

AUSU Meeting: Sunday, November 19, 2006

Present: Chris McCullough, Michael Pearce, Carson Sargent, Ashley Berndt, Rob Skeggs, Kim Cotgreave, Mark Pitcher, Kakura Ninsiima, Rob Mallette, Josh Pringle

Absent: Kirstan Noel, Jessica Ferlaine, Angela Dukes, Karen Pine-Cheechoo

Regrets: Kirstan Noel, Jessica Ferlaine, Angela Dukes

Call to order (Carson): 7:14 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 pm

Agenda:

Law

Resignation of Mark Pitcher

Clubs

Jay – Law Club dinner – sold 130 tickets – selling for another week

- at about \$200-\$300 profit
- 6 or 7 judges – law firms will also be there
- John Yun – DJ and Piano

Trip – Thurs – Sunday – Jan 17 – around this time

Ottawa U Law School Tour

Contacted Sootoday and Sault Star – Sootoday (85%); Sault Star – 100%

Rob

- how much are you asking each people
- fundraising? – for the trip?

Jay

- breakfast, lunch and then dinner on the last night – they will spend about \$200 plus their own spending money
- LSAT books – fundraiser money
- Establish club so that it will build next year
- Really want to get the books for the club

Josh

- Quick Law – promote this to the club

Jay – Asking for \$3500

Chris

- are you asking for donations from the lawyers and judges

Jay

- will speak during the dinner
- dinner -- \$2000
- in account - \$1100

Rob S

- books?

Josh

- wouldn't need the Supreme Court because it comes online at QuickLaw

Jay

- books would be about \$3000-\$4000
- library wouldn't need this
- get the club to bring awareness to QuickLaw
- books – were the long term

Rob S

- where is the money going from the dinner?

Rob M

- LSAT books – how much does it cost?

Jay

- \$60 for books without DVD's
- \$80 for books with DVD's

Ashley

- how many books are you buying?

Jay

- right now – 20 members
- 4 or 5 who are considering – donate one to library if possible
- Would like to buy extra books to have them on hand

Chris

- what is going on with dinners?

Jay

* explanation of dinners – where they are going – what dinners they are

Email tonight or tomorrow

Law Proposal – Carson abstaining & Josh as well (with vote)

Rob S

- maximum -- \$2500?

Rob M

- cut \$700 – dinner prices off
- asking them to subsidize \$300
- will always be spending money no matter what trip you go on

Carson

* they are spending money

Rob M

- has done a great job in getting everything together

Josh

- long term goals – some may not be feasible
- mindsets change

Carson

- a lot of first year people are involved in the club
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Rob S

- how many people are going? -- 12
- History Society – transportation, hotel expenses
- Shouldn't they have to pay for something?

Josh

* cut \$700 on food

Rob M

- would have to make up the \$300
- shouldn't be a problem to ask for \$30 for the trip

Carson

- cut the \$130 -- attraction
- should cover the travel and hotel
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Rob M

- Should it be our role to subsidize all their food?

Rob S

- dinner – when is it? Dec 1st

Rob M

- what is it when you subtract \$830

Chris

\$2717.31

Rob M

- rewards
- sets a precedent

Rob S

- * History – they only had to spend about \$90 together
- * usually about 16 people went on the trip
- * thinks should get about \$2000 for it as they would probably get money from the dinner – will give more
- * define a number – say about \$60
- * Can come back to AUSU if they need more money

Josh

- always accommodations and travel that's what has been paid for

Josh

- for a club – should have to pay at least \$1

Kakurah

- * agrees with Rob with the amount he stated

* biggest club --

Table A Motion: to give Law Club \$2000

First: Carson

Second: Chris McCullough

All in favour – conditional that they

Abstained – Josh and Carson

Moved: \$2000 conditional that they can come back

Rob M

- everything about Mark – no more whispering – no more talk about him

- move forward
- would like to do – make meetings more efficient – stay to the rules
- make meetings – more formalized
- open sessions – Board of Directors & Governors – debriefing will occur after these meetings

Rob M

- have to deal with a vacant Vice President
- 2 remedies – Bi-election
 - Have a capable member of the member – appoint within the union
 - Union – anyone who goes to the school
- could have an hiring committee to have them come in

Carson

- think of some people – capable people that we would like to approach
- brainstorm of people
 - Justin

Josh

- Jessica Ferlaino
- Is coming back next year

Rob M

- she has done quite a bit – would be a great asset

Josh

- * form a committee
 - Select some names (brainstorm)

Chris

- need fair guidelines so that everyone knows what needs to be followed – have hard copies of what they will need

Josh

- interview process – ask questions; look at their strengths and weaknesses

Table a motion: forming committee to replace Vice President

Rob M – Chair on this committee

Josh, Mike, Kakurah and Carson

Meeting next week:

Have this person ready for next

Chris (Hypothetical Situation)

- if Jessica were to take upon the Vice President, what about her previous position? (Social Science Rep)

Rob M (Hypothetical)

- obligation of Social Science Rep – go to Senate
- she could do both – provided that we allow her to do both
- Paul Skeggs

Carson

- will be gone this week – in Ottawa

Rob M

- preliminary meeting
- have about 6 weeks to fill the spot
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Carson

- will be back

Rob S

- committees and seats – what about these?

Rob M

- have already been assigned

Chris

- will you (Rob M) be filling two spots until the other one is filled

AGM

Rob M

- AGM –

Rob S

- how many days

Chris

- procedures

Rob S

- common period – best time to do the meeting

Rob M

- set the AGM for November 29th, 2006
- cover at the meeting
 - budget needs to be approved
 - ratification of directors
 - officially put everyone
 - appoint of auditors
- have to throw a Christmas Party (AUSU)

Chris

- have the clubs to come out with our events

Carson

- club fair
- have all of the clubs together and for everyone to see and get information about

Rob M

- need to get a budget done
- will get everything ready this week
- take a week to prep for this AGM

Carson

- prep meeting?

Rob M

- at Next Sunday's meeting – get everything together for the general meeting
- need financial information from Josh for the meeting
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French Club

- asking for a reimbursement of money already spent
- a public event – students and everyone else
- \$60 budget

Table a motion to accept

First: Carson

Second: Rob S

All in Favour: moved - \$60

Proposal – Summit Club

- Would like a permanent space to hold food
- Sentient – don't have control over the office at this moment

Rob M

- as a union – support the club and write a letter to

Carson

- bring it up at the Board of Directors meeting
- the storage room is the pubs
- storage room – right beside the meeting room

Rob M

- Carson's Idea – Kraft Dinner – donate all of the boxes to Food Bank
- Support of union to write a letter to services

Charter Committee

- sub committee of Board & governors
- input from external/internal

Must Appoint a Charter Advisory Committee Member

- submit a name
- anyone want to volunteer

Rob S

- will volunteer to be on the committee

Rob M

- about 15 people on the committee
- talking to committee about information

Carson

- set a date for club fair?

Rob M

- Cindi and himself have been bouncing ideas back and forth
- Once all of the information has been collected together – send out a mass email – talking about organizing it as well – start of January – in the process

Rob S

- working with Mark
- lease to Student Union Space
- recommend a lawyer to keep space to ourselves – father is a lawyer – would do it if the union agrees

would be brought before Board of Governors

- contact other universities – to see about their schools
- contacted schools – Lakehead has emailed back and said they have -- Joint Management Agreement --

Carson

- was at Lakehead – has contract

- could send out at CFS and get feedback from them – talk to them at the National Executive Meeting
- have people to come down

Rob M

- in constitution -- conflict of interest – no benefit of financial should come from this – read paragraph – would not have to vote

Rob S

- could hurt credibility

Kakurah

- thinks it could be a conflict of interest

Table a Motion to vote to hire Mr. Skeggs: Skeggs, Pachacco

Carson – first motion

Josh -- second

All in Favour: Chris, Carson, Rob, Josh, Ashley, Michael, Kim

Opposed: Kakurah

Abstention: Rob S

Carson

- get copies of contracts
- put in official request

Josh

- all documentation pertaining to AUSU – that's what to ask for

Rob M

- Kim – send an email to Kirstan that we need to have an AUSU Christmas Party
- Need to bring the group together
- Spreading ourselves thin throughout the semester – worked as a full unit – get it done and then look back and see what we have done
- Need to accomplish
- Lease agreement – good short term
- Open Brainstorm -- Next Week – Goals as a Union – what we find controversial – how to improve student life on Campus – write down goals
- Getting a little bit of catering thing for our meetings – welcome atmosphere for meetings
- Order food for meetings

Rob S

- schools do not approve of Chartwells – groups do not like them at all

Josh

- plates are working out

Kakurah

- meal card – see if they can use the cards outside of the school – contact local businesses

University – get kickbacks

Other Business: Carson

Carson – Conference – Spirit of the North

Awareness Campaigns

- Travel Bursary – based on where they live: \$800
- Lakehead – get a lot of Southern Ontario
- Campaign Planning – Feb 7th – Protest in Hike of Tuition Fees (Day of Action)

Day Of Action

- Increase in debt – higher debt, less teachers
- Can do
 - Petition
 - Distribute different stuff (from campaigns)
 - Get new website working with a link to www.reducetuitionfees.com
 - Idea: Wall of Debt
 - Media – camp out a night on front lawn
 - Campus Newspaper
 - Amnesty – so that everyone can attend if possible
- Use Day of Action as a marketing tool – protest
- would like to start a *Day of Action Committee*
- everyone will come down on buses (from Lakehead to Nipissing) get clubs involved
- Schools – Ottawa, U of T, Ryerson, -- Academic Amnesty – invite Sault college
- Involve city, mayor

Rob M

- does everyone think that this is a good idea?

Chris

* tuition fees have rose 8% from 1990 where inflation has been 2%

Carson

* has statistics for everyone to see

Ashley

- thinks it is a good idea

Rob S

- depends on the cost
- will allow for us to be out there with other schools – getting our name out there

Ashley

- promote school spirit

Rob M

- unique for the Union
- would give us provincial prestige
- incredibly beneficial
- better sense of unity and spirit
- great initiative for the entire union – great goal

Carson

- organization – CFS
- we are saying – we are involved – looking after our own University
- go to Local Union
- confident to get funding from Union

Rob M

- where do we start?
- Need all the information

Carson

- Amnesty – Rob will bring up at Senate Meeting
- Marketing
- Committee – volunteer to Chair

Rob M

- do similar exercises with conference that Carson is going to
- more discussion on those that people are sent away – delegation (justifications)
- debriefing reports

Carson

- valuable for our Union
- how much more work there is to student unions – when you go to conferences

Ashley – posters for the Bar & Events

- Jazz Night – good turnout – December 3rd, 2006 is the next night

Josh

- make your own posters and give them to Nicole Swift and Paul – will get colour copies

Carson

- does anyone know about the new hiring process for Student Manager

Rob M

* will have a representative on the committee for hiring

- should have a commanding
- Tom, Cindi and then the representative of the Union
- Second position – programmer – grant money – used to fund a programming position

Rob M

- should be hired from us
- adversarial mindset – administration – some fights we have to do – need to build partnerships instead of building walls
- build relationship with community, city, downtown etc.

Carson

- have to pick your fights – need to choose the ones that will be beneficial and be able to back it up

Chris

- cant become complacent

Rob M

- need to make sure we have our backing

Rob M

* proclamation – communications department for school – helped out a lot

Chris *Communcations*

- microphone/megaphone
- can we request to get more detailed bar information?
- Would like to look at the numbers

Rob M

- should have all events cancelled until position has been filled
- not put the money into it for it to fail

Kakurah

- here for the students – not for profit – need to be there for the students

Chris

- budget cutting for the bar?
- Have an event outside of school

Rob M

- AUSU Christmas Party – join AUSU reps

Kakurah

- have something educational – bring speakers to the school – Keynotes

Josh

- fall on the different departments – International, clubs, etc...

Chris

- when is the position expected to be filled?

Carson

- hire – have to attend AUSU bi-weekly minutes
- have them attend meetings – talk to us and then we can discuss

Approved: \$2000 – Law Club

\$60 to

Table a Motion to Adjourn: 9:03pm Rob M

Second: Chris

All in Favour: Moved

Motion to Adjourn: pm

Agenda
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- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of minutes

Guests

- Jay Barban

Motions

- Funding for law club
- Forming committee to replace Vice President
- Date for AGM
- Reimbursement of French Club
- Hire Mr. Skeggs

Information

- Mark Pitcher's resignation
- Day of Action

Other Business

Adjournment