

AUSU Meeting March 4, 2007

Present: Rob Mallette, Rob Skeggs, Paul Skeggs, Ashley Berndt, Kirstan Noel, Mike Pearce, Karen Pine-Cheechoo, Amie Harnish, Kakurah Niinsima, Jessica Ferlino, Carson Sargent

Regrets: Kim Cotgreave, Josh Pringle, Chris McCullough

Guests: Dr. Celia Ross, Deborah Loosemore, Algoma Pride, Fair Trade Algoma, Algoma Hockey (Giordan Zin, Mike Kalagian).

Call to Order: (Rob) 7:10 pm

Amendment of the Agenda: Addition of request for donations from student Thomas Gowers, setting dates for election and acceptance of new positions to Motions.

Welcome to the guests attending the meeting.

Dr. Celia Ross on Independence:

- Introduction of guest: Deborah Loosemore
- Charter Advisory Committee explanation which Rob Skeggs sits on
- Presentations to explain the transition to independence
- Will go internal and then external to the city and other groups in our community
- Presentation (handed out to the union)
- Question Period:
 - General Questions and Concerns –
 - How will you increase numbers to 3000 students? Independence will assist this, more recognition, as we grow we get more of what students need such as 4 year programs.
 - Are you saying that once we are independent we will have more indigenous faculty but what about now? Are we not qualified enough as we are? Resolved to put more attention to about 15 years ago. There haven't been many indigenous people with Ph.D.'s in the past. It has been a building process to get to where we are going. The current hiring round has one faculty member that is being considered.
 - Is there no active recruitment? Is there a strategy and if so how is it being implemented? Advertising in the areas in which there are faculty members the school would like to apply. It is not possible to hire who they want to hire due to the collective hiring agreement.
 - Will there be problems associated with the sister student of Shingwauk University and the separation between Laurentian and Algoma?
 - Students have a major lack of clarity and they are experiencing insecurity in terms of the independence of Algoma University.

- For the international students – what does the recruitment strategy have to do with the long term? Is it just to get independence and it will be forgotten afterwards?
- What is the timeline? The school is currently about halfway into the plan and in 2008 there will be a formal request and in 2009 success will be relayed to the administration. The government may decide to move much more quickly or much more slowly. The school itself is moving quickly on their timeline.

Hockey Team:

- Mike Kalagian and Giordan Zin
- Making reference to the hockey proposal and request for more funds due to the fact that fundraising efforts were not sufficient in covering their registration fee.

Proud Algoma:

- Rebecca and Sarah – drafted and presented a budget as circulated.
- Worked in partnership with the Queer Voices Film Festival.
- Want to be a resource at Algoma University and will do so through this club.
- Partnership with Algoma Pride (SSM) and Sault College Group that will form a strong community bond and will collaborate with these groups to facilitate community in Sault Ste. Marie.
- Looking towards next year as well.
- Contact: teddyandwanda@riseup.net

Fair Trade Algoma:

- Amie Harnish: discussed the budget and explained that the club is about the unethical actions of Algoma University.
- High estimation with regards to costs – fair trade is more expensive. Costs may include lawyers' fees once contracts have been attained.
- Fair trade definition: farmers are paid fairly due to price floor, along with community development.
- No negative feedback yet little support.
- Plans for implementing this? Spoken to both Chartwells and Tom Mauro.
- There is a plan of action.

Move to take a 15 minute recess: (Jessica/ Rob) – all in favour – moved. 9: 15 pm

End of Recess: 9:30 pm

Approval of the minutes (Kirstan/Rob S.) all in favour: February 3rd: change Karen from regrets. Spelling of Amy to Amie.

February 11th: Change absent – Chris, Rob and Jessica sent regrets.

Motions:

1) CRO Hire (Carson/Rob)

* Justin Tetreault has written the procedure and is the only person to apply and show interest although we have not opened it up for applications. This way we can see if the process, as it exists, is working properly. As well, Tom Broxham has sent information regarding the previous election mishaps.

*Rob Mallette recommends hiring Justin Tetreault.

Table the motion to hire Justin Tetreault as the CRO for the upcoming election.

*Rob Skeggs and Carson suggest posting the position because we have to follow procedure but window has to be small.

Be it resolved that Justin Tetreault be hired as the CRO for the 2007 AUSU elections.
Call to question: all in favour 0, against – motion not carried.

Be it resolved that we post the CRO position internally and close the nominations at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. All in favour – motion passed.

When we amend the constitution there should be considerations with regards to the hiring of the CRO.

*Carson – suggestion of a three day posting to hire someone.

*Kirstan – it was supposed to be open last week.

*Placing this procedure under review opens it up to appointing as opposed to opening it up because it will give CRO time to outline procedures in this upcoming election and this will allow us to evaluate the procedure.

*Kakurah feels it is unethical as the president to do that.

*Rob feels he will take responsibility.

*Point of information – we have appointed the last two CROs.

2) Elder Conference Donation (/)

*\$250.00 to the Elder's Conference. Already approved.

3) SASA Budget (/)

*SASA provided us with a copy of their budget.

*In the past a block of \$15 000 was given and without Josh being here we should push this to next week's agenda.

4) Hockey Team Funds (Rob/Mike) – all in favour – 2, opposed -7, abstentions 1 – motion not passed.

*Rob S.- Perfect example of AUSU being a cash cow. If each member was to put in \$50 then they would have the cost covered. As well, their excuse of not having the means to collect all the money although they meet regularly.

*Carson – they do have alternative sponsors and AUSU has received no recognition. They are paying next to nothing in comparison to other teams. As well, there has been disrespect directed towards AUSU and they are ungrateful.

*Paul Skeggs – Brody's sponsors numbers of teams and it wasn't an effort of the team. In the future we should request our logo be on their shirts or on anything else if that is what we want.

*Kirstan – we did outline that they could return for funding should they require it.

* Rob M – they have not gone through the correct avenues to get funds and they have not solicited their team members accordingly.

Be it resolved that AUSU donates \$1000 to the Algoma University Hockey Team.

5) Thomas Gower's request for donations – Shingwauk Players Theatre Group (/)

*Read proposal – there needs to be a breakdown of a budget.

*Karen – check with Cindi Elgie with regards to last year's breakdown.

* Jessica – did they approach SASA at all?

*request further information

6) Election Dates (Jessica /Kirstan)

*Dates for election – Opening the March 8th, closing and campaigning begins March 15th, Election March 29th

(Rob/Kirstan) – all in favour – unanimous – motion carries.

7) Acceptance of New Positions on AUSU (Jessica / Karen) – all in favour – motion carries.

* Call to question for Amie Harnish to be appointed Sciences Representative.

* Call to question for Paul Skeggs to be appointed Social Sciences Representative.

8) Proud Algoma (Paul/Carson) all in favour – unanimous – motion passed:

* \$725 – for the events being held this school year.

Be it resolved that AUSU approve \$725 for Proud Algoma with the exclusion of the rest of the budget (including promotional cost and transportation). The other aspects of the budget will be up to the consideration of next year's board.

*Gas is an issue with the union.

9) Fair Trade Algoma (/):

Be it resolved that AUSU support Fair Trade Algoma.

*Karen – speaker event and fair trade wine and cheese would not be until the fall.

*Carson – button maker should be taken off this and AUSU should purchase it for themselves and it would be useful for all of our campaigns and they could have full button making privileges.

*Lawyers fees will be reevaluated after Carson looks into it further.

Amended motion – Be it further resolved that AUSU approve \$860 for Fair Trade Algoma. All in favour – 10, abstention – Amie – motion carries.

Information:

1) Transitional Plan

- next week

2) Arcade Space

-next week

3) Wall of Fame

-next week

4) Speak Easy Ops Meeting

*meeting with regards to Bar management and operations – clarify ownership of up there and down here. Josh recommends the presence of a lawyer – Meeting March 7th 2:00 – 3:30 pm

- Bar manager should be reporting to us.

- Many student complaints with regards to Amanda Osborne

- Liquor License –

- Rob – we should be looking to get out of the bar – admin should buy us out.

- Carson - strongly opposed to pulling out of the bar – mismanaged and money is mis-spent

-not just a bar but it is a student centre

-should invite Tom here as well

-need unity going into this meeting: meet at 1:00 pm that day

5) Food Bank

-next week

Other Business:

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Adjournment (Jessica / Mike) all in favour – unanimous – motion carried.

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AUSU Meeting February 3, 2007

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

Guests

- Louise Jacko - SASA

Motions

- SASA proposal for \$250 for Elders Conference
- Moving date of semi formal to April 7th, 2007

Information

- Ideas and theme for semi
- Day of action
- Newspaper distribution

Other Business

- CFS contractual agreement about agendas
- General meeting
- Cindi Eglie's ski day
- Finding a CRO
- Has the SASA Budget been received
- AUSU Dinner Party
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Adjournment