

1. Attendance: Alistair, Stephen, Chris, Colin, Cathy, Kaela, Rox, Bree
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Collin – Phil said CUPE MAY join for AGM, not a definite
3. Updates from Subcommittees
  - a. Transportation (Kaela)
    - i. Running bus survey this week on e-mail, if they do not get the 20% quota, they will probably send out actual paper forms for students to fill out.
    - ii. If 50% + 1 students don't want bus service than they have to go to a referendum. But they need at least 20% of students to be statistically valid.
    - iii. Decision will have to be made in March
  - b. Health and Counselling (Colin)
    - i. Kevin mentioned that there will be some kind of a summer service, but we don't really know the details yet. – It will be on a OHIP basis, if there are not enough people coming in than it will be discontinued
  - c. Housing and Food (Colin)
    - i. Overhead cost of Aramark, currently only students in residents pay the overhead. Now suggesting that first year students in residents or not pay the overhead, and only pay in first year. This way cost will be relatively small for each student and it is a one shot deal Right now it is 900\$ a student but if all students paid in first year it would be \$3-400 per student
    - ii. We feel that the cost should be absorbed in the cost of the food, not paid by the students, and we don't think it is fair to charge all the first year students.
  - d. Athletics (Colin)
    - i. A few questions.... Talking about doing the planning for the second stage of the expansion of the Athletics center. Want some ideas of what the top priorities are... What should they build/not build? The third field is on hold for a while, and waiting to get results of feasibility of putting in a rock climbing wall. Talking about just putting a small one in for now in the squash courts. Talking about getting rid of 1 or 2 squash courts
    - ii. If anyone has any other ideas of what they would like to see in terms of the expansion get back to Colin
    - iii. Talking about increasing the budget (~2%) which would be an increase in the Athletics fee of ~3\$ - we don't support this
    - iv. Women's only weight room hours (4 hours a week) – Check with organizations to see what everyone thinks about the women's weight room hours... Looks like the highest number of people in the gym are in the women's only hours.
    - v. Colin will ask if swim times could be moved/extended

- e. Colleges (Chris)
  - i. They are not going to increase the college budgets and encouraging use of pre-existing space right now
  - ii. CASSC wants to make another sub committee for the student carrier center, there will be a grad student on it
  - iii. Electronic voting also discussed – JBC brought about issue of difficulty of part time students to attend CASSC meetings, CASSC is required to go to senate and they don't allow voting of people that are not present... Most of the colleges are in disagreement and we are as well.... It is probably going to get turned down

Budgets are going to be approved over the next few months – Chris needs to know the way that we voted so she can vote correctly – Votes need to go through the GSA first and then Chris can go back with it.

- 4. Accumulated Funds (Kaela)
  - a. We now have an ING account, Colin and Kaela will phone in tomorrow to activate the account
  - b. Closed down the credit union account
  - c. GICs – there are two options, but you have to lock it in for a year at 3.75% interest. The money is going to be locked in for a year and next January the GSA can determine what they want to do with it
  - d. Bursaries – Kaela went down to grad studies and gave the paper to Loretta directly. Hopefully the bursary will be up for the January round.
- 5. Conferences Bursaries (Kaela)
  - a. One student had 4 submissions from 2003 on – should we be re-imbruing for things not in this year – we need to make it more specific that the conferences must be submitted in the 4 month window
  - b. Two were 703\$
  - c. One student already received 250\$ last semester and submitted a 500\$ request this year, so we are only giving the student 50\$
  - d. Totalling up we are already at 1300\$ this semester.
- 6. Non-academic misconduct policy
  - a. Want to move forward on it because there is nothing to protect students right now
  - b. Hoping for students to put something in place so they don't come up with a situation where our rights are violated
  - c. We will help moving ahead with it and putting some kind of policy in place
- 7. Funding Committee (Stephen)
  - a. A new committee is going to be formed to look at instalment fee and NSERC/SHERC checks given out on time
- 8. Senate Budget Committee
  - a. Deferred Maintenance – over 10% of buildings are in poor condition

- i. Need ~16 million to get everything fixed (mostly roves and plumbing) – and then 5 million a year after that to maintain everything
    - ii. Get around 700,000/year
  - b. Undergraduate Enrolment Highlights
    - i. 7942 registered students, up 5% from last year and 48% from 2001
  - c. Performance Indicators from 2005
- 9. Senate (Cathy)
  - a. University is entering an interim report to the government to get money for new teachings – 6.4 million using some of the money for 24 new teaching positions next year; however the deadline for this is February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. Forensics committee for hiring wants a grad student on the committee
  - c. Conservative platform said they would put 500M to federal granting, 500M towards text and scholarship tax credits for students, wants to create a potential auditing policy that individuals coined for grants would be audited, landing fee for immigrants to come to school wants to decrease to 500\$ (we want to reduce this more)
  - d. Scholars portal came and did a presentation, it is the biggest electronic collection in the world
  - e. Grad studies report – 266 grad students registered – 11 of which are Trent/Queens – 91 are ineligible for government allotted time for finishing (3 for Masters, 5 for PhD). Last year at this time we had 242 students, behind in where they want to be for the graduate enrolment
  - f. Report from graduate counsel of Ontario universities – to do with how we are supposed to engage and teach students
  - g. Teaching learning support committee - ~90 people participating in workshops for GTA certificate
  - h. Decided on executive dates for next year
- 10. Seminar Series Gala
  - a. Possibility of having a guest speaker – the student will be presenting an abbreviated version of what they presented, Doug Evans will give a little welcome speech and were thinking of another person guest speaking – Peter Adams (founding professor in Geography) and Silvia Sutherland (Mayor) were suggested to speak about Peterborough/Public life and Trent....
- 11. Chris and Emily are doing the registrars office review thing – if we looked at the survey, direct feedback to them.... Colin concerned of paying for transcripts