

Third Meeting of the Rideau River Residence Association Council

Monday, November 17th. 2008 at 9:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Liam Lynch (Chair) Meera Chander (President) Cameron McKenzie (Vice President) Kailey Gervais (Vice President) James Witherspoon (CUSA Representative) John Hayes (2nd Prescott) Emily Savage (3rd Prescott) Adam Tobias (6th Prescott) Lindsay Gerus (2nd Frontenac) Eli Cymet (3rd Frontenac) Manal Demaghatrous (4th Frontenac) Sofia Timkovski (5th Frontenac) Lasia Kretzel (6th Frontenac) Allison Render (7th Frontenac) Brendan Jones (1st Lanark) Kelsey Burrow (4th Lanark) Amanda Goodem (3rd Stormont) Wyatt Dunowski (4th Stormont) Robyn Chatwin-Davies (2nd Glengarry) Victoria Levy (3rd Glengarry) Erica Santiago (7th Glengarry) Natalie Cantin (8th Glengarry) Victor Ryan (9th Glengarry) Sarah Hewey (10th Glengarry) Malcolm Bell (4th Dundas) Maricela Rivera (1st Renfrew) Garrett Elsey (2nd Renfrew) Jasmine Vos (3rd Renfrew) Jesse Lutersz (1st Grenville) Erin Thibodeau (2nd Grenville) Jesse Martins (4th Grenville) Amanda To (4th Russell) Francis Pelland (2nd Leeds) Diego Gutierrez (3rd Leeds) Garima Talwar (3rd Leeds) Tim Rose (4th Leeds)

0.0– Call to Order – 9:09

Liam Lynch

- Before we get started, I just have a few quick reminders:
 - In case you don't have one yet, the red RRRA binders are still available
 - Mailboxes are up and running
 - If you ever need to contact me, my email is llynch@connect.carleton.ca
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1.0 – Announcements and Correspondence

1.1 - Matt Dick, Vice President of Societies

- It's the time of year for a proposal
- Students can get a \$5 levy for academic society
- Every student is automatically a member
- Our goal is to increase participation, as this way, students are always a member of something
- Students can consult society, post feedback
- We can consult students and get suggestions for changes
- Students can come to room 325 in the University Centre or they can contact us through CSG at csg@carleton.ca

1.2 - Danielle Sutherland

- Thursday November 20th is Transgender Remembrance Day
- This will be the 10th year it has been held

- Full day of events are planned
 - At 3 in the Atrium, speakers like Norman Barwen, Dan Irving, and Amanda Ryan will be present
 - Question and answer periods will be held
 - Afterwards there will be a screening of Screaming
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2.0 – Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Manal Demaghltrous
 - Seconded by Eli Cymet
 - All are in favour
 - Agenda is approved
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3.0 – Officers’ Reports

3.1 – President’s Report – Meera Chander

- Ok, so first of all, things with Bree’s Inn are underway
 - It’s been decorated, and we’re working to keep it clean
 - Now, we have been having issues with some of the balls going missing
 - It’s being dealt with, and if the problem continues, we will think of something else
- Geoff was asking about why Remembrance Day is not a holiday here
 - At my meeting with the President of the University, I asked about that
 - The answer is that it is a Federal Holiday, and Universities are provincially run
- The contract is under negotiations
 - It needs to be discussed with Ed Kane and Duncan Watt
- In terms of the Convenience Store, things are awesome
 - We’re doing very well in sales
 - There are new products, including healthier options for microwavable foods
 - We even have hummus!
- Value packs are still available
 - They are \$40
 - Make sure you let your floor know
- Finally, upcoming Committee Meeting dates:
 - Residence Issues Committee will be meeting on the 24th at 3 p.m.
 - Financial Committee will be meeting on the 25th at 4 p.m.

3.2. – Vice President Administration’s Report – Cameron McKenzie

- We are trying to get the President to sign a Climate Issue in relation to reducing footprints

- We have not written the proposal yet
- Any suggestions are welcome
- Pledges are going well
- We'll be pushing even harder in
- The Bike Share Program has been pushed back to January
- We'll be having our holiday party on December 9th
 - More details to come
- Drop the Fees on the 5th was a success
- The Parliament Hill Program is all wrapped up
 - All of the students have been placed
- The office is running well
 - Administrators are working hard
- Bree's Inn is going well
 - Some people have been making a mess, but hopefully now we are good to go
- We've been going around letting people know about RRRA
 - If they have any issues to come to us
 - We're their voices in Rez
- That's about it. Hope you're all set for your papers.

3.3. – Vice President Programming's Report – Kailey Gervais

- Tickets for the Yuk Yuk's show on November 30th are now on sale
- Saturday, there will be a major basketball game against Brock
 - They tore our title away from us
 - We are NOT happy, but we'll show them
 - The game will be televised nationally
- We've also been starting the Women's Centre clothing drive
 - All donations go to teen shelters
 - There are boxes set up at Rez Commons
 - There will be a prize offered for most donations
- We also had our Culture Shock show
 - It was a really good show
 - Meera danced
 - It was a lot of fun
- The Sens. vs. Leafs. game done through Foot Patrol is on the 27th
 - Tickets are \$55 and they include transportation there and back
- The Special Events and Community Outreach Committee meets next on Monday at 9 outside the RRRA Office
 - Definitely come out as it's a great way to help plan events
- I've got posters for you for Rez Idol
 - Auditions are by appointment from December 1st to 19th
 - January 11th will be the first round
 - It will continue every Sunday from there
- Finally, make sure you guys join our facebook group
 - It's a great way for us to contact you. Shannon sends out lots, so do I

4.0 – CUSA Report – James Witherspoon

- November 5th, we had our big Drop the Fees Campaign
 - It's important to remember that the movement is not over, so help is definitely appreciated
 - You guys should know, you're paying more than I did in my first
- The Halloween party at Oliver's was packed
- We are having a huge Sens/Leafs super party
 - We're expecting to see faces painted
 - Could win free limo ride and tickets to game
- Comedy Club on the 26th which is a wednesday
- For anyone who was able to attend the Coors Light Mystery Mansion, it was an amazing time with lots of prizes
- For the Fall Formal on the 29th, you guys could win a free limo ride for eight to dinner
 - This includes VIP status for you and a date
 - Comes with access to a private bar
 - Winner will be whoever can track me down the most kids in rez
 - Due date is November 26th
 - You and your date's dinners are covered, everyone else has to pay
 - Limo will take you from dinner to the dance

6.0 – Floor Reports

- Victor Ryan (9th Glengarry)
 - I'm wondering how much the RRRR Bursaries will be?
 - Cameron - It will be \$4,000 divided between two semesters
 - It should be about \$300, but the committee has yet to decide
- Garrett Elsey (2nd Renfrew)
 - Just bringing up the mouse problem again
 - We caught three this week
- John Hayes (2nd Prescott)
 - The tunnel door at Prescott doesn't lock
- Francis Pelland (2nd Leeds)
 - We've been having issues with people jamming things in the doors, like pennies
 - The doors won't shut and have to be taken apart
 - It's happening to the doors near the elevators and also near the stairs
- Sarah Hewey (10th Glengarry)
 - We've had serious issues with security

- Someone came onto our floor, hurt me and stole from my roommate
 - Meera Chander
 - Most of these issues are things we discuss in the Rez Issues Committee
 - Make sure you guys come out to those meetings
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7.0 – Question Period

- Amanda To (4th Russell)
 - I'm wondering if we could extend the meal plans to allow for more meals a day?
- Jesse Lutersz (1st Grenville) ??????????
 - Oasis does not take guest meals, I was wondering if we could change that
- Erica Santiago (7th Glengarry)
 - This question is about the rez microwaves
 - I was just wondering, if they're not usable, are we the ones who will have to pay for new ones?
 - Meera – I will bring that up at the next committee meeting
- Wyatt Dunowski (4th Stormont)
 - This is about recycling
 - Our building is really bad at it
 - Everything just ends up going in the trash
 - People don't see the point of sorting it if it just ends up in the same place
- Jesse Lutersz (1st Grenville)
 - We have a disturbing man who comes and goes through our garbage, I don't know if you have seen him
 - We gave him rubber gloves
 - It's just a little weird and we're getting worried
- Maricela Rivera (1st Renfrew)
 - I've had people asking about floor sweaters
 - Kailey – I met with the supplier today
 - I asked him about whether or not these sweaters were coming from sweatshops
 - He couldn't guarantee me for sure, so we're reevaluating
 - We'll know by next week
- Wyatt Dunowski (4th Stormont)
 - When you're looking into the fishbowl in Stormont, it's really muck out there
 - People can't go out and hang out there
 - It's especially bad in the fall/spring

- I'm wondering if we could fix it
 - Meera – You think we should get rid of the mud?
 - Wyatt – We were thinking of getting more grass planted?
 - Meera – Oh, ok, now I understand
- Erica Santiago (7th Glengarry)
 - Can we still get mural spaces for painting in the tunnels?
 - Cameron – Yep. That'll happen closer to March
 - Basically, you get the image approved and then we'll have some fun painting
- Malcolm Bell (4th Dundas)
 - Are only certain groups allowed tunnel paintings?
 - Cameron – It's open for everybody
 - Malcolm – I also noticed that some of them are combined floors, like the Lock Stock one
- Diego Gutierrez (3rd Leeds)
 - I was just wondering if we could get a key to the back door of Leeds
 - I'm not sure if it's because of security or something
 - Kailey – I've asked that before, and they said no
 - I'm not really sure about the reasoning
 - We've had the same problem with Stormont
 - Tim – I actually do know the reasoning for that
 - That door is used by an impaired student for their guide dog to go pee
- Amanda To (4th Russell)
 - I'm just wondering what exactly we have to do when our floor's decide what they want to do with their money
 - Meera – Just fill out the form that can be found in your binders
- Sofia Timkovski (5th Frontenac)
 - People keep getting locked out of their rooms
 - It happens at least once or twice a week
 - Can you ask Housing if we can get physical keys for our rooms/doors?
 - It would be better to have an actual key than to have to swipe our cards
 - The mechanism fries and it takes hours to fix cause there's no key
- Kelsey Burrow (4th Lanark)
 - I've got a question about yearbooks
 - Is there a difference with the one being offered through Red Zone
 - Meera – It is the same one
 - You can either buy it through Red Zone or buy it separately

- Diego Gutierrez (3rd Leeds)
 - I was thinking, to increase sales at Abstentions, it would be a good idea to send out surveys to find out exactly what the students want
 - Meera – That is a fantastic idea and is exactly what we’re looking for at the committee
 - Please come out to the next meeting – November 24th at 3 p.m.

 - Leslie
 - For the yearbooks that are purchased separately from Red Zone, do we come to you guys?
 - Meera – Yep, just go to the office

 - Kelsey Burrow (4th Lanark)
 - When does the clothing drive go until?
 - Shannon – Ends on December 1st, but we will accept donations past that date
 - On that day, we will look at which floor has donated the most
 - We’re aiming at the incentive
 - You can drop donations of at CUSA, the Women’s Centre, or RRRA
 - They don’t even have to be washed!
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8.0 – Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seats

- Liam Lynch
 - This motion has already been approved in a previous meeting
 - Is there anyone new filling?

- Cameron McKenzie
 - Yes there are, but no one is actually here

Move on from Motion

9.0 – Motion to Appoint Co-Floor Representatives

- Liam Lynch
 - This was already approved at the first meeting
 - Are there any floor reps that would like to introduce co-floor reps?
 - Erica Santiago has already been introduced
 - Diego Gutierrez from 3rd Leeds – Co-Floor rep
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9.1 – Committee Dates – Cameron McKenzie

- Constitutional Review – November 27th at 2:30

- Political Action and Sustainability Committee – November 18th at 2:00
 - Food Services Review – November 25th at 2:00
 - Residence Issues Committee – November 24th at 3:00
 - Financial Review – November 25th at 4:00
 - Special Events and Community Outreach – One week from today at 9 in front of the RRRA office
 - All dates have been posted outside the RRRA office
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17.0 – Motion to Change the Name of the Resin Newspaper

- Liam Lynch
 - Motion to change the name of the Resin Newspaper
 - Whereas, the resin newspaper has a long history with RRRA
 - And whereas, the current name has been criticized over the years due to its negative connotation
 - And whereas, the RRRA executive of 2008-2009 and the Resin staff agree the name should be changed to better represent the voice of residence students.
 - Moved by Cameron McKenzie
 - Seconded by Meera Chander

 - Cameron McKenzie
 - First off, for some back history on Abstentions, the council was asked to vote on a name, but no one could come up with anything – hence ‘Abstentions’
 - By changing the Resin’s name, the council has a chance to get creative
 - I think it’s time for a change and it’s a wonderful way to move forward
 - If anyone has any ideas, bring them to the Constitutional Review meeting
 - This is a chance for change or not, to make your voices heard
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18.0 – Other Business

- Tim Rose (4th Leeds)
 - Just a quick thing I forgot to mention in Announcements
 - A former floor rep and member of the last year’s electoral office, Devon, has been elected as Ontario’s Rep. for National Educational Association for Disabled Student
 - Any issues, Devon would be the go-to guy

 - James Witherspoon
 - Limo Rides!!!!
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19.0 – Approval of Past Minutes

- Minutes passed
 - Minutes accepted
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- Adam Tobias (6th Prescott)
 - Much Ado About Nothing is being performed from November 20th to the 22nd
 - Tickets are \$8 for students
 - Come out and support fellow students
 - Tickets can be purchased at the door
 - Being performed in Southam Hall at the Kailash Mital Theatre
 - Eli Cymet (3rd Frontenac) – That’s what she said
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20.0 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn is passed – 9: 48

Next Meeting Scheduled for December 1st, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. in Fenn Lounge