

**Algoma University Students Union Meeting Agenda**  
**Sunday, September 30, 2007**

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**Issue 05**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Previous Minutes
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Financial Audit
5. Law Club Presentation
6. Proud Algoma Presentation
7. Information Item — Meeting with Tom
8. Information Item — Meeting with Bruno
9. Adjournment



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*Present: Jessica F, Paul S, Chris C, Ashleigh S, Jonathon F, Amie H, Mustafa K, Erin L, Chantel L, Karen C, Vern C.*

*Absent: Shauna W, Michael P*

*Regrets: Michael P*

• Motion to Call Meeting to Order (19:09)

Mover: Jessica F

Second: Paul S

In Favour: Ashleigh S, Jonathon F, Amie H, Mustafa K, Erin L, Chantel L, Karen C, Vern C

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motion Carried

• Motion to Accept Previous Minutes

Mover: Paul S

Second: Ashleigh S

In Favour: Jessica F, Jonathon F, Amie H, Mustafa K, Erin L, Chantel L, Karen C, Vern C

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motioned Carried

• Motion to Adopt Agenda

Mover: Erin L

Second: Paul S

In Favour: Jessica F, Ashleigh S, Jonathon F, Amie H, Mustafa K, Chantel L, Karen C, Vern C

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motion Carried

• Motion to Amend Agenda – Move all presentations before financial audit and add agenda item 9: Other Business

Mover: Jessica F

Second: Amie H



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In Favour: Paul S, Ashleigh S, Jonathon, Mustafa K, Erin L, Chantel L, Karen C, Vern C  
Opposed: None  
Abstained: None

— Motion Carried

Agenda Item 4 – Law Club Presentation

- Jay Barban, representative from the AUC Law Club came before the board to present to items of information.
- the first is in regard to bank accounts, and the necessity of them. Paul told them that it isn't a requirement, but it is recommended to better manage the funds received from AUSU and any fundraising monies.
- Jay raised the point that banks will levy a surcharge to manage the account and that AUSU should cover this so clubs aren't forced to dip into their funds to pay this, or have it come out of pocket.
- Jessica says that since it should be considered a non-profit organization, charges aren't usually applied, but according to Jay, to open the account it could only be done under a business account. Past accounts fell under similar practises.
- the school offers financial accounts with no fees occurred through the club. Vern suggested opening a community account at the Bank of Montreal, which doesn't include services fees.
- the second point is in regards to a potential law suit against Locks Tour Canada in small claims court over a fund raiser, and it potentially may have to be filled under the AUSU name, but more information will follow within the next week or so.
- Issue concerning the contract signed between the law club and the tours company, and how Locks Tour Canada had backed out of the agreement.
- Owner had called the organizers to express concerns over renting the boat to students, after Frosh week incidents, but ultimately went ahead with as scheduled.



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- The group was then told that the boat was broken and they wouldn't be able use it. Jay asked to be called if the boat was fixed by tomorrow, and they would take their reservation back. Nothing progressed from this point.
- 103 tickets were sold, and those people were asked to sign a waivers; one if they wished a full refund and another if they wanted a half refund and to continue with the evening. Concerned over students going directly to the boat, Jay went with a cab to the staging area and sees that the boat is in fact, not broken and is returning from another tour.
- Jay asked for a copy of the contract, but was ultimately refused because it was in Paul Skeggs' name and he would have to prove he lost the original before another one would be issued. Both return the next day, and still couldn't get a copy since the clerk didn't have the authorization to do that.
- The group is suing for 800-1000 dollars, but they will go with no lawyer as students of the law club will represent themselves in this matter.
- Larger universities have their clubs and standalone entities, but our clubs are extensions of AUSU. Karen feels that this is a discrimination against students, so the use of the AUSU name would be appropriate if necessary.
- AUC provided additional security for the frosh week cruise, the basketball coach accompanied team in case of emergency, and an AUC staff member was present to handle the students.
- Jessica would like the law club to keep us updated. We want to know where this goes and how we can support you.
- There is a large possibility of fees being occurred with this legal course of action, need funds to make the payment, which would be repaid if they win.

**Agenda Item 5 – Proud Algoma**

- This item will be deferred until our next meeting.



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Agenda Item 6 – Financial Audit

- The executives of AUSU met with our Auditor at BDO Dunwoody on Tuesday, September 25, but Karen, in the capacity as financial commissioner can speak to this item. But it is important to remember not to be alarmed by the numbers, as Karen will explain them.
- In our last fiscal year, we collected 144 thousand dollars in student fees, which is our largest chunk of revenue.
- the bar ran into a deficit, but regardless of the cost sharing agreement, the school will cover the deficit. Important to note that bar expenses included advertising.
- Our major concern with this should be the equipment bought for the bar last year, AUSU should take 'possession' of it so it can be viewed as capital assets of the corporation to increase its net worth.
- honorariums are a self explanatory category.
- our GIC investment has matured, and was released.
- overall, there was 315 thousand dollar spent by AUSU last year, and we are running a deficit of 162 thousand. Deficit is only used in regards to money that is unaccounted for. 100 thousand dollars of which, still reflects in the audit, but was used as a payment to the school to pay for the student centre.
- Revenue left from the last fiscal year is 23 thousand dollars, and until the funds are released by administration, this is what we have to work with.
- Amie asked if the office supplies were really that expensive of a cost, but it also included the costs of buying everything for the office, including the photocopier, computers, etc, which is factored into the union's assets.
- the projected budget is done, and ready to be adopted by the board. The amounts in budget are all projections based on previous years, but most are unknown amounts at the moment.
- Paul asked if we are behind on our CFS fees, which we are, and are looking into partial payments based on enrollment figures from the fall, and from the winter. And depending on how the budget is set, surplus might be left



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- club donations are the biggest expenditure facing the board, so Paul suggested that we have a firm deadline for clubs to be registered, and have budgets submitted in a similar fashion. A small amount would be set aside for emergencies, but this model would give the process more structure that it currently lacks. It is also important to note that SASA donation is factored under the club donation.

- Jessica wanted to know if \$3,000 is going to be enough for conferences expenses, but Amie feels that the number is appropriate, but will double check her numbers.

- The sentient expenses should be included in club expenses, or perhaps even a separate line item.

- The board needs to be careful on the events we hold. Shinerama was fairly expensive, and semi-formal could be a burden if it is not planned correctly. The Speakeasy should be used to its fullest extent.

- The \$1,000 allotted for meetings should be removed, there really is no need for this, especially if we are serious about being fiscally responsible.

- Motion to Accept the AUSU Audit Statement as Presented for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year

Mover: Karen C

Seconder: Amie H

In Favour: Jessica F, Paul S, Erin L, Ashleigh S, Chantel L, Jonathon F, Mustafa K, Vern C

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motion carried

- The union is starting the new year off fiscally sound, the 'deficit' does not affect us financially in this new fiscal year.

Agenda Item 7 and 8– Information Item from Tom and Bruno

- these were just preliminary meetings to establish a foundation before Tom and Bruno attend our meeting



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• Motion to Move Meeting in Camera

Mover: Karen C

Second: Paul S

In Favour: Jessica F, Ashleigh S, Jonathon F, Amie H, Mustafa K, Erin L, Chantel L, Vern C

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

– Motion Carried

• Motion to Move Meeting Out of Camera

Mover: Jessica F

Second: Amie H

In Favour: Paul S, Ashleigh S, Jonathon F, Mustafa K, Erin L, Chantel L, Karen C, Vern C

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motion Carried

Agenda Item 9 – Other Business

• Amie stated that in past meetings discussed selling things out of the AUSU office, like fair trade coffee, tea, extra frosh materials, etc.

• In terms of fair trade costs, the initial orders run about \$5.25 and \$6.25, but orders over \$200 will not be taxed and not be subject to shipping costs.

• The board needs to establish guidelines on how to set up this AUSU store, which include policies governing money, inventory and access by members.

• Motion introduced by Amy

WHEREAS AUSU intends to sell surplus Frosh Materials from the AUSU office, and

WHEREAS as AUSU has decided to support the Fair Trade effort on campus,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT AUSU purchases bulk fair trade coffee for sales from our AUSU office from Planet Bean

Mover: Amie H

Second: Paul S



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Opposed: None  
Abstained: None

— Motion carried

- Paul reminds us that the student debate is this Tuesday, October 2, and we need to get questions submitted for the candidates.

- the table will be set up near the stage and a member of AUSU will be sitting at the table for the duration of the debate.

- Karen wanted input from the board on whether to put \$10,000 back into a short term deposit, GIC, and it was unanimous that we continue to do so

- Be it resolved that AUSU enter into a GIC short term deposit.

Mover: Jessica F

Seconder: Erin L

In Favour: Paul S, Ashleigh S, Chantel L, Amie H, Jonathon F, Mustafa K, Karen C, Vern C

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motion Carried

- Motion to Adjourn Meeting (20:41)

Mover: Amie H

Seconder: Jonathon F

In Favour: Jessica F, Paul S, Erin L, Chantel L, Ashleigh S, Mustafa K, Karen C, Vern C

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motion Carried



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Present: Jessica F, Paul S, Shauna W, Erin L, Mustafa K, Ashleigh S, Karen C,  
Vern C, Jonathon F

Absent: Chantel L, Chris C, Mike P, Amie H

Regrets: Chantel L, Chris C, Mike P, Amie H

• Motion to Call Meeting to Order (16:30)

Mover: Ashleigh S

Second: Paul S

In Favour: Jessica F, Shauna W, Erin L, Mustafa K, Karen C, Vern C, Jonathon F

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motion Carried

• Adoption of Previous Minutes

Mover: Paul S

Second: Ashleigh S

In Favour: Jessica F, Shauna W, Erin L, Mustafa K, Karen C, Vern C, Jonathon F

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

— Motion Carried

• Motion to Adopt Agenda

Mover: Shauna W

Second: Erin L

In Favour: Jessica F, Paul S, Mustafa K, Ashleigh S, Karen C, Vern C, Jonathon F

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

– Motion Carried



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– Proud Algoma Budget 2007

- fundraising plans – popcorn/buttons
- AUSU Presentation – bring knowledge back
- group will ask the library to order magazine subscriptions

*BE IT RESOLVED that AUSU accept the Proud Algoma Fall 2007 Budget; less \$150 for magazine subscription, pending AUC library purchase.*

Mover: Erin L

Seconder: Ashleigh S

— Motion Carried

**5. Conferences**

- Amie called, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual conference held November 21-24, 2007 in Ottawa
- looking for increased Aboriginal representation and gender parity representation
- suggested Karen, Vern, Mustafa, and Amie
  
- November 9-11, Spirit of the North Northern Caucus
- All of AUSU should show up for the conference
- Healing Lodge Singers to do opening
  
- Regional COCA November 1-3/07
- late registration, but we should have representation.

**6. WUSC**

- \$2,400 contribution given in the past from AUSU as donated in previous years

*BE IT RESOLVED that AUSU donate to WUSC \$2,400 as requested for the 2007 Academic year.*

Mover: Erin L

Seconder: Paul S

– Motion Carried