

Algoma University Students Union
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
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Present: Jessica F, Chris C, Chantel L, Kory D, Ashleigh S, Jonathon F, Mike P, Jihan S, Mustafa K

Absent: Paul S, Karen C, Vern C, Erin L, Shauna W

Regrets: Shauna W, Erin L

- Call to Order (19:15)
 - Mover: Jessica F
 - Seconded: Ashleigh S

- Adopt Previous Minutes
 - Mover: Ashleigh S
 - Seconded: Mike P
 - In Favour: Jessica, Chantel, Kory D, Jonathon F, Jihan S
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstained: None
 - Motion Carried

- Adoption of the Agenda
 - Mover: Ashleigh S
 - Seconded: Jonathon F

 - Be it Resolved that the agenda be amended to delete agenda item #6, and insert Jay Barban as agenda item #4, moving agenda item #4 and #5 down one spot respectively.
 - In Favour: Jessica F, Chantel L, Kory D, Jihan S
 - Motion Carried

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Agenda Item 4: Jay Barban

- The Law Club dinner went over well, with \$1,200 being cleared. They are still moving forwards with the podium project. The project is proceeding slowly, but there is progress.
- A set of four wireless microphones will cost \$1,800, and current funds put them only \$600 short of their goal.
- Jay will be meeting with Don Jackson to see if the department will chip in some money to cover some costs, given that it will benefit the department.

Agenda Item 5: Presentation by Rebecca Stuebing

- Rebecca has been chosen to go to Ghana this summer as part of the WUSC community based internship program, and while there she will be representing Algoma University.
- Although most of the trip is covered, Rebecca will be responsible for contributing \$3,000, to be paid in June.
- Administration has agreed to contribute to the cause, and Rebecca will be pursuing a number of community based initiatives to raise funds. But should she fall short, she would like to come back before the board and request a donation.
- Congratulations Rebecca!

Agenda Item 6: Fair Trade Algoma Budget Proposal

- This week, Fair Trade Algoma has designated this "Fair Trade Week", and the theme will revolve around education of Free Trade Agreements.
- During the week there will be coffee in student services, a slideshow in the Speakeasy, and a bake sale Thursday.
- On Friday, a movie will be shown, and it is something that would be good for a number of courses at Algoma. If purchased, it could be donated to the Library on behalf of the club. The club will talk with Ken early in the week to see about possible funding for the movie.
- In terms of revenue, it is expected that a lot of return will come about from the activities.
- Jessica opens the floor for questions, and she has two for the speaker.
- Why is there \$150 allocated for door prizes?
 - Fair trade Algoma is going to purchase art from local artists for the pub night

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- In regards to the film, would or could it be shipped here by Friday?
 - Yes, the company guarantees overnight delivery if requested.

Agenda Item 7: Speak Easy Budget Proposal

- First, it should be noted that all costs are not exact, but they are close as possible. Overall, it is being asked the \$15,000 be allocated for the bar.
- There is going to be four major pub nights being planned on part of the Speak Easy, and there will be club sponsored pubs every other week. It is possible for some of the major pubs to make enough money to cover some costs associated with it. For example, the Mock New Years Pub, with a \$2 cover, there was enough for cover the DJ and half of the decorations.
- It would be nice to have a buffer zone of money for contingency purposes. At the moment, we are in the process of fixing the speakers, but it's not fixed just yet.
- As a business, the bar will attempt to keep as close to \$10,000 as possible, but it is possibly to generate money from ticket sales. We are a non-profit entity, and we aren't out to make money, but to spend it responsibly.
- As a side note, perhaps we could look into getting the CSI speakers here, as a source of alternative programming.

Agenda Item 8: Resignation

- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Algoma University Students Union Board of Directors accept the resignation of Amie Harnish, the Vice President External.
 - Mover: Mike P
 - Seconded: Ashleigh S
 - In Favour: Jessica F, Chantel L, Kory D, Jonathon F, Jihan S, Mustafa K
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstained: None
 - Motion Carried
- A Thank you card will be sent to Amie for all her hard work she did this semester
- As a board, we decided that it is appropriate to fill the position with an application procedure. It is all laid out in the AUSU constitution.
 - Jonathon needs to advertise the vacancy, and set the application deadline for Sunday, January 20, 2008 at midnight
- Interviews will take place the week of January 20-26th

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- Recommendation will come before the Board January 27.
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Deliberations on the Presentations before the Board

Fair Trade Algoma

- It is a lot of money, and we recently turned down the Bright's Club as their proposal was too high. Is there any substantive reason to give Fair Trade Algoma the money?
- The idea of selling buttons is a good idea, and an excellent way to make money.
- But, what happens with the money made during previous ventures?
 - It gets donated to the community. Last semester, the money went to WUSC.
- It appears that Fair Trade Algoma is on its way to becoming self-sufficient.
 - BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Algoma University Student Union approve \$850 to Fair Trade Algoma.
 - Mover: Chantel L
 - Seconded: Mike P
 - In Favour: Jessica F, Kory D, Jonathon F, Jihan S, Mustafa K
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstained: Ashleigh S

Speak Easy Bar Budget

- Everything seems to be in order for the Speak Easy budget, just requires a vote.
- Ashleigh assumes responsibility as chair, to relieve Jessica from a Conflict of Interest
 - BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Algoma University Student Union approve \$15,000 to the Speakeasy for bar operations.
 - Mover: Kory D
 - Seconded: Chantel L
 - In Favour: Ashleigh S, Jonathon F, Jihan S, Mustafa K
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstained: Jessica F

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Agenda Item 9: New Business

- In response to the resignation of the Vice President External, someone will have to take over committee responsibility for Academic Standards. Ashleigh agreed to take on this responsibility.
- After last month's Senate meeting, Jessica will be writing a report on student opinion regarding certain questions raised during the meeting. The essence is that the university is attempting to chart its path and find a suitable niche following the independence of the university. If anyone has anything they wish to add to this report, please email it to Jessica before Friday.
- With Shadow of the Minds film festival coming up, it presents the board with an opportunity to brand itself in the community. At this time, we aren't looking at these opportunities.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment

- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Algoma University Students Union adjourns until our next scheduled meeting.
 - Mover: Mike P
Seconded: Kory D
In Favour: Jessica F, Chantel L, Ashleigh S, Jonathon F, Jihan S, Mustafa K
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
- Motioned Carried