

## Minutes for the first Fall Student Forum, Perth

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Present: SA BOD (Jacob Sancartier, Katie Miller, Cat Welsh, Basil Richardson, Alex Sein, Sam Fildebrandt, Rylan Vroom), about 20 reps, SA employees

Forum convened at 4:00. Adjournment announced for 5:00.

Jacob Sancartier, president, thanked class reps for coming.

Board introduced itself.

Samantha Fildebrandt iterated purpose of class reps, Basil Richardson talked about program councils, Jacob Sancartier gave an introduction and explanation of what the board does.

Jacob Sancartier opened forum to discussion (a chart follows).

The forum adjourned at 5:00.

Name & Class	Concern/Suggestion/Idea
Eunice - 1 <sup>st</sup> year masonry	That, like carpentry, there be extra shop time if someone is having a problem with brick laying, etc.
“	That, like the [posted] poker night, hockey pool be allowed. [Jacob: As there is no money changing hands with the poker games, there is no gambling and so is permissible. If a hockey did not involve gambling it would be acceptable.]
“	That the nut machine be refilled with nuts that are not stale.
Brian - 1 <sup>st</sup> year carpentry	That nothing is wrong. [Jacob: Exhort classmates to think up more ideas.]
Devan - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year advanced housing	That, with the new facility [Perth campus] coming, sports (specifically hockey) also be expanded.
Devon - ??	There there be an Upper Canada village field trip to see the timber framing. [Jacob: There should be funding for this.]
Shelly - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year heritage carpentry	That there be SA money for an employee so that carpentry shops can be kept open longer. --- In greater detail: Someone needs to be paid in order to keep the carpentry shops open long enough but apparently the SA cannot be allowed to fund it due to insurance reasons. 50% of the fee to pay an employee to be there is covered, but the rest is required somehow. Use of the open shops has been denied to some students because of insurance and safety. [Don says that in the passed the SA has funded wood for such ventures but does not provide money for employees.] All of this is happening because practice time is needed by and for students. The time slot Shelly is looking to fill is Tuesday from 3 to 6 pm. Shelly

	says funding for wood is not needed as students have their own wood - money for the employee would be better.
Aislin - PSW	That the microwaves in the cafeteria be cleaned at least once a month.
“	That IT representation be provided: during orientation, and more visibly on campus during the rest of the year.
“	That software be upgraded (Adobe flash updates, for example).
“	That mature students be given computer tutoring.
“	That ACSIS orientation is required at the beginning of the year; similarly profs need to provide orientation to Blackboard at the start of a course. [Another class rep: heritage carpentry did not receive orientation to Blackboard either.]
Tara - 1 <sup>st</sup> year SSW	That there be a uniform use of Blackboard, including assignments posted at the start of the week.
“	That Microsoft Office be upgraded from 2003 to 2007.
“	That there be IT uniformity throughout the school.
Aislin – PSW (resumed)	That school computers have Google Chrome.
Tara - 1 <sup>st</sup> year SSW (resumed)	That two sets of bathroom doors aren't automatic and very heavy – a problem for the physically disabled. [Jacob: Many issues will be solved with new campus.] [Cat: New campus to avant-garde AODA standards.]
“	That, in light of Blackboard difficulties, assignments be allowed to be submitted on paper. [Jacob: Use of paper harder on environment. Perhaps a compromise of having the choice. SA will work on faculty uniformity on tech.]
Laura - 1 <sup>st</sup> year carpentry	That instructor IT problems be resolved before class, as such problems affect class.
“	That a permanent IT individual be on campus.
Aislin – PSW (resumed)	That AlgonquinLive.com needs to be fixed: mass Emails become junkmail and faculty Emails are separated (not visible) from the student system. [Jacob: ITS stressed, struggling to deal with big transitions.]
At this point, the floor was opened for less structured question and answer period. No names were taken.	
Q&A	Q: What exactly are the responsibilities of a class rep? A (Sam): One way to ensure open forum (hearing from students) is to talk to one's class during class. She also points out an email address should be available.
Q&A	Q: Concern is expressed about a lack of math tutoring which is provided by Student Services but isn't set up yet. A (rep Shelly): Tutors from Carpentry are suggested as a stop gap measure.

	A (Jacob): Peer tutoring needs to be improved at Perth.
Q&A	<p>Q: Who sits on the new campus building committee? Is it someone from Perth or the BOD?</p> <p>A (Jacob): There was a good meeting with architects responsible for Algonquin construction.</p> <p>A (Alex): Features of the perth new campus iterated.</p> <p>A (Don): SA contributions to the new building include a fitness area.</p>
Q&A	<p>Q: Will there be places for silent study?</p> <p>A (Basil): Places for silent study exist on the plans as they stand.</p>
Q&A	<p>Q: Why is parking charged even though the lot is unpaved and potentially damaging to cars?</p> <p>A (Perth individual): It is suggested that because the lot is on a floodplain it must stay gravel if the Campus wishes to have LEED status.</p>
Motivational speech	Cat talks about becoming a director for next year.
Useful info	The health plan opt out deadline is Oct 7.
Useful info	Indoor sports are run for students at PPCI Thursday nights from 7 to 8.
Useful info	On Oct 7 there will be a movie night (The Hangover). Please bring cans for food drive.