

Minutes for the first Fall Student Forum, Woodroffe (weekday)

September 28th, 2010

Present: SA BOD (Jacob, Katie, Cat, Basil, Kurt, Sam, Rylan), over 100 class reps, SA employees

Forum convened at 12:00. Adjournment announced for 1:00.

Jacob Sancier, president, thanked class reps for coming. He, Samantha Fildebrandt, and Basil Richardson presented on the role of the class rep.

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

The forum adjourned at 1:00.

Name & Class	Concern/Suggestion/Idea
Foster - 1 st year community justice	That funding from community sponsors be directed towards charity (the disadvantaged)
Kristen - 1 st year vet tech	That dog walks at 6:00 am is a security risk as there are no lights in back of V building – that a couple lights be put there
“	That V building is cold
David - computer systems technician	That the college needs double sided printing [another rep notes that Adobe will let you do multiple pages on one sheet, but not double-sided]
Damien - advertising	That online access is frustrating as the internet is crashing constantly
Amanda - 1 st year DSW	That paper towels are desired in addition to dryers in bathrooms in B building [another rep notes T building also]
“	That all teachers put content in one place on Blackboard (sometimes it is in “content”, sometimes “folders”, sometimes “Lectures”, etc.), labelled consistently
JP - electrical mechanics (robotics)	That in the Access lab in T building the printers CAN do double sided printing, but it counts as two pages [I suggest we see if we can get it to count as 1.5 pages. Also, this should be better known.]
Cory - 1 st year architectural tech	That no one knows how to use Blackboard, teachers have not explained it adequately, and consequently assignments are not being received by bulk of class
Alicia - ECE	That her class needs hole punches and staplers in classrooms and labs, and would accept that they be wired to desks
Trevor - ECE retention	That mass Emails go to junkmail every time
“	That there are no community service (like ECE) directors on SA board of directors [Jacob notes that board based on who has applied]
Arjun - 1 st year comp tech systems	That, in order to communicate with students, class reps be able to correspond via Blackboard [I think this is a fantastic idea that needs to be followed up with ITS]
“	That there is a desire for new sports like cricket, and he would like to know how these sports can be introduced [Arjun: youthiconaj@gmail.com ; another student James, whea0011@algonquinlive.com , would like to see fencing]

“	That he would like to see International Students fees lowered
“	That Blackboard lessons should be made mandatory at the beginning of the year (intake)
Neha - 3 rd year business admin (HR mgt)	That the HR management students would like Co-op, as their counterparts in Business Admin already have
Cody - 3 rd year broadcasting	That from 11:00 to 3:00 the Algqonquin site is down, which is highly inconvenient for people with late working hours
“	That ther be recycling in each class
“	That, because residents and non-residence students are separated/segreated, events be made campus-wide
Alex - 1 st year SME management	That nobody uses Vista o/s anymore and so it is useless knowledge
“	That very few computers actually run Vista (2?) and so a few more labs would be helpful
Kayla - 1 st year SME	That course cancellations are not publicized beforehand, but only posted on the door – this is unacceptable and a hardship for people travelling long distances
Megan - 1 st year account making	That there be working Clocks at major entrances, in particular the building entrance (A) across from College Square
“	That there be a designated computer for printing only, possibly with a two min time limit
“	That her class does not like Email system nor Blackboard – cited: there is no ability to access a list of professors (corporate list) through Email, and the junkmail issue
“	That the Email is routed through American servers and so we are subjected to the American PATRIOT act (Jacob notes that there are no security issues as any cybersnooping has to go through CSIS first)
“	That an advertised link actually work (which is “coming soon” but with an action deadline of Oct 20) - link allows contact info be transferred from algonquincollege.com to algonquinlive.com
Sami - 1 st year travel tourism	That it is disappointing that there is no frosh week
Shona - 2 nd year office admin (legal and exec)	That basic accounting is not in the office admin program, despite job market research showing that basic accounting is very important
Jason - 2 nd year semester police foundation	That, because gym use is obligatory for his program, cost of membership to gym be included in tuition, making it a “not seen” hidden cost that is course specific
“	That in the shared police gym he and his fellow students need to be practicing on a new machine (substitute/upgrade for the always-broken vital push-pull machine), for which they are willing to fundraise (!) - this upgrade they will be testing on later, so practice on it now is particularly important
Sarah - 3 rd year interior desgn	That another access lab be made available for AutoCAD and Sketchup, not just in J310
“	That schedule for access labs be fixed, as last year a job readiness training program's students got access to these vital labs, preventing other students from having access to AutoCAD, etc.
“	That ITS explain the \$150 fee, and as it is a mandatory laptop program, indicate

	what laptops to buy, and what software, capabilities, etc. is needed
Michel - police foundation	That there be better enforcement in computer labs (perhaps a patrol every 10 minutes) so that valuable space not be used by people on Facebook, playing games, etc.
Alyssa - 1 st year interior design	That gym membership be included in tuition, with perhaps a tie-in with YMCA
“	That, for the sake of security, blue-lighted emergency phones be located on campus so that they may be seen from anywhere on campus
Chris - 1 st year advertising	That there be sharing of printers, as they are not connected from one lab to another [Jacob notes N:\ should be accessible universally]
“	That 116 and 118 OC Transpo access not sufficient from around 5:00 to 7:00
“	That there needs to be an “aggressive campaign” so that students move to the back of the bus
PROMISED ACTION	We will Email everyone here with OC Transpo Email (to lobby them for better 116 and 118 service) and charity info.

