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## Minutes

MEETING OF THE CONCURRENT EDUCATION STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
February 15, 2010  
Dunning Hall, Room 11

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Members Present: Anna Pfeiffer, Ben Cornish, Catherine Lee, Dan DiMillo, Eric Cannon, Graeme McTavish, Jennifer Moore, Jennifer Parker, Jenny Goodwin, Jocelyn Yu, Jody Patterson, Josh Wood, Katie Shifman, Kimberly Howald, Krista Lackey, Laura Hughes, Laura Skellet, Laura Sullivan, Leah MacPherson, Linzi Leclerc, Michael Brinkworth, Mike Higginson, Mike Thaler, Nick Cornish, Paul Stillman, Sarah Dall, Sarah Fortune, Sarah Wolinsky, Steven Mueller, Thea Pel, Tiffany Kwong, Trevor Lin, Vanessa Powell Cavell, Winnie Tsai

Also Present:

Regrets:

J. Liu calls the meeting to order at 7:36

1. Adoption of the Agenda

a. Moved by M. Brinkworth, Seconded by K. Shifman.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Jan 31st

a. Amendment to minutes: T. Lin - change grade "stalking" to grade "stacking" - Amendment passes.

b. Movement to approve minutes with amendments - moved by M. Brinkworth, seconded by K. Shifman

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Speaker's Business

a. J. Liu

i. next CESA council meeting is last one before AGM.

ii. email J. Liu if you have questions/comments/concerns about transition manuals

1. advises current people in elected positions to talk to the people who will be succeeding them next year

## 5. Guest Speakers

## 6. President's Report

### a. M. Brinkworth

- i. Thanks everyone for coming in on the holiday, as well as for voting.
- ii. Congratulates all who were successful in their elections.
- iii. Thanks M. Higginson for the info session.
- iv. re: GPA grading system - marks will remain consistent for those who will receive marks across both systems.
- v. Thanks V. P. Cavell for organizing/coordinating class talks.
- vi. advises current people in elected positions to talk to the people who will be succeeding them next year.

## 7. Vice President's Report

### a. Vice President (Internal)

#### i. M. Thaler

1. ASUS assembly: 500 dollars that ASUS donated to Haiti went to ... du Monde

### b. Vice President (External)

#### i. K. Shifman

1. re: grading policy - still open to talking about 4.0/4.3. Things may change, but not likely.
2. Percentage will become a letter grade.
3. Con-Ed is the smartest faculty.
4. Dean Leroy Whitehead apparently has a bad impression of Education students.
5. re: Aboriginal policy - admitting 10 additional students next year
6. Queen's-Trent Con-Eds should be referred to as "Internal Delegates."

## 8. AMS Representatives' Report

### a. L. Skellet and C. Lee

#### i. Tricolour award nominations available

## 9. Senator's Report

### a. T. Lin

#### i. Exit poll 2009

1. most undergraduate students continue to be satisfied with their Queen's experience. However, only 37~% of students responded to the exit poll
- ii. Principal Woolf was asked about what the Academic Deans were being told in terms of financial planning/academic planning. Said that despite constraints, will try to adhere to academic goals and values
- iii. 2009-2010 budget - millions of dollars in deficit will be deferred.

## 10. Statements by Members

a. M. Higginson: heading into last practicum; ATEP suffers from low enrolment - discussion about eliminating Native Studies as a teachable, discussion about eliminating ATEP program for I/S candidates.

b. K. Howald: Bed Spread coming out tomorrow. Articles due for last issue on March 18<sup>th</sup>

c. K. Lackey: thanks everyone for coming out to last workshop.

d. J. Parker: Looking to have workshop on March 3<sup>rd</sup> about early literacy.

e. J. Moore: Robert J. Hill award nominations extended to 18<sup>th</sup>

f. T. Pel: ASUS rescheduled their formal to the same day as our formal... again.

g. J. Goodwin: 515 dollar loss in budget. We did get a new safe in the office as well.

h. L. Hughes: Relay for Life - March 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm to 7am, teams of 10.

i. E. Cannon: second round of pen pal letters.

## 11. Question Period

a. C. Lee: When's the exit poll for 2010? M. Higginson answer: March 10<sup>th</sup>

b. C. Lee: What other schools offer program like ATEP? T. Lin answer: Believe that Queen's is unique in its offer of this program. ESS believes that ATEP is important for inclusivity and diversity.

## 12. New Business

### 13. Discussion Period

#### a. CASA/OUSA alignment

i. T. Kwong - trying to decide right now whether it's a good idea not to align with CASA and be affiliated with OUSA instead. M. Brinkworth, D. DiMillo, and T. Kwong think it's a better idea for many reasons. Included: fee structure, voting structure, policy priorities, organization, and internal issues. Also felt that CASA wasn't effective and that it didn't foster a good environment.

ii. J. Patterson: What do CASA and OUSA do?

1. D. DiMillo: represent students to federal and provincial government.

iii. M. Higginson: OUSA gives representation at Queen's Park - more relevant for our concerns.

iv. P. Stillman: voting policy and fee structure

1. M. Brinkworth: CASA is one vote per university, OUSA is representation by population.

v. C. Lee: CASA isn't as effective as OUSA, and it's more expensive.

vi. M. Brinkworth: Can be OUSA and CASA; doesn't have to be either/or. OUSA is more inclusive because everyone is coming from the same place.

- vii. S. Wolinsky: are there any benefits to joining CASA?
  - i. D. DiMillo: more organized Federal lobbying group.
- viii. P. Stillman: With whom are we currently aligned?
  - i. 100% OUSA; just observing CASA right now.
- ix. J. Parker: are there many other Ontario universities aligned with

CASA?

- i. entire list on casa.ca and ousa.ca
- x. \*\*Vote to not join CASA.

14. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:34.