# Algoma University Students' Union Meeting

# October 19, 2008

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# 1) Call to order. (6:40)

AUSU Members: Andy Noel, Jordon Gillier, Stphanie Dumas, Matt Shoemaker, Jason Pino, Jennifer Perron, Ashleigh Sauve, Susanna Shrestha, Vanessa Gastaldo, Cristina Guzzo

Guests: Norm Mgraw, Cody Middulaugh, Rebecca Stubeig, Sarah Broad, Jihan Sakual

## 2) Motion to add letter of support for Coloumbia into adgenda

mover- vanessa seconder- jason

# 3) Language club- Norm Mgraw

- 2008/2009 budget
- Resources- language that are available within the school and outside of the school, flash card exercises, DVD, workbooks and tutorials
- would like to start a library of this material
- not only for the language club itself but also for the community
- Guest Speakers- better to learn with them as well as with children approx \$100.00 per guests speaker
- field trips- local schools or institutions around the community
- Fund-raising Income- Taco Sales
- Bingo- sponsorship to create a Toonie Jar- which will be a donation towards this club
- This is the first language club here in the university
- first one in Canada as well
- Ash- really excited to see what kind of guest speakers will be coming here and really excited for the development of it
- should talk to Ken Herdenen for any resources that you need he will often place it under his budget
- If they cannot find any sort of resources they are willing to make these themselves
- Jason- field trips you want to check out how they are approached of institutions where are they?
- Laurention and Cambrian College do have this—in Bay Mills they have this and Thunderbay all offer great resources as well as in Mantoulin Island
- 13 members
- Motion to approve the budget for the lanugage club in the amount of \$1200.00.
- Mover- ash
- seconded- pino
- All opposed to this motion
- Motion fails
- Discussion

- Matt- would it be possible to approve up to a maximum per guest speaker, rather come to us when the secured a guest speaker?
- Agrees with this but would like them to discuss this with his club.
- Ash- for the entire expenses list to consider approving the max of 1200.00 but come for a budget as things come up?
- Jason- is there another person in the institution who can donate to this as well
- Mike- learning center
- Ash- possibility to go to other departments
- Cristina- have you talked to other members of the institution –Sarah Crowell
- Norm- not aware of all the members but is willing to look into this
- Vanessa- seems to be a lot of questions and very few answers should be approving these events on a date to date basis
- matt- good idea for a field trips and guest speakers but should go to Ken hardenen for this
- Vanessa- we have Shingwauk U does not feel comfortable enough with approving this budget as there is not much detailed information provided
- Norm- more research can be done as for field trips not going to have just people going to places out of town but could also do things in nature
- Melissa- think that if we were to do up to \$1200.00 would the fundraising not go towards this
- Ash- what if you were to go back to your group and looking at what you would like and then bringing this back to us
- provide us with a budget for the year so we wont run into these problems of approving a budget for unspecified items
- Would this be possible for the next meeting?
- Norm- yes this is possible
- Jason- we do support the club, vocalize to the rest of the members that we need more specifics,
- Noel- have some dates, including fund-raising of when things might be happening
- Norm-this group will actually put algoma u on the map and it is very important
- Ash- Be it resolved that the decision for the budget proposal for 1200.00 for the MWA be postponed until a more detailed budget is presented.
- Mover- ash
- Seconder- Pino
- Noel- thought that we were not going to not give them this money right
- Ash- in terms of accountability we need to see specifics of where the money is going to
- All in favour
- Motion Carries

### 4) History Society - Cody

- for the past 15 years it has been a club it has been comprised of all students
- What they do?- have fundraised as well as discuss history topics
- helps to get to know all students of all ages
- the trip at the end of the year they are going to Chicago-
- Professor Newbigging is accompanying them- good resource for organizing this event

- will be going to the museum and the Art museum
- Budget– this year has already fundraised \$750.00 thus far
- want to do a superhero pub as well as a bowling night
- also have a movie night where all students can accompany with pizza and would learn a historical significance of a historical movie
- primary source was given to the history club- and he thinks that they do not need \$3000.00 this year
- he thinks his club can make \$1500.00
- Ash- in previous years they have recieved \$3000.00 how did they ask of this money, do you have your fundraising budgets cost?
- the \$1500.00 is to cover the cost of everything else
- Melissa- members?
- Cody 15-17- some will be very committed but will not go on the trip
- they only need transportation and accommodations, people
- Ash- would you be open to come and do a presentation to show for what you have learned? Even just a power point?
- Cody- willing to do so
- Motion to approve 1500.00 for the history club.
- Conflict of jake and pino
- Mover ash
- seconder Vanessa
- All opposed
- Motion Fails
- Ash- we might want to see what the fund-rasing looks like
- Matt- would like to approve up to that amount
- Jason- do not have to approve the amount maybe up to a max of this amount
- Cody- the point is gas prices have increased and the trip will be in March, at best they might make about 1500.00
- Ash- how much money do we have left for clubs \$13,000.00
- Cody- were very successful so is very optimistic of future fundraising
- Vanessa- writing the money now is not enough incentive for thme to raise money
- Jason- takes issue with this- as will fundraise more
- Cody- 1500.00 from the 3000.00 is a price cut down from it from previous years, it would be impossible to raise 3000.00
- Jason- there was some carryover from last year, they are a very committed club
- Matt- went on a trip yearly
- Cristina- wait till other promotions
- Ash- Motion to amemnd the motion to set aside \$1500.00 in the event that the history society needs this for the Chicago trip with a maximum of \$1800.00
- Seconder- Cristina
- All Opposed
- Motion Fails
- Noel- if the history club has been supported why is there a problem with that
- Matt- seems to be going better

- Amend motion- Be it resolved that we must set aside \$1500.00 in the event that the history society needs this for the Chicago trip with a maximum of \$1800.00 in the part that it is safe-guarded until January where the history society will come back and tell us how much the actually need.
- All in favour
- Motion Carries

## 5) WUSC (Rebecca and Sarah)

- service that has been operating for several years
- sponsor a refugee student to come to Algoma to study for a year
- AUSU has an established history of supporting \$2500 yearly
- already done some fund-raising for this year
- plan to hold a referendum
- full time tuition from the university
- support from other sources= \$11,120.00
- requesting \$2800.00 more this year which is \$300.00
- Cristina- what is the cost risen?
- tuition fees have also risen to provide winter coat and boots
- Ash- huge stress placed on WUSC to do this fund-raising
- have gotten CTV to get this out into the community
- WUSC Annual General Assembly
- AGM for WUSC in Ottawa
- this year 7 committee members as well as current student and the 2 past sponsored students
- look to sheet attached for the rest of the budget
- are also asking for \$1650.00
- have people who have just joined WUSC so it is important for the new students to understand and learn about these things
- Jason- was anyone sent last year?
- yes 5/6
- Shoe- was the cost coverd by AUSU
- Motion to approve 2800.00 for the student refugee program.
- Mover- Jason
- Seconder- Jakob
- jason- what is the budget set aside for services
- Vanessa- 5000.00
- Jason- if the previous board had the budget approved- are we not forced to accept the budget
- matt- we can ensure this
- Vanessa everyone is asking for more yet we have less money b/c of enrollment
- All in favour
- Motion carries.
- COLUMBIA
- letter of support that has been drafted sent to support the indigenous people in columbia
- attach letter

- they are talking about free trade and the gov't is coming in and killing people
- currently 12,000 people who are mobilized
- throughout there are 50,000 people who are in this struggle
- we have the responsibility to do whatever we can
- Motion to fund 1650.00 for the WUSC general assembly
- mover- cristina
- seconder- jason
- Cristina- maybe send less people as we only had 2 people going to our own AGM
- Ash- this will just reduce the cost of registration
- jason- how was this number arrived at?
- Ash- sending a larger delegation is b/c there are lots of fund-raising that could be done
- this is a way to see what WUSC looks like
- Matt- did anyone go to this last year?
- Ash- yes last year had 5
- Matt- does not think we can afford it
- Ash- anything that could be afforded?
- matt- this comes out of services and then we only have 750. left over for the food bank
- jess- the car less than a van
- ash- if the amount requested of 1650.00 is not going to work then perhaps say the number of registration fees
- noel- in the 300.00
- Ash- accommodations are already being covered
- Motion to defer a vote on the AGM for the WUSC meeting
- Mover- Jason
- Seconder- Jakob
- All in favour
- Will be passed after the revision of letter
- Hockey Club-
- coming to touch base-
- had 25 people show up to the tryouts
- Follow-up with the alumini committee
- Matt- needs to still meet with her
- Vanessa- has some ideas and would like meet with Bev Teller

#### 6) Algoma Multicultural Student U

- thankyou for the Eid Dinner it was very successful
- making some one samosa- 2.00 and two fritter -1.00
- south aisian dance party- 80.00
- Diwali Dinner Budget 960.00
- this year are inviting Essar employees to attend total # of people 200
- advertisement being provided from
- the speaker will be free as well
- will be organizing chinese and a japanese dinner as well
- chinese new year will be working with the international student
- Ash- is the international student services are they able to cover anything?

- marc will be giving 200.00
- Jason- asking the algoma steel workers to come?
- thinking for the first year they would like they come but next year are asking them for donations
- Jason- how many events are you going to have b/c we have little money to spread across the board?
- will be talking to the president of algoma u as she is very willing to help out with anything
- Jason- does your club collect a registration to be apart of the club?
- open to everyone
- Jason- how many members?
- 15-20
- Melissa- what are your fundraising plans do you have any other fundraising ideas?
- meet every Friday of the month
- came up with the south asian dance party
- this year instead of fee for entry- will be talking about more fundraising
- will be networking with Sault Multi-cultural Association
- Jason- this fee is that 200 peopl
- Cristina- ever think about selling tickets?
- do not want an entry charge?
- Ash- do a cover as well as sell the food?
- think that people wont come, but this year would like to make it for free
- Melissa- don't charge a cover, send a basket around
- Cody- instead of a basket ask them if they would like to do a donation
- Mike- you should have some cover?
- Melissa- will meet with they group to help with fundraising
- Jihan this is also a good way to promote the school as well as the multicultural society from here wants to promote diversion as well
- not just for the international students
- Noel- agrees with cristina to charge people not from algoma u
- are meeting on Wednesday and will e-mail us
- Motion to approve \$80.00 for the South Asian
- Mover- Ash
- Seconder Jen
- All in favour
- Motion Carries

#### 7) Adjournment (9:00pm)