

**Students' General Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 18th, 2017
6:00 PM**

Present... Laura, Andrew, Amanda, Astrid, Kraymr, Graham, Daniel, Jessica, Olivia, Seth, Alyssa, Abraham, Connor, and Roberto

Absent... Rachael

Chairman of the Board: Roberto Bagnato

Kraymr: We will start with action items first because people have to leave.

Action Items

1. Election

Kraymr: We will meet sometime next week to ratify everybody. Jessica is here to write about the election. February 2nd is when the Lambda will come out. The election will start the next day and make campaigning 12 days. Election start on the 15th and 16th. Tomorrow we will post our positions. They have 8 days to decide. After they have 8 days to build a campaign but they cannot tell anybody. 12:01 on February 2nd, you can start campaigning. We have had some CRO applications come in but Connor, you cannot apply.

Connor: I did last year and it was okay.

Astrid: It is okay as long as he does not double vote.

Kraymr: Really? Okay, fair game. We will give the CRO 2 minutes to talk about why they deserve the position and we can ask questions after. We will make the standard questions and the honorarium is \$1000. Any issues with the election?

Jessica: There is no official date to ratify the candidates?

Kraymr: Want to do it now?

Jessica: Yes

Kraymr: Next Wednesday at 6 again before class?

Everybody: Yes.

Connor: CRO applicants are expected to be there at that meeting?

Kraymr: Yes. CRO position closes on Monday.

Astrid: Will they have the questions before hand?

Kraymr: Yes

Next meeting next Wednesday.

Kraymr: Also, next Wednesday, please tweet and post for Bell Let's Talk and please support it.

Kraymr: I would just need a motion on the floor to approve the schedule for the elections this year.

Motion: Approve the Schedule for the Elections

Moved: Connor

Seconded: Roberto

All in favour

2. Executive Duties

Kraymr: Earlier we looked at our Executive Branch and we talked about how if someone runs and they don't know how to run an event, we do not have any say on that. The Executive structure will stay the same this year but in the future, put an amendment so we expand the staff role for event planning and have the VP Student Life support that person.

Astrid: That position, would the VPSL be in charge and the coordinator is the assistant? Like the VPSL would take the lead on event planning? That is what they are elected for. By hiring an events person, it is taking away responsibilities from the VPSL.

Kraymr: Not exactly because that person is staff. Our attention is not to take away from the student voice but take away from the logistics nightmare.

Astrid: Can't we train the person?

Kraymr: It is not worth it.

Connor: I see where you're coming from in regards to training being expensive and wanting to stay consistent but have to look at the hierarchy.

Kraymr: Yes of course but that's a logistical problem that will be looked at. We will be looking at our policies and organizational structure as a whole within the next four months. Everything that will be looked at is a Human Resource issue.

Astrid: Would this full-time position also help out with club events?

Kraymr: Yes, no problem, they would look at everything. They would look at all of the logistics that go into an event. With no member services, we would allocate that funds to the event coordinator position.

Connor: I'm confused because if we are adding a position or changing it, we need to decide today before the elections.

Kraymr: Do we talk about what the VPSL position would entail?

Daniel: I say table it.

Astrid: Can we open up the document that shows exactly what the VPSL role is?

Kraymr: States the responsibility of VPSL.

Connor: So you're planning on taking out a third of his job?

Kraymr: Not technically.

Connor: I'm trying to see how this position is not taking away from the VPSL position. I agree with have a consistent position throughout the year.

Alyssa: Why don't you make my job an elected position or take over? Or an appointed position?

Kraymr: Only position board can appoint is COO. We need a full-time position.

Daniel: You can go to referendum to appoint the position.

Kraymr: We are talking about appointing an internal position

Connor: That's not a problem but the problem is it is taking away from the role of the VPSL.

Kraymr: I'm not taking away the role. I still want the VPSL to help organize the event but want help with the day to day logistics. The VPSL would still work with the different student groups and take away from the demand that comes from planning events.

Astrid: I feel like this would be a step of getting rid of that position.

Kraymr: We've already talked about getting rid of the position as a whole.

Astrid: I don't think we should.

Kraymr: It's a conversation that we would.

Daniel: Coming from a VPSL point of view, students vote for this position for that role. Whatever event that is planned, this role takes the heat. If the staff run an event, I get the heat. If that position plans an event, it is my head that the students go after.

Kraymr: Noted

Astrid: I agree, any actions that position does is on the VPSL. Any consequences is on the VPSL.

Connor: But then with the hierarchy, that position would go under the VPSL and not Amanda.

Kraymr: We do not run through a hierarchy. All events go through the Executive branch.

Alyssa: logistically, from our meeting earlier, it seems if there's an event coordinator, the new VPSL would be my job and come up with vision and the event coordinator would execute it but if its your event, you be the one to run it. It's your event and you have a vision on the way you want to run it. Isn't it my job to help out the VPSL so why not keep it and see how it goes?

Astrid: I think that's the better idea, I think it would be a better idea to have an assistant. Why are we hiring this person? If it's not an elected position, the person doing the hiring can choose the person.

Kraymr: There's no continuity.

Abraham: The new staff position, could be the assistant to the VPSL? Essentially be a full-time position and keep things consistent year to year.

Daniel: If you have the same position same role, they would have to deal with a new boss every year. If that VPSL doesn't mesh with that position, the event will flop. The VPSL should have a say on who's hired for that position.

Jessica: To Kraymr, why are we concerned about lack of continuity of events?

Kraymr: From day to day operation, it's needed. We are trying to build on what we have done this year.

Jessica: Why is it central to events? Shouldn't you be looking for continuity in the office.

Kraymr: This is the only area we don't see continuity.

Roberto: Was Alyssa hired by the office? Why don't we make it a requirement for this position to have event planning?

Kraymr: Yes. If the executive team let events flop, it's not on the VPSL. It's on the Executive team. The board has to take control.

Astrid: Does the board have jurisdiction on events?

Kraymr: You can raise it to an Executive member

Astrid: if you ask students who runs event, they would say VPSL. It's not the SGA who will get the heat from it but actually the VPSL.

Kraymr: Not agreeing or disagreeing. It will be the whole Executive team and the SGA as a whole.

Daniel: Students see these descriptions. On the other two positions, there's nothing about events.

Connor: The students are not blaming the executive but actually blaming the brand of the SGA?

Kraymr: Yes.

Connor: I'm not saying the VPSL messed up but the whole SGA screwed up.

Astrid: The board ratify everybody so if they don't know how to run an event, we don't ratify.

Kraymr: I don't agree with that. How do we gauge event planning experience? We cannot do that because we would have to ask each candidate to send a resume or something.

Daniel: That's where you ratify the constitution so that you appoint the VPSL like when I first got appointed. Every applicant states how they fit the role.

Kraymr: We cannot discriminate who wants to run.

Alyssa: Can we narrow this down to options.

Roberto: Action item to introduce a staff member. We cannot change the constitution at this point. We just need to vote in an event planner.

Kraymr: That's just within our office. Shouldn't be an action item but more of an information piece. I think we need someone with support. This is a continuity piece from the inside perspective and will move the office forward.

Astrid: We said we didn't want to train but isn't there a training period for the executive team? We specifically pay for that purpose.

Kraymr: I think you're talking about a transition period and we talk about what you will be doing, not how to do it. Experience is key.

Daniel: When Ian Park left, he left me nothing. Now you have someone here for a month to train the next person and that's going to be the same. You will have somebody here who knows how to event plan and has been in the role for a year.

Astrid: If the Executives left notes, it would make things easier. I just want to make sure that the position and Jenna would report to VPSL and not the other way around.

Kraymr: Staff don't go to Executives; they go to COO.

Connor: Isn't Alyssa under VPSL?

Kraymr: No, she is under Amanda.

Astrid: But can the VPSL say no to a certain event?

Kraymr: That's a 2/3 vote.

Daniel: But people don't know that. That's where transparency comes in.

Abraham: It says they will collaborate with the Executives.

Daniel: Reads the sentence and oversee the services including health plan and everything.

Astrid: VPSL is also supposed to oversee the Executive Director's work.

Kraymr: We are all Amanda's bosses. On day to day operation, with this job, it will allow the VPSL to be able to interact more with the different student groups. This job will do the organizing and all of the phone calls needed for the job. There are all things that we looked at when looking at the option of introducing a new position. We have also considered these options when looking at introducing a structure of just President and Vice President that would be full time and then hiring a full-time Executive.

Connor: Request, see a full detail for next meeting?

Kraymr: Can't guarantee next week but we are working with our accountant to work with our policy and hierarchy. They have done surveys to see how their internal works and their hierarchy.

3. Committee of Francophone Affairs

Kraymr: Where are we on this?

Astrid: There's supposed to be a working committee proposal but still working on it.

Kraymr: Okay we will leave this until a future date.

Jessica: One random question, can I get the Finance for this year?

Kraymr: Yes

Other Business

1. CFS

Astrid: We still haven't paid for CFS and they still haven't asked for it? Were we ever going to pay them?

Kraymr: Yes.

Astrid: Do we have a plan on paying them?

Kraymr: My point of view, yes we have not paid the CFS. They have not asked for it. The money sits in our general bank account accumulating interest for us, not them. The CFS is deemed by its member an unstable organization. Carleton for example will not pay them until they provide audits and show reasoning as to why they have a secret bank account with \$600,000. This is why we will not pay them but the money is available in our account when they do come by.

Astrid: So are we going to pass a motion to keep it in that account until they come asking for it?

Kraymr: Sure but that is what we have been doing operation wise. There is no need for a motion, just wanted to let you know. This is the reason for holding on to it, not because of a spite towards them. I know other members who have not paid either. We will continue to gain interest on the money.

2. ISC Funding

Kraymr: It is taken care of and paid for.

Kraymr: We will now do a brief presentation by Zack from OUSA.

“OUSA Presentation”

Astrid: Question for Kraymr about OUSA, you said during the meeting we had a AGM. When did we have a AGM?

Connor: He said we follow the same procedure as them.

Kraymr: We had one last year when Johnny was in and I can't speak on behalf of my predecessor on when the next one is.

Astrid: How many delegates do we get?

Kraymr: 2

Astrid: Did we receive any volunteer professional development?

Kraymr: Yes

Astrid: What kind of results did we get from it?

Kraymr: We didn't call that day a volunteer day but actually best practice day. The Executives and full time staff went to McMaster to meet with other delegates to share ideas

Astrid: Can we get those staff that attended to write a paper on how they were able to apply what they learned through their tasks this school year?

Kraymr: Sure

Andrew: Zack said it's 2.99 per student for OUSA but I'm just looking at the budget and we budget at 25,800 but for the 5,160 student member, that only adds up to like \$15,000 so I am just wondering that is a \$10,000 difference which is pretty big.

Kraymr: Each school is 2.99, we budget over to cover the travel and event.

Andrew: Should that be under travel? Wasn't the referendum last year for \$3.00?

Kraymr: It was for \$5.00.

Andrew: I'm just wondering what that \$10,000 goes to?

Kraymr: It covers us to get there and for the actual conference. We ultimately don't want to spend that \$10,000 but it's allocated just in case. \$10,000 is the recommended number.

Andrew: Where does the rest go if it doesn't get spent?

Kraymr: It goes to our reserve like every other surplus. We have to have a reserve.

Daniel: I know but we budget a \$35,000 reserve each year and then we have a budget on top of that because we are supposed to have a \$0 balance and we keep on adding all of these surpluses and by the end of it, we will have a \$70,000 reserve which isn't fair to our students who are paying \$200 more than the AEF.

Astrid: Not only is it not fair but we also have some services at Laurentian that need upgrading.

Kraymr: I only budgeted \$5,000 surplus.

Astrid: I find it weird that OUSA says their price is \$3.00 but we charge our students \$5.00.

Kraymr: Just to reiterate, OUSA's price is \$2.99 and we charge \$5.00 just in case and not necessarily all of it to travel to these different events to be a part of this organization. Western charges \$3.25 to their students but they have 30,000 students compared to our \$2.00 for 5,000 students. OUSA has done great work for us especially when it comes to all of the papers they have written and their interactions we have had with Ministers.

Laura: In a scenario, me as a student, why do I care if I am a part of OUSA? What difference does it make in my life?

Kraymr: Like Zack said, it's an opportunity for us to bring students to the table for lobby making law makers. It's a chance to bring a northern perspective to the organization. This was something that Johnny brought to my attention. OUSA is willing to listen to us and it brings us to the table.

Abraham: At one of our conferences, we have also passed a northern policy paper.

3. Francophone Services

Astrid: I have received several complaints from students in regards to the Francophone services. This includes social media posts and that they are not at the same standard as the English posts and I have had some students tell me they do not feel they are taken seriously because there treated as though their translations do not matter.

Kraymr: We have a translator in our office. She is actually a student in the French speech and language program at the university. Whether you blame the teachers at the school or her, we feel her work is excellent. Amanda is a francophone and she agrees with her work. I know there are complaints and there will always be complaints.

Astrid: I have a sheet with all of the complaints that we have received. Can we ask her to use a program?

Kraymr: She already does.

Astrid: Well I have received a complaint for every post for a certain translation because that is not French at all.

Kraymr: Well if you would like to come into the office and talk about this, we can discuss it further.

Astrid: No I just wanted to put it to your attention that a lot of Francophone students are starting to think does the SGA not think we're intelligent enough to see this?

Kraymr: I'm going to post a question to you. The Francophone affairs document that you sent to me, did you translate it?

Astrid: No.

Kraymr: Okay well that was re-written by her. It was a translate document that you wanted us to post that was not translated properly. I am not saying it goes both ways but I believe she does a good job and I will defend her work.

Astrid: I am just saying there is a lot of problems.

Kraymr: Well please highlight those problems and we will see if we can fix those problems. I don't know what to tell you because a Francophone is translating this. There is no perfect translation in any language.

Connor: Have them send a direct email with the complaints to the SGA and then we can collect it and see where our problems are.

Amanda: Any complaints that go to you Astrid, it would be quicker if they direct it towards us because we can fix it within the office.

Astrid: They didn't see the post and then go straight to me but it was over time that they are getting annoyed.

Kraymr: Okay that is noted. Any other business?

4. Minutes

Astrid: On our website, as of 3:55 PM, the last set of meeting minutes was January 2016. That is 12 months of minutes that are not posted. Not only is transparency part of the strategic plan but it was also part of an Executive's campaign. This is a massive problem. These minutes and agenda should be posted. The fact that this meeting was not posted public until 2 days ago, we need a new system. We need a new system where meetings are not scheduled 2 days prior. Minutes should be posted an X amount of days after and the meeting should be scheduled an X amount of days prior to the meeting.

Kraymr: I apologize for the delay but we did have a guest speaker. The board was notified on November 22nd.

Astrid: But was it announced to the public?

Kraymr: No

Astrid: I would like to a motion where meetings are announced two weeks in advance to public because these meetings are open to the public, agendas are made public a week prior to the meeting so students know what we are discussing, and that minutes are posted at max 30 days after the meeting.

Kraymr: Minutes usually cannot be posted until after they are passed at the next board meeting.

Astrid: Okay then a week after they are ratified.

Kraymr: Okay.

Roberto: These should be in the by-laws.

Kraymr: These are operational policies.

Roberto: Motion looking forward that all the past meeting minutes will be posted on the website prior to the next board meeting.

Motion: Meeting Minutes Posted Online Before Next Board Meeting

Moved: Connor

Seconded: Astrid

Laura: December can't be posted because December was an emergency and November we can't because it was not approved.

Kraymr: We will have a motion later for November.

5. Policies

Astrid: In regards to the policy, some are written on board and some are Executive Director. Some do not have signatures and dates. All the policies should be online and in French.

Kraymr: All of these policies other than the clubs, code of conduct and constitution policies will not be available online because they have nothing to do with the public. The policies that are on here are all internal policies. A lot of these policies do not belong on this website.

Astrid: I think we should have them all on the website. The students have the right.

Kraymr: No corporation has all of their policies online. No student needs to know what our criminal policy is.

Astrid: If that's the case, can we state that they are available at the office?

Kraymr: Yes

Andrew: So they are available but by request?

Kraymr: Yes, they can but no need to be online.

Information Items

1. Executive Reports

1.1. President Report

Kraymr: Since our last meeting, I had a meeting with the President. We talked about our plans moving forward, the bookstore, a change with D2L that will show students what textbooks they need in the corner and it will be sent to them right there, and a couple of security and database issues. We have chosen an architect for the student centre that we will announce in February after the Board of Governor meeting. We cannot give detail until after that because legally, it is not our building, it's the universities. We do not own the building. We fund the building. We are the sole occupier of the building. They own the physical walls. The university will also pay for the building to be maintained. We cannot announce the architect until it passes their board. Auto assignment is in place and something we do not have to worry about now. We have come to an agreement with the Laurentian Student Union that they are staying until 2019 as a governance body but we will take over their health plan. 60 students will be coming to us and they will come with a reserve with an

excess fund. We are pushing for March 28th to have a Founders Day on campus to make it a thing. Other schools do a Pancake breakfast or something to show support on the day their university was founded. In regards to water bottle infrastructure around campus, it is in the works. By 2020, still aiming for a water bottle free campus. In a meeting, we also talked about the communication email and how they are not efficient. We talked about a standardized front page for a syllabus. This will go through the teaching and learning committee in Senate. This will be a standardized sheet that will give you half the page that will include university information and half the page for us. Our half can include information on Aspiria, LUCERT, etc.

Alyssa: Is there going to be student input on this building?

Kraymr: Yes, there is a steering committee.

Astrid: How will the students be selected for this committee?

Kraymr: There will be an actual steering committee with SGA and university representatives. There are sub working groups under that. Once the architect is chosen, they will do workshops with the students and that will be the student portion of it. You do not want a large number of students on a steering committee because it would take too much time.

Astrid: But how will those students know how to apply to be on those working groups?

Kraymr: When the application comes out.

Daniel: Was this meeting with Dominic an Executive meeting?

Kraymr: No, it was a meeting with Amanda and myself with him.

1.2. Vice President Student Life

Daniel: All of the issues in regards to Alyssa's position is cleared up in the December meeting and all of that information was relayed to the board after that meeting. I have been elected as the new Director of the Pride Centre. There are currently no changes to Pride Week since last week. Alyssa and I will meet with Pride after Mental Wellness Week. Meeting to see what Laurentian's involvement will be and who we can get for speakers. I have been in discussion to get a permanent Pride flag on campus, especially after the Orlando shooting. After the shooting, Laurentian found a flag to hang in the Bowling Alley. We are looking to get one permanent that is on a flag pole but there are policies behind it. Another thing we are looking at is a tile breakdown of the Pride Flag on the floor in the Bowling Alley or on a wall. Another thing would include an indigenous artwork for the LGBT community.

Andrew: Out of curiosity, do you know if other universities have a dedicated Pride Flag or a room.

Kraymr: I talked to Western and they hang one over the university community centre. There are policies on raising flags.

Daniel: Next is the confusion on Pride funding. Does anybody recall how much money we decided we were going to allocate to Pride in the March and April board meeting? Was it \$2.00 or \$3.00 per student?

Astrid: It was an increase to \$3.00 and that's for both Pride and Women's Centre.

Daniel: Pride came to us in early October and they didn't know what to do with the extra funding. Usually they use \$5,000 but didn't know what to do with the extra \$10,000. We talked about it and they are planning on using the usual \$1 for Pride Week and the extra \$2.00, they are going to put it away and use it for another initiative like a Pride flag.

In regards to Mental Wellness Week, the first day is the Bell Let's Talk women's hockey game. Sunday was the Yogathon. Monday we have Aspiria coming to campus. I will be doing an anxiety talk on Monday as well. Tuesday the AEF will be doing a petting Zoo. Tuesday night is a coffee house. Wednesday will be Bell Let's Talk. On Thursday, there is another stress talk session and AEF will be giving out hot chocolate. We have a guest speaker on Thursday night and Friday we have trash can, throw away your burden activity. The AEF and Student Life are on board with looking to build a petition to hire more Mental Wellness councillors on campus. Administrative do not know this yet though. This petition will look into bringing more Mental Wellness programs.

Abraham: Why don't you just talk to them?

Daniel: Our petition says we want 2-3 new councillors.

Kraymr: Who's making this petition?

Daniel: The school's social work, school of education, and the AEF.

Connor: Who's sponsoring this?

Daniel: The students.

Kraymr: That's not what I am asking. Are we as the SGA endorsing this?

Daniel: Yes.

Kraymr: So we need a motion for this. I'm just saying I have heard of this petition but we have never discussed it with the board.

Daniel: On it currently is 2-3 new hired councillors, during and after school hours, more hours for the Psychiatrist to be on campus because they are only on campus once a month, and looking into more funding for Health Services.

Astrid: Yes the current Psychiatrist is impossible to book because she is busy and the sessions are short because she is booked.

Kraymr: The university has a committee that decides how the fee structure will be. Fee changes do need to go to Administrative. So I don't know if you want to notify them or work with them. They are changing the fees.

Daniel: They need to see what the students want.

Kraymr: It's not like the Administrative don't want this. They have to pay the professors first. Whatever is left over go to the different services. The university only has so much money.

Daniel: I understand that but they cannot put the Mental Health services for our students on the back burner.

Alyssa: It's a life or death situation. How much does a student's life worth? How do you justify someone's life at a financial price point?

Kraymr: I understand that but how do you give a service if there's no money for it?

Daniel: I want to state in the minutes that I am against the SGA hosting Frost Week on the same week as Mental Wellness Week.

Astrid: I want to go on the record that I agree with that.

Daniel: As a student with mental health issues, I am not speaking as the Vice President but as a student, seeing the SGA promote fun while were trying to advocate for Mental Wellness and I know you're trying to have activities that tie into that but if it is not a united effort that is supporting the one and not both, it concerns me that we do not see the Mental Health of our students as important as them having fun. Every other campus puts importance on Mental Wellness Week. No campus puts both fun and Mental Wellness Week together. Mental Wellness should be the most important thing at that time. Not come to a Pancake Breakfast or doing an Escape Room. We should not be promoting to have fun at these free events when there's all of these Mental Wellness events. We should not be focussing on all of these Frost week activities. Event's like coffee house is fun but still stress reliever. Bell Let's Talk and all of these activities are important. We're still showing we care about our student's Mental Health.

Kraymr: I don't know if you want a respond from me in regards to having the two weeks together but we don't want the two together. We do not have any visuals that have the two weeks together.

Daniel: But you are promoting Frost Week at the same time as Mental Wellness Week. Mental Wellness Week hasn't even started and you're already pushing content and during the week, you will be pushing content to bring people to the Frost Week activities.

Astrid: And you are saying they are not being marketed together but I've received an invitation for a Mental Wellness event but here's an invite for Frost Weekend.

Kraymr: We're not making you choose between the two. Yes, I totally agree that Mental Health is a very important thing and I am not trying to push it aside. I am giving a reference point that we are trying to combat Mental Health and Sexual Violence during Frost Weekend. The events are separate days. Yes, they are being pushed at the same time but we are not making the students choose between a Mental Wellness event and a Frost Weekend event.

Daniel: You're not making them choose but you're distracting them from the Mental Wellness events.

Olivia: As a student, receiving invites from a Laurentian event and then a SGA event, it looks like they are connected. To be honest, nobody cares to ask if they are connected but the way it looks, it looks like it is connected.

Abraham: Are there any recommendations? Like pause the Frost Weekend promotion.

Kraymr: That would hinder the success of Frost Weekend.

Astrid: If there's a Mental Wellness event and then a Frost Weekend event, it would distract them and take away the focus from Mental Wellness. This whole it might infringe on our ability to get people to the Escape room, you guys have known about an event that Saturday for a club that we have been planning for weeks and the SGA agreed to help market it but now you are competing events with clubs? Like you're complaining about not wanting to infringe on Mental Wellness but you're okay with infringing on club events?

Connor: This is not about taking away from events and it doesn't look like a planned effort to plan an event over a club event. There are over 70 clubs on campus. Yes, they might have known about it but one club should not dictate when an organization plans an event. Whether they have a agreed to market it or not.

Astrid: I have a question for Daniel. When the planning for both of these were happening, did you ever mention to the other people planning your thoughts on them being so close?

Daniel: Yes

Astrid: Can I ask who was involved in that?

Daniel: It was at our staff meeting.

Astrid: So these two and him. I want an explanation from Abraham, Amanda, and Kraymr on why they think it's justifiable for putting the two together?

Connor: I don't think you have to answer an executive meeting if you don't want to.

Amanda: It was not an Executive meeting; it was at our staff meeting.

Kraymr: I will answer. They were not put together; it fell this way. They are still separate events. I get your points and where they are coming from. As an office, we chose it this way to ensure success. We do not want a flop, this is what we felt would be the most success. Daniel mentioned the Coffee House being relaxing and fun but how do we justify going outside with your friends is not stress relief for someone else. You cannot say that.

Astrid: I know but putting a week that is fun and a very serious important week together is the issue.

Kraymr: So if you actually look at what is classified as a week, there is 7 days of Mental Health. I am not trying to de-value anything.

Astrid: But that is what is happening.

Daniel: They overlap. They are not separate. Frost Weekend starts on the Thursday. Mental Wellness doesn't end until the Friday.

Amanda: We do not start until Friday.

Daniel: Well regardless, it is promoted that it is overlapping. It is not advertised as two separate things. I remember from our staff meeting these two things should not be joined together because they have two completely different messages you said the different winter activities, you talked about how they tie into Mental Health. Nowhere on our posts talk about using these events as a wellness activity.

Laura: To close it off, it's unfortunate that these two are overlapping or whatever it is but this is a month of discussing it. As a board, we need to promote that Mental Health is important. We need to ensure our public image is separate in the future. I know the SGA cares but we need to

show that to students. Within the SGA, you guys choose how you want to promote it, that's an office issue, not a staff issue. Next year, you can use this insight.

Daniel: Clubs day has happened. Jenna, Alyssa, and I talked before the meeting instead of having an actual club's day, have a online club registration. We would have videos that have a introduction video that shows what the club is about.

Andrew: That's a good idea and we should keep it online so students can always see it.

Astrid: Another thing clubs need is a centralize place online that shows every single event that is going on so clubs are aware when planning events. There is a decline in participation from clubs.

Daniel: Student Theater Association just recently cancelled their masquerade for the first time because there is a lack of participation.

Astrid: We need to figure out a way to solve this issue.

Alyssa: This is also on the clubs.

Astrid: Clubs have to officially contractually register. Our event was created before the Escape Room so we have to compete against that. Instead of being able to ask for help to promote, we now have to compete. This goes against the club's policy that states we will support each club events but it goes against the strategic plan of you guys that you want to foster the relationship with clubs. We promised this to our students and as a board, we need to find ways to fulfill this.

Roberto: Okay let's go to the VP Policy.

1.3.Vice President Policy and Advocacy

Abraham: It is appeal season so I have been working closely with Surge. One appeal I am working on is it's going to an appeal hearing. I will be sitting on an appeal committee to resolve the situation. In regards to LSAT, there is another prep test coming up and I have booked it to promote. Drink Smart, we have partnered with them and we are looking for volunteers for them. They promote drinking safely and helping those with Alcohol addiction. I have been working with the Caribbean and African society to plan a Black History month. I have notified them that the SGA will support their initiatives.

1.4.Chief Operating Officer

Amanda: I am just working on elections, Aspiria, and Frost Weekend. For elections, this year, we really want students to know what the position entails and not have them be afraid of nominating themselves. The Executives will be making videos to promote what they do. Rob from Aspiria wants to come onto campus and meet

different stakeholders. With the program being very new, he wants to build a better connection with the students. If the program is not doing well, we are not in a contract with them and we can cancel at any point. With that money, we have been discussing putting that money for a councillor.

1.5.Senate

Connor: In Senate yesterday, different degrees and minors were passed. There was 1 by-law change to a committee. In the President's report, as mentioned in the OUSA presentation, all institutions are required to create and pass a sexual violence prevent policy. We were consulted with and it was passed. It was interesting to hear that applications are up by 8%. This is promising. Tomorrow is the opening for the McEwen School of Architecture which will be interesting. There is a presentation for the Engineer research building showing what it entails.

Astrid: There will be a conference on February 3rd at Boreal to help prevent Sexual Violence. It is free and if anybody is interested, please feel free to show up.

2. Finance

Kraymr: Quick update on finances, we are financially okay and we have met with our accountant and we are doing well. I will have an updated balance sheet.

Roberto: **Motion to Adjourn.**

Seconded: Connor

Moved: Abraham

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