



COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

2013 – 2014

Date: January 21st 2014

Time: 5.05 pm

In Attendance:

ERIN BORDEN (Chair)
KELSEY MILLS (Arrival 5.13 pm)
DYLAN HANWELL
MARINA BANISTER
HARLEY MORRIS
BRENT KELLY
PETROS KUSMU (Arrival 5.12 pm)
ADAM WOODS (Arrival 5.12 pm)
JOSH LE (Arrival 5.13 pm)

Excused Absence:

Others in Attendance:

CRAIG TURNER
SACHITHA KUSALADHARMA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by BORDEN at 5.05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

KELLY amended the agenda for January 21, 2014 to include "Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territories".
The motion was seconded by MORRIS.
Vote 5/0/0
CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MORRIS moved to approve the minutes for January 7, 2014 as tabled.
The motion was seconded by HANWELL.
Vote 4/0/1 (Abstention by KELLY)
CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

Council Clothing Order Finale

BORDEN: I have the hoodies. We are going to try them on, and get everyone's sizes. However, there aren't samples of some color options here. The thread color will be white.

I will be gathering information from everyone as to what exactly they want. You will be allowed 2 lines of text.

Presentation to Students' Council

KUSMU: At the Board of Governors meeting in December, Councilor Mohamed asked President Indira Samarasekara as to whether she would be willing to come to a Students' Council meeting. She agreed. We have scheduled it now. We got in touch with her office, and it was mentioned that there was no point in talking about the international student tuition issue. We suggested that she could talk about the Leadership College. That is something councilors are interested in. Also, on the day before the council meeting, she will be presenting about it to the General Faculties Council (GFC). So, she will be giving a somewhat similar presentation to Students' Council. We want the Council Administration Committee's (CAC's) feedback on how this Students' Council meeting should be structured. Would we like to invite the public to the meeting? Would it be like an open forum? Would we give councilors the chance to send in questions beforehand?

MILLS: Did she request to talk to us?

KUSMU: No. We requested it.

BORDEN: I don't really want it to be an open forum.

BANISTER: I like the option where people can send in their questions prior to the meeting. Councilors can ask the general students to give them their questions to ask on the students' behalf.

WOODS: I thought the John and Bunny Ferguson presentation was useful. We gave them no questions in advance, and they had to answer spot questions for 2 hours. I think this should happen in this case too. Administration thinks that Students' Union (SU) Executives come up with radical ideas. It's important to show that these ideas come through the Council.

MILLS: I see the President being more political. She may leave after giving the presentation.

WOODS: In the John and Bunny Ferguson presentation, they said they could stay for as long as required. If the President says she wants to leave after half an hour, we may have to look at other methods.

KELLY: We should try to focus it around a few important topics such as the Leadership College. If there's additional time, we can open it up for broader questions. However, I think she will only stay for a specific amount of time.

MILLS: Can we ask for rationale on the University's decisions on Leadership College?

KUSMU: That's what she will be presenting to GFC.

TURNER: I would suggest that you should confirm with the President's office on how long she would stay. I agree that it was uncomfortable for the Ferguson's towards the end of their presentation, and it would have been better if they had

mentioned the amount of time they could stay.

KUSMU: So, I would first confirm how much time she actually has. Also, I would confirm the topics she's going to be speaking about.

How do we engage the general student population to this event?

HANWELL: You said that the President thought it was the Executives who were bringing radical ideas. So, would it be better for the general students to ask questions instead of the councilors in order to show that these ideas are coming from the bottom up?

KUSMU: It depends on what you guys think is more orderly. Perhaps not many students may come to the meeting. Maybe the students can write a piece of paper and ask you.

MILLS: In the budget forum we had last semester where we opened it up to all students, the questions were not necessarily the best thought out questions. So, even though we need to engage students, the councilors can ask well thought out questions.

TURNER: We can encourage students there to approach councilors and give them their questions to be asked.

WOODS: If we suspend relevant Standing Orders, a Councilor can sponsor a student to ask questions on their behalf.

BANISTER: Can we stream it live?

TURNER: We get better uptake by recording it and posting later compared to streaming it live.

MILLS: I think it's a good idea to record it and post later.

KELLY: I know that everyone's excited about this, and want to make it a bigger event. But, it may not be the most practical thing to have it as that. We can push for something where the President comes to Council on a later date and just answers questions. We can make that an annual event.

KUSMU: It's a good idea. The only problem is that the current president will finish her term in September.

LE: How come she didn't come in the past?

WOODS: The Provost has come to Council on a number of times.

TURNER: I can give a few reasons why. The President's schedule is tight. Also, the provost is in a better position to answer more of your questions.

KUSMU: We are going to promote this on facebook, SUTV, and other channels. We'll inform the students about this, and ask them to give any questions they might have to their faculty representative for Council.

BORDEN: Are we getting a different room?

KUSMU: I want her to see what it's really like. We may need to get extra chairs though. If the attendance gets really big on facebook, we may have to make other arrangements.

MILLS: We can have councilors and executives to sit on the first 2 rows, and the spectators behind.

Council Mentorship Program

BORDEN: We have matched our first mentee to a mentor. Councilor Mohamed has stepped in as the mentor. We can promote the mentorship program using pamphlets. The program will be continued if anyone contacts us.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territories

KELLY: Councilor Morris and I have been working on a statement to acknowledge indigenous territories. There are 3 components to what we have been doing to get a statement. They are: research, consultation, and council. We did research by looking at several statements from around the world. Also, we participated in several consultations. Going forward, we will modify our statement as we get new perspectives and information. The idea is to bring a proposal to CAC next week. It will mirror the current oath. Every trimester there will be a slightly longer paragraph, and there will be an acknowledgement every meeting. In addition, we would like to see a presentation every year talking about this. That will give some context to the councilors. Finally, we propose to include information about the statements and indigenous territories within the SU website.

MORRIS: I have been working with a lot of indigenous student groups. We have also started an indigenous post secondary student network in Edmonton. This was put in their agenda as well, and we had a discussion about it. We will bring a finalized statement to the next CAC meeting. Then, we can get it into the Standing Orders and present it to the Council.

Morris read out the current versions of the statements.

KELLY: We are also thinking of having that longer statement included in every council agenda.

MILLS: It's really good.

BORDEN: You guys have done some good work.

TURNER: From a procedural perspective, you have the right idea.

MILLS: You mentioned about changing the Standing Orders and then giving the presentation. It may be better to switch it around.

MORRIS: We didn't want to overwhelm the Council with presentations. We wanted Board of Governors representative Kelly to mention that there would be a discussion on this at CAC during his report.

BANISTER: I think you have done this really well. But, I don't like having it in all the agendas when it's verbally said too.

LE: This can be included in the resources for councilors, and can be sent out with the initial welcome package.

KELLY: I'm going to be reciting what I said here at the Council today. Would it be okay if I mention that I will be giving a fuller presentation at the next CAC meeting?

BORDEN: Yes, that will be good.

KELLY: Harley, do you think that a presentation to the Council would then be unnecessary?

MORRIS: I would personally like to see a presentation to Council. It should be more about the background on why we are having an indigenous statement.

MILLS: I like that.

KELLY: So, the consensus is to give a presentation at CAC, and assuming it is approved, another presentation will be given at Council on the background context.

BORDEN: Yes.

LE: The Wall of Gold poster will be up by the first week of February. For now, this is a test run. The price will be under \$500.

**5. DISCUSSION
PERIOD**

6. REPORTS *None*

7. CLOSED SESSION *NIL*

8. NEXT MEETING *February 04, 2014 at 5 pm.*

9. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned by BORDEN at *5.45 pm.*