Senate Meeting
October 20, 2010
Call to Order: 5:37pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:
Bean A
Haney: P
Bishop: P
Landau: P
Brown: P
Vargas: P
Edwards: A
Konecky: P

Approvals:
Swearing-In of Senators, by Ayden Maher
October 20th Agenda Landau, first, Brown, Second

Open Forum: No items

President Ayden Maher’s Report:
Congratulations!
One bad thing currently is only having a $5000 budget. We need to get you more money so you can do legislation… Put in a proposal to increase the budget to $25000. In the next week we will present a budget priority list that budgets 1 million dollars- due to the A&S fee increase that occurred after the allocations concluded. The UBAC ended in February, we have to re-allocated money after the fact.

Nick Scalice will be doing a parliamentarian workshop with us soon. And a session on how to write bills.

We also will look into video conferencing for the meetings. We will meet every 1-2 weeks. If you want to ever call a meeting we will work with you to make sure that happens.

Be sure to come to Homecoming events and Innaguration events. Be sure to get involved outside of Senate meetings. We always are looking for people to volunteer for upcoming events and gain knowledge on event planning and such….

Chair’s Report: Evan Konecky, SB President. Thank you to those who showed up to training. If unable to attend need to schedule a meeting w/SG advisor to make up session. Senate hasn’t done a lot, but we want to do more. IF you read the UP, has all the events coming up events for Homecoming, we will also send out information to you with those details. Use your time wisely, know the statutes. Be aware of the Absentee policy. It is in
the Constitution & 400 statutes. Absentees work as a point system. All excused absences are 1 point, unexcused absences- 2 points. Half absences have to do with tardiness and leaving early… please see statutes for classification regarding excused absences.

Bishara: so you would recommend that each senator read the Constitution and Statutes?

Konecky- That is why I put the information for the website with the statute on the agenda.

Maher: Senate is in charge of approving appointees… Chief Justice, President’s appointees, you act as a “check” for the Executive branch…. You have a lot of opportunity to make change and see things happen on campus…. Working with the budget and other initiatives. This position is about making things happen and what you get out of it is what you give to it!

Advisors Report:
UBAC Process is upon us! Timeline will be submitted soon. Be prepared for that process to take place and be a time commitment we will be having. We need to have the Hearings for all of the budget proposals in early January. This will more than likely be an evening & weekend commitment. IF you did not attend the SG training, you must work with your advisor to go over content. Please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

Open Forum:
Mr.Brown: want to address financial issues of students: tuition raised; housing costs went up. A lot of students
Want to advocate for more scholarships, would like to see a resolution regarding more scholarships go to the BOT. Would like to encourage Chartwells & Housing to offer more scholarships.
Does Algonquin have a front desk? (Landau clarifies that they share HPTs.)
UVA utilizes
Bishara: AreChartwell’s.com does about 100,000 per semester from their website…. Vargas: IS scholarships as important as quality education?
Brown: I think the quality is good.
Vargas: I take classes here, but I think other places are better.
Brown: We can discuss the quality of education & the scholarship process.

Announcements:
Konecky: Check out the UP for upcoming events; I will send out an email for upcoming events. Planning for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 530pm.

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Move to Adjourn: Landau; Second, Brown. Meeting ends at 5:59pm.