

MINUTES TO STUDENT FORUM OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE ALGONQUIN COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010 AT 12:00 P.M. IN SALON A, MARKET PLACE FOOD COURT WOODROFFE CAMPUS

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Food
3. What does student success mean to you?
4. Issues facing students.
5. Conclusion
6. Adjournment

Board members in attendance: Betania, Emily, Dayna, James, Andy

SA staff in attendance: Lauren, Bryan, Ken, Stafford

Algonquin College Staff: N/A

Forum Chair(s): Emily

Meeting Minutes Taker: Dayna and Betania

Forum Minutes

12:00 p.m.

Emily welcomed class representatives and explained timeline for forum.

12:10 p.m.

Emily then led a discussion about student Issues

Program of study	Comments
Emily, Arch. Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student success would be the achievement of your own personal goals.
Tatiana, GAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student success is reaching your academic goals, balance of life, health and enjoying the journey of being there.
Business administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Success is about students doing the best that they can- relying on someone like a buddy so that you can achieve.
HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student success is knowing what services the school has to offer for you so no matter what your goals are and that you can succeed.
Sabrina, SME	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student success should be about health, body and mind. It should be about your career and goals. What you want to be and where you want to be.
Sam, Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student success is doing something that you really love and have a passion for. Doing something that you want to go do every day and put your efforts toward.
Daniel, HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer groups and study groups will help students succeed.
Trish, Game Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultivating a bigger presence in the field of studying that you are in.•
Nick, Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student success is more about the inspiration that we give students starting out. The school needs to let them know where they can go for services and for the teachers to inspire the students.
Laura, Green Bus. Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Success is turning problems into opportunities
Andrea, Vet. Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Success is knowing what opportunities there are in your field outside of the class room.
Pamela, Geo Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algonquin is doing pretty well in terms of having informed professors.
Logan, Travel and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In reference to the tools I thought it was cool to see the multi cultural events in the college. I have

	noticed a lot of racial slurs in the washroom so it would be beneficial to have more programs to acknowledge cultures within Algonquin.
Basil, Construct Engineering Tech (weekend edition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently the focus is on immediate outcomes in their program but they don't talk about other the other needs of the student. There needs to be more concrete things that they talk about like jobs and careers There should be a sterile environment with increased interaction with the job force, head hunters, co-op etc.
Trish, Game Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be more multicultural events and an increased effort to improve the student's social life at Algonquin. The college should make an effort to provide student with things to do other than work.
Sabrina, SME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problems that I face are the student bus pass. OC Transpo checks if they are a student and she doesn't feel that Algonquin updates their system in coordination with OC Transpo. This would prevent the run around for students.
Val, Architectural Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The schedules outside of the class room doors are from last term. Cheaper bus passes like the Carleton and Ottawa U- Upass. Has Algonquin looked into this? (Emily spoke to this)- would like to encourage negotiations?
Nick, Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During exam period last semester there was a power outage and everyone lost their work on the exam. Is there a back-up system? In terms of the Olympics I am surprised that it's not being broadcast on campus. There are a lot of underage students that can't go to bars or don't have a television that would like to watch the Olympics. I would like to see other sporting events displayed on campus.
Tammy, Law Clerk- IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regards to the paper allotment my program needs more than the 1000 sheets. I ran out of sheets and had to buy more from the bookstore and lost these sheets when it turned to the next semester. I would like to see a carry through system put in place for paper bought by the student. For blackboard I want IT services to put in something that makes the color of the document change once you've already seen it so you don't enter the file multiple times.
Holly, Internet Application Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last semester they wiped the computers before our exams so the program that we had been using changed. Is it possible to have the computers

	changed after exams and not before?
David, Computer System Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current version of Blackboard has very narrow interpretations. There are new versions available and I would like these new things to be brought forward.
Dan, HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After my finance exam the fail rate was high and I was wondering if I could bring formula sheet into the exam. (Instructed to bring this up with his program director)
Lindsey, Vet tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The thermostat in V building is right beside the window and it's registering that the room is hotter than it actually is and the class is really cold. Can there be something done about this?
Adrian, Construction Civil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it possible to have an ice water machine outside the Cafeteria?
Basil, Construct Engineering Tech (weekend edition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The computer program "MY Math lab" regularly has errors similar to the similar computer applications which also have errors). –Food: OB, weekend students have 2 food places, residence is not easy to get to in time, OB has been closed without warning on the weekend – it's one of their only food resources and the students would like some warning. – SA hours- Is it possible to extend the hours on Friday instead of extra hours on the weekend?
Jason, HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parking lot behind P building is \$14 per day. Why can't I leave and come back during the day without paying twice?
Tammy, Law Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My program was wondering what kind of training is given to the part time instructors and what qualifications do they need to teach? Some PT teachers aren't that great and we feel it lowers the reputation of the program and Algonquin as a whole.
David, Comp. System Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The computer program "MY math lab" also has problems.
Joe, Law Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regards to Tammy's points about part time instructors, the PT professors know the content but are not good teachers.

1:00 p.m.