

Students' General Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 29th, 2017
5:00 PM

Chairman of the Board: Kraymr Grenke

Kraymr: **5:09 call the meeting in order**

Kraymr: **Motion to adopt the agenda**

Moved: Astrid

Seconded: Graham

Kraymr: All in favour? Any abstentions?

Passed

Kraymr: We do not have minutes to pass from the last board meeting. We will pass the minutes once they have been processed and translated at the next board meeting. They will be posted soon.

Action Items

1. Club Ratification
 - 1) Laurentian Christian Fellowship

Astrid: Are we doing religious groups this year?

Kraymr: Yes

- 2) Laurentian University Neuroscience Science Club
- 3) Humanity First – Laurentian University
- 4) Laurentian University African and Caribbean Students' Association
- 5) Laurentian Shinerama
- 6) Laurentian University R/C Club

Kraymr: The Laurentian University R/C club plans to provide the opportunity for remote-control enthusiasts to explore and practice the things they love. It will be a place for students to bring their hobbies out of their room

Astrid: Is it a remote-control club?

Kraymr: Remote drones.

Astrid: I know if you drive droves, will it affect our insurance?

Kraymr: No.

- 7) Canadian World Youth / Jeunesse Canada Monde
- 8) Friends of MSF NOSM
- 9) Mind Strong Psychology Club of Laurentian

- 10) World University Service of Canada – Laurentian Chapter
- 11) Students' Offering Support – Laurentian
- 12) Laurentian University We Charity
- 13) Indigenous Social Work Student Council
- 14) School of Engineering (Laurentian University Engineering Student Society)
- 15) Stem Cell Club Laurentian
- 16) Laurentian Relay for Life
- 17) Laurentian University History Society
- 18) LU Mine Rescue Club

Astrid: Are they under Campus Recreation

Kraymr: No, they are under us. They are a combination between us and the university.

- 19) Huntington University Gerontology Society
- 20) Physics Club
- 21) Laurentian Neuroscience and Mental Health Association
- 22) MEDLIFE Laurentian
- 23) Laurentian University Psychology Society (LUPS)
- 24) Laurentian University Students Against Impaired Driving (LUSAID)

- 25) Laurentian Interprofessional Health Council
- 26) Laurentian Gaming Society
- 27) Incontri Italian Club
- 28) Best Buddies Laurentian Chapter
- 29) Laurentian University in Focus (Photography Club)
- 30) LU PreMed Club
- 31) Laurentian University Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- 32) Laurentian's Sunshine Foundation Club
- 33) Laurentian University Women in Engineering
- 34) Laurentian University Chemical Engineering Chapter
- 35) Laurentian University String theory – Craft Club
- 36) Laurentian University Society for Ecological Restoration Student Association
- 37) Laurentian University Chess Club

Kraymr: Any discussion on the information provided. I will need a mover and seconder to move these clubs

Moved: Abraham

Seconded: Andrew

Kraymr: All in favour in the motion?

Kraymr: Any opposed to the motion?

Kraymr: Absentions?

Passed

2. Board

Kraymr: Motion sent from a board member for board professional development. Laura, for the evaluation part, would you like to do a survey done by the board?

Laura: Yes.

Kraymr: Laura put forward a motion in an effort to improve the board for next years. She would like the board to fill out an evaluation form. Motion reads: **An evaluation be created for the board and will be completed after the March board meeting and will be reviewed at April board meeting.**

Laura: It is good as a board to reflect and look at ways of improving for the future. It would be good to start doing it, whether it is annually or semi-annually. We just have to figure out as a group the questions that will be asked.

Kraymr: No issue, we are going through the exact same thing at Senate. Any other discussion on the motion?

Motion Moved: Laura

Seconded: Astrid

Kraymr: All in favour of the motion?

Kraymr: All opposed?

Kraymr: Abstentions?

Motion Carried

Kraymr: Second motion for **Board of Directors training**

Kraymr: Laura has motioned to allocate funding in the 2017 budget for mandatory board training and done prior to the first board meeting.

Laura: The board is made up of students but these students may not have experience so in order to make the board better, training would be beneficial.

Rachael: What kind of things would this training involve?

Kraymr: There are third party that provide training. They would sit with you and go through proper board procedure.

Kraymr: For your second motion, I think I will table for research. We will have to find someone to do the training. We will look at the budget too once we know the price.

Kraymr: **For the motion, to table the second motion.**

Moved: Laura

Seconded: Rachael

Kraymr: All in favour of the motion?

Kraymr: All opposed?

Kraymr: Any abstentions?

Motion Carried

Kraymr: Second motion that she listed in that section that consideration be given to which organization support be provided for board training will be tabled until research.

3. Other Business

Gaby: When would you like our budget for next year? We have an event coming up that would require a look.

Kraymr: As soon as possible.

Referendum

Astrid: There is a lot of misinformation going around. Maybe Glenn should make an infographic.

Kraymr: Did everybody receive my email? It is outlined in bullet.

Graham: It's not your fault or ours but students have that stigma to stop reading after two lines.

Kraymr: We avoided the communication email method and used student leader and student life emails. We will send out a reminder. Any other discussion? Like our stance on it?

Rachael: How did the university come up with 70?

Kraymr: With four councillors, each student pays \$17.50.

Andrew: Students may be upset because they did not get the opportunity to give their input. I would like to see in the future more input from them.

Kraymr: For more context on this, the problems came from the counselling office. They identified problems based off data and trends that they saw. This was drafted from the counselling office.

Astrid: With this \$70, are students getting more than 10 sessions per year or it stays the same?

Kraymr: I do not have this information

Alyssa: Point of clarification: Is it Monday – Friday 4 - 10pm or one day a month 4 – 10 pm?

Kraymr: It's every day.

Jessica: What happens if it doesn't hit quorum?

Kraymr: It has to hit quorum. If it doesn't, we will try again.

Roberto: I know we were one of the first university to implement a fall reading week because of mental health issues but do we have any answers from the university and senate on why mental health has been put on the back burner, especially with all of the construction and renovations?

Astrid: I agree because construction could lead to mental health. Because of construction, there is a lot less space for students. They should have thought of the accommodation for students.

Kraymr: There's both sides to the argument.

Gaby: It won't last forever.

Astrid: I know but I think next time the university does a renovation project, I think we should be able to say these were the effects from the last construction project, what can you do so this doesn't happen again?

Jessica: More practical things for the referendum, are you guys going to put a clarification piece out that states that the fund is going to the university and how the fee is being broken up?

Gaby: Question, do you know if these councillors will have training for indigenous issues? Because the ISC only has 1 councillor.

Rachael: It would be nice to have a councillor who is familiar with pride issues as well.

Kraymr: Noted, any other information on this manner?

Roberto: When will the result be posted?

Kraymr: There will be a media piece posted on Monday.

Andrew: Are you bringing these notes to someone?

Kraymr: Yes, to the people who drafted the referendum.

OUSA

Kraymr: There has been a motion that has been put forward by a board member

Mover on the motion: Astrid

Second: Rachael

Kraymr: Motion is on the floor and open to discussion.

Astrid: Students said how with our fees already being high, adding this extra fee to join an association from which the only benefit we gain that we don't gain if we are not members is to go to their events. Felt it was unfair to join because there was no referendum. There should have been a student choice. If the university goes to referendum for something like mental health which is life or death situation, why aren't we going to referendum for something like this?

Roberto: There are two alliances; OUSA and CFS. For those of you who know, the fees that go to CFS have not benefited the students in over a decade. I've known OUSA for the last 6-7 years and they are partnered with the largest secondary student group in Canada, the Ontario Student Trustee Association which is supported by the Ministry of Advanced Education. They also have a very good relationship with the government. They have done a large amount of advocating on behalf of the students. We've had representatives from the University and the SGA to represent at OUSA. 100% against the motion.

Kraymr: I do not agree on this motion. A lot of facts on this motion are not true. At the strategic vision meetings, part of the vision is to close the gap between southern Ontario and northern Ontario. Part of the vision is to put Laurentian and the SGA on the map and bring us to the table and give us a say. In addition, now people like Deb Matthews who is the Minister of Advanced

Education knows who we are and she has come to Sudbury on visits. On the front of the referendum, we do not have to go to referendum for every fee. The board has the power to implement any fee through Governance. In regards to RAFO, they are a great organization but with different mandates. Their mandate is to protect the French culture which is something we are in support of. They represent 11 schools with 20,000 students compared to OUSA with 140,000 students. I am 100% against this motion. If this motion passes, we will not be even voiced at the table which is what OUSA gives us. It is not rare for the OUSA fee to come out of the operating budget especially when there are benefits from it. They are deemed financially stable compared to their counterpart.

Astrid: So just this whole Queens park, there are other organizations that do it that don't charge a student per fee. Laurentian federation does it and have meetings with the advanced education with the government. They can operate without charging each student \$3 per student by doing similar work.

Roberto: RAFO represent French culture and French language. OUSA represents Laurentian university and university as a whole. They are two completely different organizations. One represents a certain group and the other represents all students.

Rachael: I believe it is important at Board meetings to state what you guys will be doing like events for OUSA.

Andrew: If this pass, do we lose the seat and lose the opportunity to voice at Queens park?

Kraymr: Yes exactly. Each year, they lobby at Queens Park to bring forward issues and policies that we have written. We would lose that status of being at the table.

Astrid: I am not saying they do not do good work but we send them a lot of money. If you ask students what OUSA has done for us, they would not know who OUSA is.

Kraymr: You can ask a lot of students what myself and Abraham do as executives and people would have the same answer. A lot of students are just here for the degree and that's it.

Astrid: How much goes to travel? We are asking for a lot of money and I believe we can get into Queen's Park in alternative ways.

Kraymr: I do not have that document in front of me as of right now but can get it. I also disagree with that.

Alyssa: It is important for the future to do more debriefing. With the advanced education and other groups behind it, I have no problem with it.

Rachael: I believe we could get our foot in the door at Queens Park without OUSA but I believe with OUSA, the combination of our voices is very powerful. Maybe work with them to bring the fees down.

Gaby: Do you know how much each school pays?

Kraymr: Each school pays \$2.99 per head but charge \$2 for travel. The \$2 varies based off schools because Western has 20,000 students compared to us so they charge a little less. We could look at doing \$4.50 but with this our first year, we wanted to do \$5 just to be safe.

Astrid: Biggest concern is why is there a separate OUSA travel budget to the regular travel budget? Saying it is \$5.00 is misleading because part of it is for travel.

Kraymr: The OUSA travel budget is solely for OUSA so then we are not spending from other accounts. The fee is all directly correlated and going to the same organization.

Roberto: Talking about the gap, we've never closed that gap. Now that we have that voice at Queens park which is not easy, having this support, it puts more power behind the voice.

Kraymr: Last discussion

Emilie: On a student standpoint, it would have been nice to do a referendum but it is too late for that. There are two gaps, there is the gap geographically and the other gap is the bilingual culture. A large group in northern Ontario is bilingual and they just want everything to be in bilingual. OUSA is a good opportunity to bring this to the table.

Kraymr: I would like going forward to work with organizations like RAFO and be a part of as many tables as possible.

Astrid: I don't have a problem with their mission and work, just the fee.

Kraymr: Call to question. **All those in favour be resolved that the SGA not remain a member of OUSA for the 2016/2017 academic year.**

Astrid

Kraymr: All against the motion?

Kraymr: Any abstentions?

Motion Defeated.

Kraymr: Any other business?

4. In Camera

Information Items

State of the SGA Address – Please refer to PowerPoint

Kraymr: Any other discussion?

Astrid: Increased programing for indigenous students and what have we done this past year to achieve this goal?

Gaby: Have been there financially but also logistic support.

Kraymr: For francophone, having everything translated. For Welcome Week, have French acts and indigenous act. For international, Amanda has done presentations for them.

Amanda: In terms of internal staffing, before me, there was nobody who spoke French. It is something that we look for.

Kraymr: **Motion for Adjournment**

Moved: Abraham

Secoded: Astrid

Sustained and Carried