

Minutes to the Pembroke Student Forum September 27, 2010

Present:

Jacob Sancartier
Kurt Luchia
Basil Richardson
Katie Miller
Samantha Fildebrandt
Alex Sein

Pembroke Class Representatives

1) Welcome Greeting from President, Jacob Sancartier

2) Set Time for adjournment

Time for adjournment was set for 1pm

3) Introduction of SA Directors

4) Overview of Class Rep System

Board Members discussed the importance of the Class Reps and thanked them for their participation. The purpose of the student forums, as well as, the program council meeting was discussed. Along with the duties involved as being a Class Rep.

5) Student Issues discussed

Nicole- Forestry Program

- Cafeteria needs a green bin for compost- how can I go about getting this is in there?

The idea was encouraged and the problem with the current contract for pick up was discussed

- When exempt from a course why are the students not being refunded a portion of their tuition cost for that course? At university you can get back a portion of your tuition.

It was discussed that as full time students, full time payments are still incurred and the costs of individual classes are not calculated. Only part-time students pay by hour for each course. In the long run paying by single course is more expensive as per part-time students.

Jocelyn, Business Rep for 3rd Year

- Scheduling for Grad photos, has anything been done to schedule?

Was referred to the SA office, they are looking into booking the photos.

- Is there funding available for graduation

The SA office informed her that they can receive funding from the office through a claim upon representation of receipts that will be reimbursed. Up to \$25 per student. This can include alcohol. The event must also be done as a class party.

- Why are second year's not receiving agendas again? Is there opportunity to sell them in the book store? They don't have any in the bookstore.

It was discussed that as of now only 1st year students should be receiving agendas. Last year, Second years also received agendas because they had extras because of smaller enrolment. Annie Thomlinson mentioned that budget costs were of concern and that it is a College expense supplied by the SAO. The opportunity to look into providing more agendas was expressed.

- Why is there not a phone in every classroom?

It was discussed that there should be a phone in every classrom, you can only make internal calls. They will look into ensuring there was a phone in the specified classroom.

- Is there a designated smoking area on the Pembroke campus?

Was pointed towards where the area is and was notified that security is trying to implement using the area. Students noted that they have seen security notifying students more often of where they should be.

It was also expressed that signage could be increased to make students aware of the designated smoking area.

Tiffany- OE Program

- How can we get another microwave in the cafeteria, there is always a large line up. How can we get one in the landing as well?

I was discussed that there are electrical issues that are prohibiting them from doing so, “on the last outlet.” Fortunately, in the new building this issue will be addressed.

Kayla- Nursing student

- Can only get required textbooks from Ottawa U, the faculty did not order them on time. Herself and Classmates were not able to be prepared for first day of classes.

It was expressed that the concern was well noted. Faculty will be bringing the issue forward to Ottawa U as they are already in discussion about many co relation issues.

- Would it be possible to monitor smoking smell? She has asthma and a lung defect and could have attack upon smelling it.

It was expressed the difficulty of monitoring this issue to monitor. A measure that could be taken immediately is to remind students and classmates of where designated smoking area is and try to avoid this area. Also to let class know of her medical concern so that they could be aware of the situation.

James- 1st year CST student

- When are the student cards going to be available?

It was to be inquired why the cards were not yet available.

- Concerned that students are unaware of frosh week events, should faculty be notifying students?

It was discussed that all the events were posted online and it was encouraged that the class reps would also notify students of upcoming events.

- Could we do an event at the drive in theater in town?

The idea was encouraged and they were referred to talk to the SA office in order to plan an event.

- Could we get extended hours at the library on the weekend?
Saturday at 3 is too early. Even Friday, anything later, one day a week would help.

It was discussed that the Board of Directors is pushing the issue and will bring it forward.

6) Adjournment