

## **First Meeting of the Rideau River Residence Association Council**

**Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 9:00 p.m.**

In Attendance:

Lindsay Gerus (2<sup>nd</sup> Frontenac) Eli Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac) Manal (4<sup>th</sup> Frontenac) Allison Render (7<sup>th</sup> Frontenac) Michael Paiva (2<sup>nd</sup> Stormont) Wyatt D. (4<sup>th</sup> Stormont) Brendan Jones (1<sup>st</sup> Lanark) Erika P. (3<sup>rd</sup> Lanark) Kelsey B. (4<sup>th</sup> Lanark) Karim Khamisa (2<sup>nd</sup> Dundas) Ariel Norman (3<sup>rd</sup> Dundas) John Hayes (2<sup>nd</sup> Prescott) Emily Savage (3<sup>rd</sup> Prescott) Adam T. (6<sup>th</sup> Prescott) (7<sup>th</sup> Prescott) David Valentine (2<sup>nd</sup> Russell) Amanda To (4<sup>th</sup> Russell) Robyn Chatwin Davies (2<sup>nd</sup> Glengarry) Victoria L. (3<sup>rd</sup> Glengarry) Joseph D. (5<sup>th</sup> Glengarry) Keegan O. (6<sup>th</sup> Glengarry) Aaron Lindgren (7<sup>th</sup> Glengarry) Natalie Cantin (8<sup>th</sup> Glengarry) Sarah Hewey (10<sup>th</sup> Glengarry) Maricela Rivera (1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew) Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew) Jasmine Vos (3<sup>rd</sup> Renfrew) Geoff Plint (4<sup>th</sup> Renfrew) Jesse L. (1<sup>st</sup> Grenville) Jesse Martins (4<sup>th</sup> Grenville) Francis P. (2<sup>nd</sup> Leeds) Diego Gutierrez (3<sup>rd</sup> Leeds)

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### **0.0 - Call to Order - 9:14**

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### **1.0 – Announcements & Correspondence**

#### 1.1 – Chelsea from Foot Patrol

- Student based program run by CUSA
- Provides safe walks done with partners
- Looking for volunteers
- Forms to be filled out and dropped off at CUSA Office
- Events/rewards held for volunteering
  - Street Hockey Challenge being held this weekend
- Any questions – [footpatrol@cusaonline.ca](mailto:footpatrol@cusaonline.ca)

#### 1.2

- First year representative at Carleton Representative Government
- Focusing on first years
- Each faculty has a representative

#### 1.3 – Sarah from Trick or Eat

- Trick or Eat will be happening on Halloween from 5 o'clock until 8:30
- Will start at Fenn Lounge collecting foods for charity
  - Wear costumes, there will be prizes
- Sign up at [www.trickoreat.ca](http://www.trickoreat.ca)
  - Make sure to register in advance

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## 2.0 – Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Kailey Gervais
  - Movement is supported unanimously
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## 3.0 – Officers' Reports

### 3.1 – President's Report – Meera Chander

- First of all, congratulations on winning your floor representative seats
- Lots of things happened over the summer
  - Store
    - Was a bit of a disaster, week spent cleaning it up
    - Movie rentals removed
    - Vegetarian meals provided
    - Minimum wage raised
    - Cashier paid \$8.75
    - Under negotiations to decrease royalty fees
    - Want to get rid of 10% royalty fee on everything done by store
  - Constitution was repealed and replaced
  - Floor Reps now know where money is going
  - Logo changed
  - Meetings with Sexual Assault Committee held on campus
- Frosh Week was a big success
  - now seeing how much was made/lost
- Red Zone is underway with Kailey
  - Value packages are available
- U Pass well underway
- Residence Issue Committee – Thursday at 2 pm at RRRRA Office

### 3.2 – Vice President Administration's Report – Cameron McKenzie

We got lots of things accomplished this summer, and lots of exciting stuff coming up in the future:

- Attended my first CFS Meeting – They advocate for many student issues
- Attended Activist Assembly
- Working with the Food Center concerning Trick or Eat
- Also, organizing the Good Food Box system
  - Fresh fruits and vegetables delivered right here for students
  - Orders can be made at the RRRRA Office
  - Pickups are at the University Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- November 5<sup>th</sup> – Drop the Fees Campaign – Hoping to see you all out there
- Looking for floors to participate in the Rez Challenge

- Getting funding through the Ministry
- Competition among residences
- Purpose is to try and lower 'Environmental Footprint' from last year– done by lowering water/electricity use
- Encourage your floors to sign the pledge
- See me to get involved
- Over the summer, also repealed and replaced the Constitution
  - Now much easier to read, has a better layout
  - Important because of the Executive Elections this year
    - Had some unfortunate needs for disqualification last year, don't want that to happen again
- Formed a new committee – Political Action
  - Any ideas, bring them to me
  - Purpose to get young voters to get out and vote
  - Trying to get letters out to student mailboxes, but we're having trouble with Housing Services
- Changed our office, added office manager and administrative staff
- Also this year, something that will be proposed to the Administration in November, is the Bike Share Program
  - Inexpensive
  - Students able to rent bicycles for free
- Changes were made to the Residence Newspaper
  - Printing unfortunately delayed
  - Less issues will be done this year
- We are introducing a Yearbook this year
  - Make sure to take lots of pictures on your floors
- Accomplished bringing internet access into the caf
- Also, now can use Dinner Meals at The Oasis from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- Keep in mind, I am also a member of the Senate and the Board of Governors, which are here to deal with any academic issues or problems you may have

### **3.3 – Vice President Programming's Report – Kailey Gervais**

- Attended the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA)
  - Developed new logo and slogan – "Our House"
  - Sat on various committees including 'Ravenspalooza'
  - Organized Sue Johanson show which was a huge success
  - Supporting the Sexuality and Youth Campaign
  - Designed RRRR products
  - Booked shows for this year – Trevor Boris, etc.
  - Designed Floor of the Year Competition
  - Worked on Red Zone planning
  - Organizing the RRRR Street Team
    - Planning promotional events through RRRR
  - Community Event Outreach Committee event happening October 31st
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#### 4.0 – CUSA Report – James Witherspoon

- Orientation week was a huge success
  - COCA, CFS
  - Developing a new menu for Oliver's
    - Aiming for more profitability and better food
  - Upcoming Events:
    - Trailer Park Boys will be at Oliver's on October 21<sup>st</sup>
      - Event is 19+
    - Event leading up to Drop the Fees on October 22<sup>nd</sup>
      - Collecting petitions, getting thousands of signatures
      - Dropping them off at Parliament
    - Actual Drop the Fees event on November 5<sup>th</sup>
      - Huge rally taking place
      - Human Rights Monument
    - Comedy show with Yuk Yuk's headliners on October 29<sup>th</sup>
      - Dry show happening two weeks later
    - Halloween Party at Oliver's on October 30<sup>th</sup>
      - Lots of prizes, but you need a costume!
      - Find a wig!
    - Coors Light Mystery Mansion on November 4<sup>th</sup>
      - Gaming, Casinos, etc.
  - Red Zone
    - Free initial membership
    - Paid MVP membership
      - Get a t-shirt, become eligible to win a trip for spring break, even a *laminated* membership card
    - Bringing about the 'Dirty Birds'
      - Loudmouth hecklers against all opposing teams of Ravens
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#### 5.0 – GRC Report – Chelsea

- Red Zone – Volunteering
  - Leads to a great volunteering based resume
  - Acquire great skills, no need for lousy jobs
  - Floor seats for Men's Basketball games
- Organizing 'Dirty Birds'
  - Chirps and cheers against visiting teams
  - Contact [vpsl@cuseonline.ca](mailto:vpsl@cuseonline.ca)
- First Aid Training
  - Offered by CUSA
  - 75\$ less than that offered by St. John's
  - November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 to 5:00
  - Contact [footpatrol@cusaonline.ca](mailto:footpatrol@cusaonline.ca)

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## 6.0 – Floor Reports

Floor Reps discuss any issues their floor is experiencing with housing, any events happening on their floor, etc.

- Kelsey B. (4<sup>th</sup> Lanark) – When can we expect the heating to be turned on? Rooms are starting to get very cold.
  - Issue with most floors, particularly Russell, Lanark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stormont, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Glengarry
  - Opposite issue of rooms being too hot brought up by 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Glengarry
- Many floors are missing television remotes – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Prescott, 4<sup>th</sup> Grenville, 4<sup>th</sup> Stormont, 6<sup>th</sup> Glengarry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Russell filled out a request for a new remote, but it has been a month and they still do not have one
  - Meera suggests filling out work orders, promises to talk to Housing
- 4<sup>th</sup> Leeds – Announcement that the Rez Fellow of 3<sup>rd</sup> Stormont is collecting pop can tabs
- Aaron Lindgren (7<sup>th</sup> Glengarry) – Is there a certain time when rez floors are expecting to be quiet, we've had a couple of write ups.
  - Any time after 10 o'clock pm. Any write ups received before then can be contested
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prescott – The doors on some of The elevators in Prescott take a really long time to close
  - Meera promises to talk to Housing
- Maricela Rivera (1<sup>st</sup> Renfrew) – Our floor has been having a serious issue with mice.
  - Seconded by Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew) and Jasmine V. (3<sup>rd</sup> Renfrew)

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## 7.0 – Question Period

Floor reps are asked if they have any questions for the Executives:

- Garrett Elsey (2<sup>nd</sup> Renfrew) – We recently had an issue with someone coming onto our floor and using the fire extinguisher. It seems to be too accessible and we were wondering about possibly getting a break-glass model instead.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Glengarry – Some people on my floor were wondering if they could still get 'Fuck the Tuition' t-shirts. Are they still available?
  - James Witherspoon – Limited availability in number and size – Inquire at CUSA Office
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prescott – Looking for big screens for movie nights for the floor
  - Kailey – Raven's Nest is a possibility, also the basement of Dundas has a big screen TV – can be booked through Housing
- Eli Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac) – Looking for a new MPS
  - Already applied

- Jasmine V. (3<sup>rd</sup> Renfrew) – explanation on elections for executives
  - Eli Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac) – How many times may you make fund requests?
    - Fifty dollars per floor
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## **8.0 – Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seats**

Any currently vacant seats must be filled by the RRRRA Council. Motion to be voted on.

- Moved by Cameron McKenzie
- Seconded by Meera Chander
- No debate and none opposed

2<sup>nd</sup> Frontenac

- Lindsay Gerus
  - Psychology Major
  - Students' voices are important
  - Wants to represent

8<sup>th</sup> Glengarry

- Natalie Cantin
  - Criminology Major

All in favour, none opposed.

**Motion is passed, seats are filled.**

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

Some floor representatives have shown interest in having a Co-Floor representative.

Motion to be voted on.

- Moved by Meera Chander
- Seconded by Kailey Gervais
- All in favour, none opposed
- Floors with Co-Floor reps
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dundas
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Dundas – Christina
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Frontenac – Samantha
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Frontenac – Jesse
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Leeds – Donnie
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Lanark – Bianca

All in favour, none opposed.

**Motion is passed, Co-Floor reps are accepted.**

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## **10.0 – Motion to Fill Standing Committees**

Motion to fill/create the RRRA Standing Committees for this year.

- These are six different committees you can all be a part of
  - i) Constitution and Policy Review
  - ii) Financial Review
  - iii) Food Services
  - iv) Political Action and Sustainability
  - v) Residence Issues
  - vi) Special Events and Community Outreach
- You can find them listed in the Constitution under Bylaw V
- Moved by Cameron McKenzie
- Seconded by Kailey Gervais

All in favour, none opposed.

**Motion is passed.**

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### **11.0 – Motion to Adopt the Comity Rules**

Motion to accept use of the Comity Rules found in today's Agenda:

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall guide all meetings, unless otherwise stated in the RRRA Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Comity rules.
2. Individuals may speak to any individual motion a maximum of two times.
3. Individuals are entitled to a maximum of two individual questions during question period as well as a maximum of one supplemental per opening question.
4. The speaker's list shall follow gender parity.
5. All motions are to be written and delivered to the Clerk.
6. Friendly amendments shall be allowed.
7. A motion to call the previous question shall be considered an incidental motion and shall
  - a. Only be in order when the previous speaker has ceded the floor.
  - b. Only be in order after at least one speaker has spoken against the motion being debated unless there is no one who wishes to speak against the motion.
  - c. Only be in order after everyone who wishes to speak on the motion at least once has had the opportunity to speak and does not object to a call to the previous question.
8. Members may only answer questions directed to them unless they wish to defer the question to another individual.
9. If a special presentation is to be made to an invited guest, the presentation shall take place during announcements and correspondences.
10. Where there are matters dealing with Constitutional Amendments, Ratification of the Budget and the dropping of electoral writs, these items shall be dealt with before all other items of business, excluding those provided for in any RRRA Bylaws.

11. All committee reports shall be submitted to the Vice President Administration no later than one-business day before each council meeting.
12. Roll call will be carried out by signing an attendance sheet. All councilors, co-floor reps, proxies and guests shall sign the attendance sheet.
13. Only one representative from each floor may sit at the council table. All other individuals may sit in the gallery.

- Moved by Meera Chander
- Seconded by Cameron McKenzie

### **Debate**

- Meera Chander – For
- (7<sup>th</sup> Prescott) – should not be a limit in regards to #2
  - ensures that not too much time is taken up in the meeting
- Jasmine V. (3<sup>rd</sup> Renfrew) – clarification on #4, why does it have to go guy, girl, guy, girl?
  - Ensures equality in Council meetings
- Michael Paiva (2<sup>nd</sup> Stormont) – with #7, what is calling a question?
  - Voting on whether or not a question should continue to be debated
  - Ensures that you do not get the last word

All in favour, none opposed.

**Motion is passed.**

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### **17.0 – Motion to Fill the RRRR Bursary Board**

The RRRR Bursary Board must be filled in order for bursaries to be distributed.

- Moved by Cameron McKenzie
  - If you are applying for a bursary, cannot be part of the committee
- Seconded by Meera Chander
- No debate and none opposed

Members of Students' Council interested in filling the positions:

- David Valentine (2<sup>nd</sup> Russell)
- Aaron (7<sup>th</sup> Glengarry)
- Menal (4<sup>th</sup> Frontenac)
- Eli Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac)

Vote is held, two representatives are chosen:

- Eli Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac)
- Aaron (7<sup>th</sup> Glengarry)

Members of association not on council who are interested in filling positions:

- Manon (nominated by Meera)

- Ian
- Hannah

Vote is held (singing outburst while votes are counted), two representatives are chosen:

- Hannah
- Ian

### **RRRA Bursary Board is filled.**

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### **18.0 – Motion to Support the Creation of a Universal Bus Pass**

Cost of bus use to the individual is rising, and a huge portion of those who use the buses here are students. Motion was already passed by CUSA on August 20<sup>th</sup>, now looking for RRRA to do the same.

- Moved by Meera Chander
- Seconded by Cameron McKenzie
  - Ottawa U and Carleton are some of the only universities that do not have one
- Jesse L. (1<sup>st</sup> Grenville) – Would it be included in student fees?
- David Valentine (2<sup>nd</sup> Russell) – Will there be an option to opt out?
  - No, there will be no opt out option
- O Train will be included
- There will be a year-long trial run at the University of Ottawa
- City of Ottawa will fund the project if the trial is successful
- CUSA and RRRA want to see Negotiations move forward
- Eli Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac) – We will be behind Ottawa U if this goes forward, as they will have the trial?
  - No, if this trial is accepted and we move forward, it would include all post secondary institutions

### **Debate**

- Eli Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac) – For
  - From BC,
  - Bus passes there are far ahead, may be bringing them into summer months
  - Very advantageous
- Allison Render (7<sup>th</sup> Frontenac) – For
  - Will help to get off of the “Carleton Island”
- Francis (2<sup>nd</sup> Leeds) – Against
  - Should be an opt out option
  - Not everyone feels the need to leave campus that often
    - Waste of money for those students
  - Students who drive have absolutely no need for a bus pass
- Meera Chander – For
  - Gas prices are constantly rising
  - With the pass, cars would be used less

- Environment is being helped
  - Money is being saved
- Cameron McKenzie – For
  - Owns a car, still thinks this is a great service to have
  - Results in no parking issues
  - Would be a great step forward for Carleton
  - Opt out is not possible with prices at OC Transpo
- Kailey Gervais – For
  - Great for personal safety
  - Able to get home safely
  - If anyone ever has too much to drink, etc., then they are not stranded downtown
- David Valentine (2<sup>nd</sup> Russell) – For
  - Lack of opt out means locking into pricing
  - There will be no fluxuation
- Geoff (4<sup>th</sup> Renfrew?) – For
  - Likes that there is an option for bikes on OC Transpo
  - Also from BC, seen the UVIC environment
    - Done with the student card
    - Always have an option to get home
- Diego Gutierrez (3<sup>rd</sup> Leeds) – Will there be a kind of shuttle bus on weekends after hours? Maybe from Byward Market to the Campus?
  - Cannot say for sure, would have to discuss it with OC Transpo
  - Very good idea
- Francis (2<sup>nd</sup> Leeds) – Was this passed as part of CUSA or as part of the student campus?
  - CUSA passed it, but by having RRRA pass it as well shows that the students are also behind the proposal

Those in favour: 33, those opposed: 2.

**Motion is passed.**

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### **19.0 – Other Business**

Any other motions in need of discussion:

Eli Cymet (3<sup>rd</sup> Frontenac)

Motion to table

Just agreeing to hear motion at next meeting

No need, motion is immediately tabled.

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### **20.0 – Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn.

All in favour, none opposed.

**Motion is passed.**

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