

STUDENT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL INC.
Annual General Meeting
Welland Campus Student Centre
Tuesday, March 29th, 2011
6:00 pm

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. President's Report
3. Executive Vice President's Report – NL Campus
4. Executive Vice President's Report – Welland Campus
5. Financial and Operations Report
6. U>Pass Report
7. Student Health and Dental Plan Report
8. Constitution Revisions
9. Adjournment

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This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and chaired by Glenn Murray, Niagara College Student Administrative Council Logistics Manager.

President's Report – presented by Brian Costantini

Brian Costantini, President, gave an overview of his duties and accomplishments while serving the student body as President. Brian gave an overview of the various committees that the President sits on to represent the student body for both Niagara College and the Student Administrative Council. The Niagara Workforce and Planning Board has constructed a committee to assess the youth in the Niagara Region and to implement a retention plan and the Niagara College Student Administrative Council (NCSAC) have appointed Brian to be the representative of the students on this committee. The launching of the new website that was rolled out in September 2010 as well as the addition of the SAC Connect Marketplace was reviewed. The re-cycling program adapted by NCSAC was updated. Brian highlighted the Welland Town and Gown committee meeting discussions which included student behaviours off-campus, college parking as well as off-campus residence. Brian concluded his presentation by announcing that the Provincial Government has announced a 5 year investment of nearly \$74 million that will go toward building a proper credit transfer system in Ontario. The full Annual General Meeting report will be available in the Library at both campuses as well as a copy in the NCSAC offices for students to view.

Executive Vice President – presented by Garrett Lehman, NL Campus

Garrett Lehman, Executive Vice President for the NL Campus gave an overview of excursions, events, club support and the food drive program offered by the NL Executive Committee and further explained that the Executive Committee's focus this year was to run three food drives to ensure a well stocked food bank for students. NCSAC Awareness days were also a strong focus for the NL Campus to ensure that students are aware of all services offered. Garrett highlighted Strategic plan items: Executive Committee job description reviews and the development of an orientation program for incoming Executive members. The full Annual General Meeting report will be available in the Library at both campuses as well as a copy in the NCSAC offices for students to view.

Executive Vice President – presented by Katie Miller, Welland Campus

Katie Miller, Executive Vice President for the Welland Campus gave an overview of excursions, and events ie. Orientation, Billy Elliot Show, Scavenger Hunt, Annual Food Drive and the Children's Christmas party. Over the course of the food drive campaign, hundreds of pounds of food were collected by NCSAC to stock the food bank. Katie also gave a brief overview of the committees of which NCSAC is part of. Through the use of the new website, advertising boards, televisions, PA announcements and other outlets, NCSAC has continually strived to keep students up to date on all activities, events, and services offered by NCSAC. The full Annual General Meeting report will be available in the Library at both campuses as well as a copy in the NCSAC offices for students to view.

Financial Report – presented by Cindy Blanchard, General Manager

Cindy Blanchard, General Manager, presented the revenues and expenses for the Student Administrative Council to date and gave an overview and a comparison of student centre operations. To date the student centre operations which encompass both the Welland and NL student centres, are seeing an increase in revenues in comparison to the same period during the 2009/10 fiscal year. Potential revenues generated from Student Centre operations are used for equipment purchases, major repairs, student entertainment and events, as well as future renovations. The NCSAC Board of Directors has earmarked funds to overhaul the audio and visual equipment at the NL student centre. Hiring of additional staff at both centres to offer table service has proven to be very successful and it is to be noted that this new service has been ranking # 1 on our student centre comment cards. The new college draft products were also introduced this year and are proving to be successful. Audited statements are available in the student council offices for full review by students.

U>Pass Report – presented by Cindy Blanchard, General Manager

Cindy Blanchard, General Manager, presented the U>Pass distribution report and it was identified that the Welland Campus participation has increased by 11% and the NL Campus participation has increased by 14%. Recommendation for fall transit is to continue direct runs from the St. Catharines terminal to the Welland Campus.

Student Health and Dental Plan Report – presented by Karen Marasco, Executive Administrator

Karen Marasco, Executive Administrator, presented the statistics for the student health and dental plan program which included opt ins/outs and family plans. 6210 students remained on the benefits with 1752 students successfully opting out. Overall 78% of Niagara College eligible students remain covered by the NCSAC Student Benefits Plan. No partial opt outs or opt ins were permitted any longer. There were no delays in this year's opt out refunds. The cost of individual and family opt ins was increased for this year which may be the reason for the 33% decrease in family plan applications. The cost of benefits will increase next year due to the high percentage of claims over premiums collected. NCSAC representatives have met with the college to change the refund process for opt outs. We are working towards having all eligible refunds credited to students' accounts.

Constitution Revisions

4.02 Removal from Office

- f. Have received a total of two written or verbal reprimands. ~~Verbal reprimands must be stated and recorded during an Executive Committee or Board of Directors meeting.~~
- g. **Neglect duties as outlined in By Law 2.**

Motion made to accept changes to Constitution Article 4.02 Removal from Office.

Motioned by: Ryan Madden
Seconded by: Collin Stachura
All in Favour, Carried.

4.02 Removal from Office

Any Board of Director member will be placed on probation with the approved academic contract, when issued any U (unsatisfactory) or N (not attending) notation on mid term reports. **Should a member have three or more U and/or N, this member will automatically be removed from office. A member will have the opportunity to appeal. The member will be placed on suspension with no honorarium and be allowed two weeks to have the U or N removed.**

Motion made to accept changes to Constitution Article 4.02 Removal from Office.

Motioned by: Samantha Roth
Seconded by: Jaleesa Russell

Discussion: Tom Anello asked if this will be done per term or per year. It was confirmed that it would be done each term.

All in Favour, Carried.

8.01 Finances of the Corporation

f. All purchases must be made from Ontario suppliers ~~unless otherwise unavailable.~~ **If there are no available suppliers in Ontario, then purchases must be made in Canada. Only when there are no available suppliers in Canada will purchases be made outside of Canada.**

Motion made to accept changes to Constitution Article 8.01 Finances of the Corporation.

Motioned by: Cindy Karikari
Seconded by: Tom O'Dwyer
All in Favour, Carried.

Motion made to adjourn the Niagara Student Administrative Council Inc. Annual General Meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Motioned by: Collin Stachura
Seconded by: Katie Miller
All in Favour, Carried.

Brian Costantini
President

Garrett Lehman
Executive Vice President
NL Campus

Katie Miller
Executive Vice President
Welland Campus