

**Fourth Meeting of the Rideau River Residence Association Council  
Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. – 124 Leeds House**

In Attendance:

Liam Lynch (Chair) Meera Chander (President) Cameron McKenzie (Vice President)  
James Witherspoon (CUSA Representative) Eric Belisle (1<sup>st</sup> Dundas) Alfredo Garcia (2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dundas) Karim Khamisa (2<sup>nd</sup> Dundas) Ariel Norman (3<sup>rd</sup> Dundas) Krystina Martinez (3<sup>rd</sup>  
Dundas) Robyn Chatwin-Davies (2<sup>nd</sup> Glengarry) Tawana Zavazava (11<sup>th</sup> Glengarry) Eli  
Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac) Manal Demaghltrous (4<sup>th</sup> Frontenac) Sofie Timkovski (5<sup>th</sup>  
Frontenac) Lasia Kretzel (6<sup>th</sup> Frontenac) Allison Render (7<sup>th</sup> Frontenac) Jalisa Robinson  
(1<sup>st</sup> Leeds) Donnie Northup (2<sup>nd</sup> Leeds) Tim Rose (4<sup>th</sup> Leeds) Deanna Bralten (1<sup>st</sup>  
Stormont) Michael Paiva (2<sup>nd</sup> Stormont) Amanda Gooden (3<sup>rd</sup> Stormont) Maricela Rivera  
(1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew) Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew) Jesse Lutersz (1<sup>st</sup> Grenville) Jesse Martins (4<sup>th</sup>  
Grenville) Kelsey Burrow (4<sup>th</sup> Lanark) John Hayes (2<sup>nd</sup> Prescott) Emily Savage (3<sup>rd</sup>  
Prescott) Adam Tobias (6<sup>th</sup> Prescott) Yulian Ihnatyuk (7<sup>th</sup> Prescott)

Absences:

Jasmine Vos, Geoff Plint, Brandan Jones, Serena Pasion, Erika Placidi, David Valentine,  
Matthew Kalen Sinha, Amanda To, Len Reymen, Victoria Levy, Joseph Dandy, Keegan  
On, Erica Santiago, Natalie Cantin, Victor Ryan, Sarah Hewey, Wyatt Danonski,  
Malcolm Bell, Francis Pelland, Diego Gutierrez, Lindsay Gerus

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**0.0 – Call to Order – 9:22**

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**1.0 – Announcements & Correspondence**

1.1 – Meera Chander

- Ok, so, I just wanted to announce that Kailey Gervais will no longer be Vice President of Programming.
- She had to resign due to personal issues
- She won't even be attending Carleton anymore, because she had to go home.
- She sent in a letter that I'm gonna read out now, but here is a copy for each of you.

Kailey's letter is read.

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**2.0 – Approval of Agenda**

- Moved by Manal Demaghltrous
- All are in favour
- Agenda is approved

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### **3.0 – Officers’ Reports**

#### **3.1 – President’s Report – Meera Chander**

- Bree’s Inn has been closed for now
- The foosball men were being broken, balls were missing
- We need to come up with a better system
- Sign has been posted on the door
- Hopefully people will understand that if they screw around, we have to close it
- We elected a new chair for Residence Issues

#### **3.2 – Vice President Administration’s Report – Cameron McKenzie**

- Ok just a few things to talk about today
- Firstly, Ottawa U wants their president to sign the Climate Package
- Hopefully by working with them, we can put more pressure on the universities
- Also, we have our solar panels which are about the size of these tables
- We need to figure out where we want to put them on campus
- It’s something that we have been discussing in the Political Action Committee
- We will also be having a big fair in min January
- Profs will be there talking about Global Warming and other things like bottled water
- Our Holiday party is scheduled for December 9
- We’ve been booked in Mike’s Place, but the person who booked us has resigned
- It will most likely start at 6 o’clock
- Make sure you bring your ID’s
- Anyone underage will be given a bracelet to wear
- It should be a lot of fun
- Karaoke will start around 8. Meera and I will be rapping
- Lastly, make sure you pick up the Resin Newspapers in your mailboxes

#### **3.3 – Vice President Programming’s Report – Meera Chander**

- Ok, well first of all, at the Special Events Committee meeting, Chris Infantry was made chair
- We need to start putting together a sub committee for the Residence formal
- We also need to start thinking of some themes and ideas. I know one that was brought of was Cirque du RRRR
- The clothing drive is still going on. You can bring any donations to the RRRR office
- Rez Idol starts on the 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 5
- Yuk Yuks on Sunday was a big success. It was awesome, so thanks for coming out
- Thanks to Savage, Julien, Chris and Shannon for helping us out

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#### **4.0 – CUSA Report – James Witherspoon**

- First of all, now that everyone is settling into exams, I hope you are all coping
- Also, happy holidays
- CUSA has taken a stand against what's been going on with Bus 117
- It might not be effected this year, but hopefully next year it will
- It takes about 30-45 minutes for students to walk right now without the 117
- Ok, so some events that happened
- Yuk Yuks at Oliver's was lots of fun. We got to see Trevor Boris get way too personal with an engineer
- Some events that are coming up:
- There's a Red Zone game happening tonight over the GG's
- This Thursday is the last Big Thursday of the year, so if you're 19+ come out
- All of the money made at the door will go to Shinerama

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#### **6.0 – Floor Reports**

- No Floor Representative has anything to report

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#### **7.0 – Committees Reports**

##### **7.1 – Constitutional Review**

- No one attended.

##### **7.2 – Financial Review**

- Cameron
  - It was just me and the budget

##### **7.3 – Political Action and Sustainability Committee**

- Manal
  - The meeting was pretty short
  - Four people attended including me and Cameron
  - We discussed stuff we have planned for January, like the solar panel
  - We're open to any ideas about where we could put it
  - The Bike Share program is in progress and should be starting next semester

##### **7.4 – Residence Issues Committee**

- Meera
  - Chair is not here
  - We had a meeting with Dave Sterritt, Director of Housing
  - We discussed security in the tunnels, like the telephones down there

- We also talked about the mice issue
- We got a long story about how, when the weather changes, mice find their way into warm places
- Best things to use are mouse traps
- Just fill out a work order and then when the mouse is dead, they will come pick them up
- As for 7<sup>th</sup> Glen., the microwave and remote have been replaced
- The question about getting a key for the back door of Leeds isn't possible, because it would be too expensive

### **7.5 – Food Services Review**

- Cameron
  - We met on November 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Talked about vegan foods, maybe getting whole wheat pasta
  - We also talked about what could be done about the lineups at Oasis
  - The attendance was pretty low, so come out next time

### **7.6 – Special Events and Community Outreach**

- Chris Infantry
  - Yuk Yuks was a big success
  - The RRRA Christmas party is coming up
  - We have the X-Rated Hypnotist coming on January 18<sup>th</sup>, and it's not a 19+ show
  - February 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Rez Formal
  - There's a clothing drive going on too, collecting clothes for the residence floors in the RRRA Office
  - The Committee for the formal is starting
  - The chair can be someone other than me
  - We've been brainstorming for possible themes. So far we've thought of RRRA Circus or Fiesta

### **8.0 – Question Period**

- Jesse Martins (4<sup>th</sup> Grenville)
  - When will the next Food Services meeting be?
    - Sometime in January.
    - Check the RRRA Office for dates
- Kelsey Burrow (4<sup>th</sup> Lanark)
  - When will formal tickets be available?
    - When we get back, probably about two weeks later
- Manal Demaghatrous (4<sup>th</sup> Frontenac)
  - When is the RRRA Christmas party?
    - It will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Mike's Place

- We're aiming for sometime around 6 o'clock
  - Let us know of any dietary restrictions
  - We will contact you to confirm
  - Let us know if you are coming
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### **9.0 – Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seats**

- Liam Lynch
  - We have someone here to fill a vacant council seat
  - Could you stand and tell us your name and floor?
- Danielle
  - From 1st Russell
  - Really interested in getting involved
  - Important for students to have a voice

Danielle is acclaimed.

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### **10.0 – Motion to Appoint Co-Floor Representatives**

- No Co-Floor Representatives to appoint
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### **11.0 – Motion to Form Constitutional Board**

- Liam Lynch
  - Ok, now we have Motion 11.0, which is a motion to form the Constitutional Board
  - It has been moved by Cameron and seconded by Meera
- Cameron
  - Every year we have an election within RRRA
  - It's a standard motion
  - The Board oversees decisions that might come forth
  - For example, if a team is discontinued, the appeal would come and review
  - Board decides whether the team should or should not be re-instated
  - Elections are run democratically

No Questions or Debate

- Vote
  - All in favour
  - No abstentions
  - Motion is passed

- Liam Lynch
  - We will now move to fill the Board
  - Is there anyone here who is interested?
  - We are looking for three people from council
  - Those on the board cannot participate in the election
  - We will also have to vote for alternates afterward
  
- Members of council who are interested
  - Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew)
  - Karim Khamisa (2<sup>nd</sup> Dundas)
  - Sofie Timkovski (5<sup>th</sup> Frontenac)
  - Adam Tobias (6<sup>th</sup> Prescott)
  - Krystina Martinez (3<sup>rd</sup> Dundas)
  
- Garrett Elsey
  - From 2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew
  - Interested in becoming more involved in student politics
  - As a first year, this is a good way to become involved in the election
  - It would be good to see how the process works
  
- Karim Khamisa
  - Interested in running to get involved
  - Has experience from alternate spring break
  - Interviewed candidates proper for the position
  - Feels qualified, has good experience
  
- Sofie Timkovski
  - From 5<sup>th</sup> Frontenac
  - Wants to jump on this
  - Law and politics all involving democracy
  
- Adam Tobias
  - From 6<sup>th</sup> Prescott
  - Was nominated by Meera
  - Politics are ok, not the greatest
  - Thanks
  
- Krystina Martinez
  - From 3<sup>rd</sup> Dundas
  - Loves politics
  - Is a Poli Sci Major
  - Sees this as an awesome opportunity

Vote is held.

- Liam Lynch
  - Three candidates have tied
  - We may have to vote again, unless someone is willing to drop out
  - Adam, Krystina and Karim are tied
  - Take a second to think about whether or not you want to stay in

Adam withdraws. Karim and Krystina are chosen.

- Liam Lynch
  - Now looking for two alternates
- Nominations
  - Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew)
  - Adam Tobias (4<sup>th</sup> Lanark)
  - No other nominees
  - Garrett and Adam are chosen
- Liam Lynch
  - We now need to members of the association who are not on council
- Nominations
  - Jonathon Crabe
  - David Lam
- Jonathon Crabe
  - 3rd year
  - Been in residence all three years
  - History major
  - Worked with Canada World Youth
  - Worked in Africa in an ambassadorial program
  - Member of the Carleton Debate Society and Model Natives Society
  - Very interested in position
  - Hasn't been very involved, but still interested
- David Lam
  - Worked at a legal services department
  - Interpreted labour laws
  - Also, just want to be involved

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## **12.0 – Emergency Motion: Motion to Amend Constitution to Include Hiring Board Procedure and Hiring Board Policy**

- Liam Lynch
  - Before I read this motion, we need to have a vote and a majority of 5/9's in favour of hearing the motion.

- If we get 5/9's approval, I will read the motion
- Moved by Manal and seconded by Karim
  
- No debate. Vote is held.
  - 5/9's is reached.
  - Motion is read.
  - Moved by Cameron
  - Seconded by Meera
  
- Cameron McKenzie
  - Hope you support this motion
  - It's listed as an emergency so we can get going on two other motions to follow
  - We need a new hiring committee for Kailey's position
  - Need someone to fill that position
  - It's not going into an election because it's only after six months that an exec resigning would go to hiring
  - Elections happen around January/February
  - If you support this motion, then we can start hiring process soon
  - Hopefully we'll see some good applicants

#### Questions

- Jesse Martins (4<sup>th</sup> Grenville)
  - That line about absolute power, does that mean there would be nothing we could do if we didn't like a decision?
    - It's essentially done democratically. We'd hope that the decisions reached would be ones that everyone liked.

#### No Debate

- Vote
  - Reminder that 5/9's must support
  - All are in favour
  - Decision is unanimous
  - New hiring board policy is in place

### **13.0 – Motion to begin Vice President Programming Selection Procedures**

- Liam Lynch
  - This is based on the policy just reenacted
  - Moved by Meera
  - Seconded by Cameron
  
- Meera
  - We currently have a vacant position on the executive board

- We want to get going on hiring
- We will have a hiring board, and it would be good if we had a floor rep elected to sit on the board
- We have a whole lot of qualified applicants

No questions or debate

- Vote
  - All are in favour
  - Decision is unanimous
  
- Nominations
  - Ariel Norman (3<sup>rd</sup> Dundas)
  - Jesse Martins (4<sup>th</sup> Grenville)
  - Maricela Rivera (1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew)
  - Tim Rose (4<sup>th</sup> Leeds)
  - Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew)
  
- Tim Rose (4<sup>th</sup> Leeds)
  - I'm not gonna stand, seeing as though I can't
  - Been involved in RRRRA for five years
  - I have lots of experience with hiring boards as CUSA Councilor
  - I've worked on upwards of ten or eleven hiring boards
  - This is a very important position, and I think you should elect me for it
  
- Maricela Rivera (1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew)
  - This is important to the student body
  - I would really like to contribute to the school in this way
  
- Jesse Martins (4<sup>th</sup> Grenville)
  - So I'm from 4<sup>th</sup> Grenville. Come visit.
  - I have zero experience, but I want some.
  - Vote Jesse "Yes we Can" for hiring board
  
- Ariel Norman (3<sup>rd</sup> Dundas)
  - I'm a commerce major
  - I don't have any experience, but I will someday
  - I really liked Kailey, and I think it would be an honour to pick who will follow
  
- Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew)
  - Again, I'm from 2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew
  - I don't have any experience, but I would like to
  - This position would mean helping to hire a significant portion of the RRRRA council

- Vote is held.
  - Tim Rose is elected
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#### **14.0 – Motion to Appoint Floor Representative to Hiring Board for Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officer**

- Liam Lynch
  - Motion 14.0 – Motion to Appoint Floor Representative to Hiring Board for Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officer
  - It has been moved by Meera
- Meera Chander
  - We need an officer for the elections that will be happening
  - It needs to be a floor rep
  - Elect somebody good

No Questions or Debate

- Vote
    - All are in favour
  - Nominations
    - Maricela Rivera (1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew)
    - Jesse Martins (4<sup>th</sup> Grenville)
    - Donnie Northup (2<sup>nd</sup> Leeds)
  - Jesse Martins (4<sup>th</sup> Grenville)
    - Unlike the last campaign, this time I do have experience
    - I was the president of student council at my high school
    - This time I can
  - Donnie Northup (2<sup>nd</sup> Leeds)
    - I'm with Jesse. Vote for Jesse.
  - Maricela Rivera (1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew)
    - Has a bit of experience
    - Was part of student council
    - Would be able to contribute
  - Vote is held.
  - Jesse Martins is elected
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#### **15.0 – Other Businesses**

- Cameron
    - Ok, I just want to take a poll of how many people would be able to make it out to the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>
      - Vote is held
      - Next meeting is moved to January
  
  - Tim Rose (4<sup>th</sup> Leeds)
    - I forgot to bring this up in Announcements
    - In January, there will be a wheelchair challenge, where people have to stay spend a day in a wheelchair
    - The challenge will go on for five days
    - One day is going to be only for Floor Reps
    - Come talk to me if you are interested
    - The chairs are fun, but beat up
    - So come out and get stuck in elevators!
  
  - Charity Ball
    - Floor Rep that sells the most tickets gets their tickets plus their date's ticket for free
    - Just have people state their floor rep when they come to buy
  
  - Questions
    - Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew)
      - For Tim, what happens if our residences don't have elevators?
        - Might be able to make an exception
    - Krystina Martinez (3<sup>rd</sup> Dundas)
      - If we have already bought our tickets for the ball, will we get a refund?
        - Yes.
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## **16.0 – Table Motion to Change the Name of the Resin Newspaper**

- Motion to table is passed
  - Motion is tabled to next meeting
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## **17.0 – Approval of Past Minutes**

- Minutes to Approve
  - Motioned by Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew) and Donnie Northup (2<sup>nd</sup> Leeds)
  - Minutes are approved and carried
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## **18.0 – Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn is passed – 10:41

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**Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009 at 9:00 p.m.**