

Ninth Meeting of the Rideau River Residence Association Council
Monday, March 9th, 2009 at 9:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Liam Lynch (Chair) Meera Chander (President) Cameron McKenzie (Vice President) Chris Infantry (Vice President) James Witherspoon (CUSA Representative) Emily Savage (3rd Prescott) Eli Cymet (3rd Frontenac) Manal Demaghatrous (4th Frontenac) Sofie Timkovski (5th Frontenac) Lasia Kretzel (6th Frontenac) Allison Render (7th Frontenac) Donnie Northup (2nd Leeds) Maricela Rivera (1st Renfrew) Garrett Elsey (2nd Renfrew) Jasmine Vos (3rd Renfrew) Erin Thibodeau (2nd Grenville) Jesse Martins (4th Grenville) Danielle Wentzell (1st Russell) David Valentine (2nd Russell) Amanda To (4th Russell) Robyn Chatwin-Davies (2nd Glengarry) Erica Santiago (7th Glengarry) Natalie Cantin (8th Glengarry) Victor Ryan (9th Glengarry) Sarah Hewey (10th Glengarry) Alfredo Garcia (2nd Dundas) Karim Khamisa (2nd Dundas) Ariel Norman (3rd Dundas) Krystina Martinez (3rd Dundas) Malcolm Bell (4th Dundas) Erika Placidi (3rd Lanark) Bianca Borden-Heron (3rd Lanark) Kelsey Burrow (4th Lanark) Wyatt Danowski (4th Stormont)

Absences:

John Hayes, Adam Tobias, Yulian Ihnatyuk, Fin Vaivods, Brandan Jones, Serena Pasion, Matthew Kalen Sinha, Jesse Lutersz, Len Reymen, Victoria Levy, Joseph Dandy, Keegan On, Tawana Zavazava, Deanna Bralten, Michael Paiva, Amanda Gooden, Eric Belisle, Jalisa Robinson, Diego Gutierrez, Tim Rose, Lindsay Gerus

0.0 – Call to Order - 9:17

1.0 – Announcements & Correspondence

1.1 - Unicef Carleton

- Two events coming up
- Basketball game on Friday
- If you volunteer, you won't miss the game
- Will be playing for the kids
- Next Wednesday at Roosters at 8:30
- Donations are appreciated
- Bands will be performing and other cool stuff will be going on
- A bunch of facils will be performing
- Any questions, feel free to email unicefcarleton@gmail.com

- Kelsey Burrow (4th Lanark)
 - What do you do exactly?
 - Go around and collect donations

- Info on Spread the Net

1.2 - Katie Anderson and Clint Rant

- April 4th, rally happening at Parliament Hill
- Will be a vigil for a fair trial
- Largely involved with people on your floors
- Make sure you spread the word
- If you want to get involved, we will bring posters next time and put them in your mailboxes
- It's a really positive event
- Brings a good name to our school, country, and student body at large
- Reinforces the value of democracy

- Karim Khamisa (2nd Dundas)
 - Is there a contact form?
 - Will pass it around
 - You can join the committee or mailing list
 - We will let you know when the meetings are, etc.

1.3 - Cameron McKenzie

- About the Peer Helper Program
- It's a great program
- If you are hoping to volunteer, look for September '09
- Also, the Board of Governors Elections are tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday from 11-4
- I'm one of the candidates
- Aiming to lobby against fee increases
- They're trying to increase Rez fees and tuition by \$300
- Think this is ludicrous and they shouldn't be increasing
- Also, lobbying for more study space

1.4 - Manal Demaghatrous

- RRRRA Elections are done
- You can finally all open your doors when somebody knocks
- Thanks to those who helped as poll clerks
- It was a historic turnout
- All of you have been telling your floors to vote
- Marci and Jesse got the most votes, so they will be getting pizza

2.0 – Approval of Agenda

- All are in favour
 - None opposed
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3.0 – Officers’ Reports

3.1 – President’s Report – Meera Chander

- Ok, I’m just gonna wing it
- We’re approaching the end of the year
- We will be hiring for Abstentions for the summer
- If you want, feel free to apply
- It’s a good way to make money
- Also can get bonuses
- Congrats to Rez United
- Good work for the other teams as well
- Glad to see it was clean
- Thanks to those who helped with formal
 - Emily, Sofia, Bianca, Lasia, Ariel and Krystina
- Thanks so much
- Also to Donnie and Manal
- Lots came out, though not as many as we had hoped for

3.2 – Vice President Administration’s Report – Cameron McKenzie

- Don’t have that many floor painting applications yet
- It’s getting close to the deadline
- Send me a picture
- Elections went well
- There were a few hiccups, but nothing major
 - Spelling mistake on the ballot
- We had a good turnout
- Thanks to everyone who voted

3.3 – Vice President Programming’s Report – Chris Infantry

- First off, for Rez Formal
 - Big thanks to Sofia, Emily, Lasia, Donnie, Manal, Erica, etc.
 - We had a good turnout
 - Decorations were amazing
 - The Committee did well
 - Facil Applications are available in the RRRRA Office
 - With floor sweaters, did a design from the jackets
 - I’m not gonna be hurt if you think it’s ugly
 - It’s pretty simple
 - I will pass the sheet around
 - As for the elections, thanks to everyone who supported, and for everyone who got out and voted
 - The more people who know about RRRRA, the better experience it will be
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4.0 – CUSA Report – James Witherspoon

- Sorry for being late
- I was in class
- I could have left early, but I was sleeping
- Tomorrow is day one of the Ravens Red Homecoming
- Local magician Genesis will be in Oliver's for 7 hours
- He comes to people's tables
- Is a really popular success
- Tomorrow is also cheap pitcher night
- Wednesday, there will be an escape artist there
- Around 9:15 for about an hour and a half or so
- Thursday is Feed the City Pub Night
- Cover is \$3 or food items
- Back by popular demand, we will have DJ Blaze
- There will be tons of giveaways from Black Diamond Entertainment
- Friday is the Ravens Red Festival Homecoming Game
- Our 6th title
- There was a hiccup last year, but it won't happen again
- \$15.00 tickets
- Will be getting picked up and dropped off at Oliver's
- Harpoon will be playing
- They're the best band in Ottawa
- It'll be a great show
- Free food and face painting
- St Patty's Day
- Cheap Pitchers
- In between classes or through classes
- Monday's Grace will be performing
- They played at Charity Ball
- Thursday we will have a Beach Party
- Building ceiling to floor sub-woofers
- Pandemonium is also coming up
- Started three years ago
- Metric will be playing
- 2nd week of April they have an album dropping
- Also will have Malajube playing
- Tickets available on Wednesday
- Show up early
- Expecting a lot of interest
- Congrats on getting through the election
- Been through three in the past
- Congrats to those who ran, and a special congrats to the winners
- RRRA is an awesome place, and I miss it a little bit
- Those of you looking to be facils

- Fill out applications and sign up for training sessions
 - Training sessions are mandatory
 - Police checks will be done while you are there
 - Sign a waver, won't have to do anything else
 - Sign up for an interview time
 - You're not allowed to be deranged con artists or Ottawa U students
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5.0 - GRC Report

- Liam Lynch
 - I swear I will ask about their absences
 - Will follow up, completely slipped my mind
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6.0 – Floor Reports

- Erika Placidi and Bianca Borden-Heron (3rd Lanark)
 - Coffee House being held on Thursday at 7
 - Allison Render (7th Frontenac)
 - Frontenac is gonna pool floor rep money for 'Frontenac Spring Cleaning'
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7.0 – Committee Reports

7.1 – Constitutional Review

- Cameron McKenzie
 - No one came to the last meeting
 - Next meeting will be on Thursday the 26th at 6 pm

7.2 – Financial Review

- Meera Chander
 - One person showed
 - A councilor with questions about the budget
 - Midterm review will be online
 - Don't have a date for the next meeting yet
 - Will post it outside RRRA

7.3 – Political Action and Sustainability Committee

- Manal Demaghatrous
 - Didn't meet this week
 - The elections took over my life

- Will meet next week
- Dates will be posted outside RRRA

7.4 – Residence Issues Committee

- Meera Chander
 - Garima is not here
 - Dates for next meeting outside RRRA

7.5 – Food Services Review

- Cameron McKenzie
 - We lost Ian as chair
 - If anyone is interested, contact me
 - James - If I do, do I get a meal plan?
 - Cameron - We could work something out

7.6 – Special Events and Community Outreach

- Chris Infantry
 - We have had LOTS of meetings lately
 - If I held another one, they'd shoot me
 - We're done until further notice

8.0 – Question Period

- Natalie Cantin (8th Glengarry)
 - When is Metric?
 - James - April 1st
 - At the Civic Theater
 - Landowne Park
 - Tickets are \$10
 - Garrett Elsey (2nd Renfrew)
 - Toronto DJ this Thursday?
 - James - yes
 - Eli Cymet (3rd Frontenac)
 - Facil Applications are for Ass Head and Head?
 - James - Yes
 - Make sure you sign up on the right sheet
 - Also, question for Meera: Are we going to be striking a board for Abs. Manager?
 - Meera – Yes
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9.0 – Motion to Fill RRRR Bursary Board

- Moved by Cameron McKenzie
- Seconded by Chris Infantry

- Cameron McKenzie
 - Bursaries went out
 - Looking to open for winter bursaries
 - Applications go up tomorrow

Nominations for those in council

- Manal Demaghatrous (4th Frontenac) nominates Donnie Northup (2nd Leeds)
- Meera Chander Nominates Sarah Hewey (10th Glengarry)
- Robyn Chatwin-Davies (2nd Glengarry) nominates Allison Render (7th Frontenac)
- Sofie Timkovski (5th Frontenac) nominates Jesse Martins (4th Grenville)
- Meera Chander nominates Ariel Norman (3rd Dundas)
- Meera Chander nominates Wyatt Danowski (4th Stormont)

- Wyatt, Allison, Sarah and Donnie accept their nominations
- Ariel and Jesse do not

- Donnie Northup (2nd Leeds)
 - 4th year
 - Done a lot
 - I just wanna give people money
 - Let me

- Sarah Hewey (10th Glengarry)
 - 1st year
 - I know how hard it is when you don't have money
 - I love people and money
 - I'd like to bring them together

- Allison Render (7th Frontenac)
 - Been involved in a lot
 - 2nd year journalism student
 - I haven't proven it in RRRR as much as I would like

- Wyatt Danowski (4th Stormont)
 - Running on hope and change
 - Hope to give more money and change people's lives
 - Change for the future
 - Excellent for RRRR

- Vote is held
 - Donnie and Sarah are chosen

Nominations for those not on council

- Cameron McKenzie
 - Both Clint Rant and Katie Anderson wanted to put their names in
 - Had to leave
 - They are not council
 - Vote is held
 - Approved
 - All are in favour
 - None opposed
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10.0 – Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seats

- No Vacant Seats to be filled
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11.0 – Motion to Appoint Co-Floor Representatives

- No Co-Floor Reps to be appointed
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12.0 – Motion to Adopt the Results of the 2009 RRRA Elections and Destroy the Ballots

- Moved by Kimalee Phillip
- Seconded by Cameron McKenzie
- Manal Demaghatrous
 - Kimalee isn't here
 - Election broke records
 - There were 1204 votes, even though they think we only reached 1197
 - What not mentioned is that we had 7 invalid ballots
 - We need this motion to pass so we can destroy the ballots

Questions

- Jesse Martins (4th Grenville)
 - What if we vote against?
 - Then you're a jerk and just trying to make this meeting last longer

No Debate

Vote

- -All are in favour
 - -None opposed
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13.0 – Motion to Oppose the Board of Governors Election Rules for Student Seats

- Manal Demaghatrous (4th Frontenac)
 - Oh, this looks sooooo long
 - Eli Cymet (3rd Frontenac) That’s what she said!
 - Moved by Cameron McKenzie
 - Seconded by Meera Chander
 - Cameron McKenzie
 - Administration is now running elections
 - Last year, CUSA could do class talks
 - There are financial issues
 - I can spend as much as I want
 - Can do TV or Radio ads
 - We’re allowed to campaign during the voting period
 - Many don’t know what the election is
 - Currently have paper ballots
 - Hopefully we can create a better ballot
 - Donnie Northup (2nd Leeds)
 - In favour
 - I’ve actually read their policy (or lack thereof)
 - There is nothing saying you need to follow human rights
 - It creates a system where rich are valued over others
 - We need a unanimous message that this is not what we want to see
 - This is the board for which a clear election is most important
 - Eli Cymet (3rd Frontenac)
 - This is a group that uses words like “websites, facebook and the like”
 - This is not a responsible group of people
 - The freedom of the CEO and DEO proved that votes can be grabbed
 - Vote is held
 - All are in favour
 - None are opposed
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14.0 – Other Business

- No other business
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15.0 – Approval of Past Minutes

- Moved by David Valentine (2nd Russell)
 - All in Favour
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16.0 – Adjournment - 10:08

- Moved by Eli Cymet (3rd Frontenac)
 - All in favour
 - Meeting is adjourned
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Next Meeting Scheduled for March 23rd, 2009 at 9:00 p.m. in Fenn Lounge