

MINUTES TO THE STUDENT FORUM OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE ALGONQUIN COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2010 AT 12:00 P.M. IN SALON A, OTTAWA CAMPUS.

Agenda

1. *Welcome*
2. *Thank you to all student representatives.*
3. *Discussion on "What could the SA have done/do better to serve students?"*
4. *Question and Answer Period*
5. *Adjournment*

Board members in attendance: Dayna Poulin, Andy McTaggart, Mike Hirsch, Andy McTaggart, Julia Berardini, James Kenny

SA staff in attendance:

Ron Port, Stafford Rollocks

Algonquin College Staff:

Gordon Esnard

Forum Chair(s):

Mike Hirsch

Meeting Minutes Taker:

Julia Berardini

Forum Minutes

11:45 p.m.

Welcome and invitation to have something to eat by Mike Hirsch to students

12:05 p.m.

Information regarding the Class Representative award and thank you.

12:10p.m.

Mike Hirsch opened the floor to a discussion about what the SA could do to serve students better?

Name & Program of study	Comments
Jim, Computer System Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nice to have the movie night- Bus line during the bus strike was great.- Support staff on strike, then bus strike, possible faculty strike, a lot faculty didn't vote.- There are a lot of students that are disgruntled. Can the SA work to make the students feel like the faculty cares about them?- With all the difficulties of the year, there has been a sour taste left in student's mouths from the strike.- Not enough faculty voted- The President should have spoke to the students face to face rather than through an email.
Sabrina, SME	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I want to clarify that it was not just the Algonquin faculty who were voting with regards to the strike.- Prevent having a negative view to college- Average of strike vote got lost with other colleges
Jesse Wood, EMET Robotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trying to set up a for party for graduates, need twenty plus students; shouldn't have to meet a set number- Stafford Rollocks addressed the issue clarifying that he would get the funding.- The twenty person minimum is used to protect against one individual wanting the money.
Stephanie, HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Portable basketball nets, courts for the summer- Can't find parking for summer- More outdoor activities?
Jordan, CT level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Field out by vet building is disgusting, path was not plowed- Anyway to get snow cleared?- Will it ever get cleaned up?
Colin, law clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Likes the updates on issues, students knew they were being taken seriously.- Main concern is with professors (part-time)- It is smart to get industry professionals but are they

	<p>able to teach?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could the SA work with the faculty on how to become a teacher and properly present material? Make a hybrid? = a helpful tool - Talk to faculty involved in the hiring process
Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I like how we can evaluate teachers at the end of the term. - Opportunity to state what they like and do not like with teaching style. - Survey at the end of the course, state reasoning, name teachers or general statements
Trish, game development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Like the feedback sheets that don't need to be discussed, response is good - Can let the class know it is being taken care of - When it came time to vote for new directors, I missed the opportunity to meet new directors - Told there was info on website (i.e. bios), it should have been more relevant info about what directors hope to do and change, issues - Had a hard time voting based on info provided - Sometimes when I come early to do work, the labs are not open when they are suppose to be or certain classes are locked.
Caraida, ECE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree with concern of elections based on info - It did not say much about what they wanted to do. - Agree with concern of part-time teachers; talk to teachers - Prices of food, over-priced, doesn't make sense when can get it cheaper at Loblaws. - Quality of food not always good and is over-priced - All classes in B building, classes not appropriately set up for type of class (directed to speak with program council)
David, event management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student orientation was good, well attended, informative, allowed people to meet. - Has a series of group projects and assignments. Working on them in the computer labs is tough because more students then computers - Most not doing anything relevant to school work on computer. Being that they are school computers, they should be used for school. Designated computer labs monitored so students who don't have computers have access - i.e. three printers, two not working. Students had early class, needed to have printing done before class - Access to quiet spaces, library, should be quiet and is not. More space because not enough of it - Parking, cost of the farthest parking was still

	expensive. Should be made affordable
Ellie-Computer science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difficult to write assignments when there is no lecture to go with on-line course - Maybe have one mandatory lecture
Tourism travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The BBQ last summer was great, it should be done again - Everything is going smooth - There is only one printer in H building , it si located in a room that has classes in it and I got yelled at because there was a class going on and I wanted to grab my printing - Could have permission to access printing?
Andrew, Design studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a printer in J building that has a default set on it for N building. What is that about?
William, Police Foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good job with forums - PF is able to purchase shirts, I was wondering if the program could get a discount or a little help to get full outfit. It would give us something to be proud of. - Brought it up at program council, told to contact bookstore.
Karen, Office Admin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing issues with one teacher - Students dropped out, students failing - Nothing has been done - Petitions written and given to dean, nothing done - Do to this one teacher and their availability certain students can't graduate until December - Response from a teacher was Algonquin has a 30% fail rate
Valerie, Architectural Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class upset with exam schedule. Two hardest exams are scheduled within 12 hours of each other. One late at night and the other early the next morning. - Heard that on April 1st, switch board would be automated, hard to get to person you want to talk to - Need a person to talk to!
Adam, Aviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expensive program and there are students that feel they are not getting their monies worth. - Students are not happy because the entire faculty are part-time - Students not getting knowledge for field or work - Flight training is getting solved but not college side - How to address that?
Basil, Civil Engineering, weekend edition :P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Happy with updates - E-mail misses a lot of people - Is it possible to have a single portal where you could see e-mail announcements etc. on one page - Everything integrated with one password - Food, better selection in the Ob on weekends, more

	nutritious <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Posted hours for facilities (Ob) specifically for events and when it is closed to public. - Space issues, group projects. Access to space where don't have to be closely supervised - Math lab, improve it. Students don't like it. Not applicable. Do not need a computer program to do math for them
Karen	FYI You can book study rooms in residence.
	Website for student feedback is great

1:00 p.m.

Adjournment – Mike Hirsch invited students to mingle and chat with directors.