

MINUTES TO THE STUDENT FORUM OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE ALGONQUIN COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE LANDING, PEMBROKE CAMPUS.

Agenda

1. *Welcome*
2. *Algonquin Board of Governors Application Information*
3. *Discussion on "What is Student Success?"*
4. *Question and Answer Period*
5. *Adjournment*

Board members in attendance: Kevin Johnston, Emily Boehm, Dayna Poulin, Andy McTaggart, Mike Hirsch, Betania Osorio

SA staff in attendance:

Theresa Lance, Jennifer Allen, Stafford Rollocks

Algonquin College Staff:

Jamie Bramburger

Forum Chair(s):

Kevin Johnson

Meeting Minutes Taker:

Mike Hirsch

Forum Minutes

12:00 p.m.

Welcome and invitation to have something to eat by Kevin Johnson to students

12:05 p.m.

Information regarding the Algonquin Board of Governors is given to students

12:10p.m.

Kevin Johnson opened the floor to a discussion about Student Success

Name & Program of study	Comments
Billy (ODAN)	School involvement through extracurricular activities. Is involved in the Circle K club; if there was more involvement not just in, but around the classroom, we could be more successful
Jocelyn (Business)	Whatever achievement a student is trying to accomplish.
Jamie (Staff)	Recognizes college has been talking about this. Used to be measured by KPI's, graduation rates, etc. For some it's a life changing experience. Understands it is an extremely broad subject. Guiding principles, rather than a strict definition.
Paul (RAD safety)	Having the best professionals here teaching, providing their knowledge to you (students), we'll be very successful. Presentation, knowledge, etc; teachers have lots of things to give their students.
Jocelyn (Business)	Wants to apply whatever she learns here. Without an application of knowledge, what is the point?
Margaret (RAD Safety)	Being able to have all the tools required to be successful. Being able to be a better person when you walk out of the College
Jocelyn (Business)	In terms of military spouses / families, success is gaining transferable skills. If something can only be applied in one area, it won't be as useful as something that is transferable. From campus to campus it is different, whether or not a diploma here equates to a diploma in Ottawa is extremely important. What's a diploma to be equitable to other diplomas.
Paul (RAD Safety)	Is this an Algonquin (Woodroffe/Pembroke/Perth) problem? (Emily: Most schools cannot define it necessarily. We want to look into this to be able to better student life; bring this information to the College administration to better advocate to students)
Margaret (RAD Safety)	An issue about transferable skills; was told her program was a certificate course, now coming to the end of

	completion, there is a certificate, but it is not recognized by anybody. Feels it is extremely disappointing. Thinks this is something that will slowly improve (as this is a very new program).
Paul (RAD Safety)	Feels it may be worthwhile to talk to other universities and colleges to talk about what student success is. Gives the ability to share more ideas
Jocelyn (Business)	Pembroke needs more tools to be successful. They need a daycare. Numerous students just in her program have this need. Put her child on a waitlist last April, and she got a spot with them just last month. Recognizes a lot of college campuses have daycares. Something that should be considered here for sure.
Ryan (ODAN)	A choice of what skills we want to do. Be given more access to practice certain skills. Provide better local access to skills. Want electives based on our skills, for sure
Jocelyn (Business)	Thinks all programs would love that option. Any program would want a choice of electives.
Margaret (RAD Safety)	Would apply to her course as well. Instead of tech writing & report writing, they are writing poetry and essays. Would rather be competent at what she needs to know. Hard to get course material from some teachers. Can see the issues in people's marks. Can be very frustrating. "You don't want to tell a teacher how to teach". It's very difficult. She has talked to her program coordinator, to no avail
Jocelyn (Business)	Like's the relationship with the gyms around town. The \$45 gym membership is great! Very pleased.
Margaret (RAD Safety)	Is impressed with how much is packed into this small campus

12:35 p.m.

Jen informed the students of some of the events that are happening on campus.

Jamie informed the students about the Valedictorian selection process at the Pembroke campus.

Kevin invited questions, concerns, and comments from students.

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Jocelyn (Business)	Is wondering if anyone in Ottawa has tried to organize anything with Project Hero. Thinks it is a great initiative to take part in. (Jamie: It's definitely something worth approaching. Would work with Ottawa office)
Ryan (ODAN)	Wondering about ISIC card program progress. (SA: We're going to continue to work on progressing)

Billy (ODAN)	Made an announcement about the K Club. You can sign up at mcca0353@algonquincollege.com . Steve is the acting President right now. If there is anyone you know that is interested please email that gentleman. K Club is a volunteer organization run under the Kiwanis Club that helps the community. Have had a bake sale and a Haiti Relief pub night (raised over \$2000).
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12:42 p.m.

Adjournment – Kevin invited students to mingle and chat with directors.