

MINUTES TO THE STUDENT FORUM OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE ALGONQUIN COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010 AT 4:30 P.M. IN PERTH 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*

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**Board members in attendance:, Dayna Poulin, Andy McTaggart, Mike Hirsch, Betania Osorio, Julia Berardini, Samantha Davidson**

**SA staff in attendance:**

Leigh McKay, Don Macrae

**Algonquin College Staff:**

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**Forum Chair(s):**

Mike Hirsch

**Meeting Minutes Taker:**

Dayna Poulin

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## Forum Minutes

### 4:30 p.m.

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

### 4:35 p.m.

Information regarding the Algonquin Board of Governors is given to students

### 5:05p.m.

Mike Hirsch opened the floor to a discussion about Student Success

Name & Program of study	Comments
Betty (OAE)	Successfully completed program and getting a job based on what you've learnt, not necessarily graduating but being able to apply what you've learnt
Terry (OAE)	Thinks of all the types of people that I've met, there needs to be a tailored approach to meeting students needs being provided with opportunity growth, skills, the experience along the way that enhances your skills and abilities to a get a job
Anita (OAE)	-Connection that we have in the college with the students and the faculty, opportunities to better ourselves in other areas ( like SA reps), within Algonquin while we are on campus
Betty (OAE)	Air filtration system for the rooms ( specifically OAE and the shops)
Anita (OAE)	Having an employment centre, where businesses come in and interview students-would be nice to have a job fair here
Terry (OAE)	Would like to see more comfort areas – a place you can go to balance stress between class, recliner- like they have in the cafeteria with the couches and chairs + spa
Anita (OAE)	Better communication
Bria (SSW)	Having disabilities services more available – just the acknowledgment of people with special needs, that need help and it's not here and it's not as readily available
Terry (OAE)	SAD lights – part of a disability offices
Anita (OAE)	Green plants, green feeling gives you a boost make it upbeat
Terry (OAE)	Stress relief – appropriate for the college to look at that, to educate people about stress and problems that you can have
Sandra (OAE)	Would like to see the class rooms more ergonomic – so the chairs can be moved up and down easy, they should have someone come in and look at that. Make the class

	room like the work place ideally we would have a filing cabinet in our work place and we don't and we stuff things in our office
Rob (carpentry)	Would like to see trades and industry experts come into the college so they have the opportunity to associate with them.
Anita (OAE)	Would be nice to have past Alumni come in it was very beneficial and would help us understand the end of the road and what is the come and getting that feedback from them. For the Alumni –“your voice” testimonial from them or allowing them to come in to discuss, more of this type of thing for the learning experience.
Bria (SSW)	Health care package – would like optical issues covered, birth control isn't covered (it is on the Ottawa campus though).
Everyone	Thoughts on extra money on the plan – the students seem to be into it, perhaps offering Birth Control for cheaper on this campus. Would like a nurse coming to the campus on a regular basis.
Terry (OAE)	Have a “vision day” have an optometrist come to the campus and have people sign up
Wendy (SSW)	Unique opportunities – I think it's important that the community be kept within the community college, in a small town it's who you know, it's the basis of us networking. Wants the community to be brought into us, whatever their reason is – free info, show us what they are doing.
Beth (OAE)	Summer courses – there is no cafeteria at that time, just a few basic things that we can use to heat our food and keep it cold (like a fridge, a toaster, a microwave).
Sandra (OAE)	Can we get a bar? I think this would unite the students and give us opportunities to meet.
Anita (OAE)	More night courses –program related, upgrade programs “the new the latest”, fun courses like “cooking”
Wendy (SSW)	I would do teach people “cake decorating” etc. but the cost to do this or rent the room just isn't worth it. The price would be way out of the bracket that would make it worth it – people have skills that they will share for free but it's hard to make this happen.

**12:35 p.m.**

Mike invited questions, concerns, and comments from students.

<u>Name &amp; Program of Study</u>	<u>Comments</u>
OAE program	We have a real issue in our class- our class rep hasn't been there no meetings. Today the class rep sent an email said that she didn't want to be the class rep – sent Anita an email- if she is voted in by the class she deserves the position and the other rep should not get the credit. Was worried about the issues not getting solved or brought up
Wendy (SSW)	Want to know what protection there is for students – what format is there for this? For example: teachers and student talking about issues, feels that teacher has abused authority. He said she said situation- would like 3 <sup>rd</sup> party to be added to situation. Tight nit staff – and they seem like they are protecting the teachers when they should be impartial and they aren't.
Bria (SSW)	Recently found out that we need support to put together our portfolios for our course, for work. The professors were thinking of us, but we were all looking forward to having the support to create this portfolio. We were curious if the SA could help us fund this? Don- spoke to the issue that there is no funding for this.

**5:32 p.m.**

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