors, or are too embarrassed to ask for help. "Referrals" from professors would direct these students to get the extra help they need.

**Student Services**

Student Services have become more and more accommodating. They are much improved over last year.

**Writing Lab**

The system of "referral" from professors could also apply here. Professors know the strengths and weaknesses of students quite well, and they are able to determine who needs extra help with their writing.

**Special Needs**

There have been some concerns with the Special Needs Department's space, which must be addressed.