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Present: Jessica F, Chris C, Shauna W, Amie H, Mike P, Vern C, Karen C, Erin L, Mustafa K
Absent: Paul S, Chantel L, Ashleigh S, Jonathon F
Regrets: Paul S, Chantel L, Ashleigh S, Jonathon F

Motion to Call Meeting to Order: (19: 10)

Mover: Jessica F
Second: Erin L
In Favour: Shuana W, Amie H, Vern C, Karen C, Mustafa K
Opposed: None

– Motion Carried

Motion to Adopt Previous Minutes:

Mover: Amie H
Second: Shauna W
In Favour:
Opposed:
Abstained:

– Minutes to be Tabled at next meeting

Motion to Adopt Agenda:

Mover: Erin
Second: Karen

Motion to amend the agenda, placing Keith and his recycling proposal as agenda item 4, and shifting remaining items down one place; adding the by-election as agenda item 8, Amie's Report as agenda item 9, shifting new business and adjournment to agenda items 10 and 11 respectively:

In Favour: Jessica F, Shauna W, Amie H, Vern C, Karen C, Erin L, Mustafa K
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

– Motion Carried; new agenda has been adopted

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Agenda Item 4 : Keith Helson and his Recycling Proposal

- Keith came before the board, on the request of our sciences representative, Ashleigh Sauve, to discuss the idea of promoting more recycling around the school. The main focus would be to have the recycle boxes placed in all classrooms and in the main areas of the school.
- Jessica suggested that Keith speak with Bruno Barban, and other key officials in the school about establishing a better program. Jessica will write a letter of support on behalf of AUSU to take to these meetings, as well, it was suggested that Ashleigh should attend as well, as a resource. At this time the board was requested to fill out a survey sent out by Professor Istvan Imre to provide feedback on the issue.

Agenda Item 5: Bright's Club

- This club promotes atheism , and is looking to expand as the year goes on. Their overall goal is to bring Richard Dawkins, an activist and lecturer on atheistic views. This is an expensive cost as Dawkins comes from England, but he has said he is willing to work with the group. Tickets will also be sold to increase revenue for this event.
- As a major fundraising effort, the group is looking to print a variety of t-shirts through a local company in the Sault. and sell them at large to make a profit. Casey has looked into ordering with Guadan. but the company won't ship orders of less the \$250 to Canada. But, given that this is a small university club, the company is willing to work with them to make this work. Costs bands will be brought in to play the even, two of which are working for free, and one reduced their fees for this event. Costs could further be reduced by printing advertisement through the bar manager's office. Jessica asked how the group planned on paying for sound equipment, but the group will be providing their own personal equipment for the pub night.
- The groups third fund-raiser is going to be a movie night, and they are looking for \$40 to purchase refreshments to serve during the movie. During the event, they want to have the t-shirts
- As of two weeks ago, the Algoma Bright's Club was named the official club for all Ontario and they will support them in some respects, and will help push the merchandise. But funds

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Agenda Item 6: Algoma University Young Liberals

- The group has been quite active over the past year. During the last federal election, our members volunteered during the campaign canvassing, assisted on the provincial re-election campaign, participated in model parliament, and attended the leadership convention in December of 2006.
- Looking to pursue more ambitious goals, and work on various issues that matter to students. They work under this banner, but are not devout to any political ideology.
- Expenses for the entire year are going to run about \$2,000, but since there is the ability draw from other sources, and are only looking for start up costs, they request \$250 to begin their first fund raiser.

Agenda Item 7: Metis Day Committee Presentation

- The fourth year, Great Trials class is currently studying the trial of Louis Riel. To coincide with this, and to mark the anniversary of the hanging of Riel, the committee is bring in George Goulet and his wife to Algoma University to lecture on the trial of Louis Riel.
- There will be two days worth of events, held at Algoma University, Sault College and within the city, and the various departments at Algoma will be absorbing a lot of the costs associated with the event. Also, the Metis Nation of Ontario will assist in any way they can.
- The group is looking to bring in food from the outside, particular fruit and vegetable trays to be ordered. Jessica asked if these were average prices for these items, which they were; the prices are pretty uniformed across the city.
- Amie informs us that the cost of creamer for the coffee can be eliminated since there is still creamer left from the Spirit of the North conference which can be used. Also, coffee will be donated by AUSU.
- To be environmentally friendly, SASA has regular coffee cups, rather then styrofoam or plastic cups. Perhaps this is an idea that can be incorporated into this event. Also, the SASA lounge could be used to host the gathering, as a more informal place to mingle, rather then outside NW200.

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• Vern suggests that SASA would be willing to cover a portion of the costs for the event. The idea was well received by the board, and Amie thought that by splitting the costs into ceremony costs and gathering costs, it would be roughly half. AUSU would then be responsible for covering the food, and SASA the gathering.

• *Be it resolved that AUSU supports the budget proposal for the Louis Riel event for \$120, plus coffee.*

Mover: Amie H

Second: Erin L

In Favour: Jessica F, Vern C, Karen C, Mustafa K

Opposed: None

Abstained: Shauna W

– Motion Carried

Agenda Item 8: Eid Dinner

• Eid ul Fitr is a celebration to the end of Ramadan in which the fast is broken. This year, AUC is again playing host for the dinner. Mostafa is coming before the board to request assistance for purchasing the items for the dinner. At the moment, the costs are all estimated. Some of the items could be managed at a lesser cost than what is presented, but some may be more. All staff, students, faculty are invited to the dinner this weekend.

• Are there any other departments assisting with this?

– Mark Allard and the International Student Services department will provide \$150 towards the costs. This year, there were no more outside donations from the university. President Celia Ross has already made a donation of other things besides money.

• The line item for transportation will have to be turned down, because past groups have been denied this assistance as well. Shauna says that the Student Food Bank will donate canned tuna and anything they possibly can. The speakeasy can assist by providing non-alcoholic beverages from the bar.

• Ideally, there is no concrete figures to rely upon at the moment, so there would be great difficulty in bringing forward a motion. We can provide a block donation for the time being, and receipts will have to be submitted for documentation.

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- Be it resolved that AUSU support the Eid dinner with a donation of \$850

Mover: Shuana W

Seconder: Amie H

In favour: Jessica F, Vern C, Karen C, Erin L

Abstained: Mustafa K

– Motion carried

Agenda Item 9: AUSU Bi-elections

- The nominations were opened about a week ago, and closed on Thursday. The position of residence representative is being contested by Kory Donovan alone, and the social sciences representative by Jihan Shakul and Michael Kalagian.
- The candidates have expressed interest in having a debate. Mike, as the CRO, should talk to Mel about setting up the microphones.
- Mike was also looking for assistance on election day, to take certain shifts watching the ballot box. Hours of operation are going to be determined, possibly opening voting stations from 10-4, outside NW200.

Agenda Item 10: Amie's Report

- Spirit of the North was a great success, and there were about 30 participants off and on all weekend. One of the workshops dealt with sustainability, and AUSU should consider establishing a standing committee for sustainable issues.
- The committee would be a tool for campus' dealing with these issues, and where we need to improve. Amie has been in contact with presenter, and they are willing to offer us support.
- Be it resolved the AUSU develop a standing committee on sustainability:

Mover: Jessica F

Seconder: Erin L

In Favour: Shauna W, Amie H, Vern C, Karen C, Mustafa K

Opposed: None

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Abstained: None

– Motion Carried

Discussion Regarding Club Presentations:

Brights Club:

- The have got a great plan, but it is a lot of money. They can eliminate 50.16 for posters, which can be done through Mel's office, and is environmentally friendlier.
- In regards to money for refreshments for their movie night, we refused the critics review money for that service, so we can't rightfully support this, which eliminates 90.16 from the budget.
- t-shirt fund raiser – if they are going to be making the cost back, why not start off small, and use what they make to do a second batch. Jessica will talk to Casey about the shipment options and possibly variate the orders.
- Their end goal is to bring Richard Dawkins in as a guest lecturer, or someone like him. Perhaps the group could block book several university tours to reduce the costs.
- is it sufficient to say Jessica will speak tomorrow, and submit an updated budget

Young Liberals:

- Everything is pretty straight forward, given the costs associated, their asking for \$250 dollars is more then fair.
- Be it resolved the AUSU donate \$250 to Algoma University Young Liberals

Mover: Mike P

Seconder: Erin L

In Favour: Jessica F, Shauna W, Amie H, Vern C, Karen C, Mustafa K

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

– Motion Carried

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Motion to Adjourn: (20:13)

Mover: Amie H

Seconder: Erin L

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

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

– Motion Carried