

General Council Meeting Agenda

January 23, 2019 at 5:30pm

Location: HA206

1. **Call to order:** 5:30pm
2. **Roll Call:**

Chair/President	Brandon Vollweiler	Education Rep	Matthew McLachlan
Science Rep	Emma Schmidt	VP Marketing	Madeline Ludlage
VP Finance	Andrew Priess	Arts Rep	Lauren Hollman
VP Internal	Alex Bedard	VP Student Life	Hannah Ludlage
Management Rep	Matthew Hanson	Athletic Ambassador	Rebekka Hay
Environmental Health Rep	Mark Arnold		

Guests: CMUNC - Adrianna Blitterswyk, CMUNC - Jacob Burgess, CUE Student Life & Learning - Barb van Ingen, Kelsea Gillespie - Guest Speaker.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

3.1. Agenda for January 23, 2019

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried with all in favour.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

4.1. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried with all in favour.

5. **Presentation:** Model UN Payment Dispute - 15 Mins.

5.1. **Discussion & Decision**

EC: Unified decision from the Executive that the CSA will not be paying for the visas.

Model UN: 852 is the total cost for all visas on a one-time admission to China for a total of 6 members to go.

Guest Speaker: Policies - Travel Advances policy says no "immigration fees" is in an odd place.

Model UN: Feels EC doesn't know what the club does. The ED said the decision would be discussed. To a degree this has been blown out of proportion, Execs that went to the meeting with Model UN and CMUNC felt that it wasn't professional as the EC came into the meeting with the idea that there wasn't going to be a reimbursement. In the future it should be listened to beforehand.

EC: 775 was what was signed off on in the contract. - VP Finance stated that the contract was fulfilled by paying 775 towards the CSA.

Model UN: Confused on the funds hadn't been set in place. More communication on VP Finance to VP Internal that the funds were set in place. What funds had come into the CSA and what had been budgeted for.

Model UN: is confident that they would be able to fundraise the amount of the Visa. CSA ED was used as a scapegoat. Future discussion at EC meetings, could there not be a rep from the club be there?

EC: The club did not contact a trip advisor that would've let them know about the visas.

Should be under the club to ensure that everything needed for the trip is covered for.

Model UN: Also responsibility of the VP Internal to get training as the previous President didn't train the current president.

Guest: Research done for the trip was related to the conference itself. When was the last time the budget was 100% correct in costs vs budget. Lots of times, there has been clubs in the past that have had their club budgets changed.

Model UN: Lots of individuals have gone on this trip haven't been internationally before without a chaperone.

EC: CMUNC has in history gotten a lot of money over the years. Just because things have happened in the past doesn't mean that the practices should continue. We have policies and procedures. It took a quick google search to show that anyone going to China needs a visa. CMUNC has done great things but that doesn't warrant that the policy breaks because of it.

Guest: If CSA has allocated money to the CMUNC and shouldn't be taken from them.

GC: Should the CSA make the budget exactly what it was meant for?

EC isn't saying that budgets can't be moved, just states in policy that it. There wasn't any discussion about the visas until after they got back from their trip.

GC: Clarify - Decision was made via the email that was sent before the trip took place? - Yes

Model UN: Reiterate, they are not asking for more money, just altering to have the visas paid and then adjust for revenue.

VP Internal feels like the CMUNC has had favoritism in the past.

Guest: CSA mandate to promote the points 7.1-7.4 in the bylaws and the CSA should set their precedence on this. Contracts have been made with the students.

Model UN: Disappointment towards CSA as everyone is voted by students and should promote clubs and unions and what they do on campus, clubs aren't autonomous as VP Internal is who they answer to, and

Model UN: VP Internal should be helping the clubs more.

EC: VP Internal has done their obligation in communication to the club. Visas were needed.

Model UN: Immigration policy is very hard to find in the website.

GC: Points about CSA GC is to support the students, it was 6 students that went and already get a large portion of funding and supported them. Would rather have this funding go towards more students. GC is responsible to approve the budgets, if there was an issue for per student it should've been brought up in that time to do so.

Motion to go In Camera at 6:05

Motion to come Out Of Camera at 6:27

Motion: To deny the request from the Model UN for the CSA to pay the travel visas for their trip to China. Motion approved with one against and one abstention.

6. Unfinished Business:

6.1. GC Verbal Reports (Dec-Jan)

Education Rep - PD's again, had an ATA presentation, had an application workshop last year there was maybe under 10 through 3 sessions, this year 2 sessions had over 40. Specialist Counsel Carrossel was held at UofA. Poll to membership to ask if PD events should be paid through eventbrite or continue with the bookstore. Probably will go to eventbrite. Next monthly meeting is monday.

VP Finance - In a process of leaving Concordia bookkeeping, about 60% there. Asked concordia to have funds deposited into TD. Found a bookkeeper that we like. Lots of dialogue about the change

EHSU - organized some food bank stuff, participate in a pool operators course

Management Rep - thanks to President and VP Marketing for setting up mixer and apparel which will be sold on Jan 31. Hoodie sales will happen during that time as well.

Arts Rep - faculty mixer was a success. Lots of people showed up held in the faculty lounge. Had the breakfast after there jam. It was done very good. Have a bigger budget next year, to expand this event. Next event is paint night with the psych club, paint place is booked. Afterwards is arts week.

Athletics - Had done a pep rally, mistake was made which they missed a team but they will be at the Thunder Fest at the end of the week, discussion about the Athletics board that is across from the CSA board which now has a game schedule for that.

VP Internal - Worked with each union to change constitutions for the next year. Reviewed the Bolt policy, awaiting feedback from Bolt. Looking over club and union policy. Martial Arts club which is new on campus hit a snag but Barb helped them find a Faculty Advisor. Helped with formatting the bolt policy. Working on the club and union guide which needs new policies in. Asec working on sexual violence asks towards government and doing the get out to vote campaign for the election that will be coming up soon in the province - want each campus to have all info and encouraging all students to vote. Website called Canvo recommended by Science Rep which helps to make posters a lot easier. Every club and union gets access to it.

Science Rep - December had a very busy faculty mixer, over the break worked to amend the CSS constitution mainly that there will be 3 science reps next year. Met with Science faculty about the Journal Club, Dr Lori West who is in transplant surgery, first woman to head the journal club discussion. Fishbowl friday wasn't ideal but still had a decent amount. Did a free hoodie draw via social media. Did a kaplan meeting with science students. Prepping for Science week, attended budget steering committee. COming up is journal club and then going rock climbing the week after.

VP Marketing - Redid a lot of elections stuff, had a pep rally which was good, january jam went well and promo was made that went well. Sponsorship booklet is in the process of being created, and helping with get out to vote campaign, helping with management, AGM marketing material which is on Feb 6. Pride Day is coming up, a number of mental health events is coming up, excited about Bell Let's Talk.

VP Student Life - Valentines is coming up, january jam was good but the company wasn't great which they had unethical managerial practices. Communication issues between the company and how they honored the contract. Thunder Fest which will be held on the front lawn of the school. Organizing a lot of bookings and such.

President - In December I had an orientation meeting, also met with Gallivan about how Health and Dental is doing right now. Met with the Manager from Highlands Golf Course about a potential partnerships with CUE/CSA and them. Had a meeting with Gallivan and CUE Student Life and Learning about how Gallivan can help with Bell Let's Talk and Make Some Noise for mental health. Throughout the break I have been working on policies getting them ready as close to the new bylaws as possible. On the 4th, I met with the ASEC ED and two other ASEC Board members about the contract for the ASEC ED. Helped with Winter Orientation on Jan 8. Been doing some interviews which have gone well. I have also had many meetings with the bank and bookkeepers.

Motion: to approve the verbal reports as presented.

Motion approved with all in favour.

7. New Business:

7.1. **Policies**

Both policies were developed to include how we operate now, and how the CSA will operate next year without contradicting the current bylaws. The next group of voted representatives will have to ensure all policies are 100% in accordance with the bylaws that take effect May 1, 2019.

7.1.1. **Policies Policy**

Recommended motion: To approve the draft Policies Policy as presented and rescind the current Policies Policy.

Motion: to approve the draft Policies Policy as presented and rescind the current Policies Policy.
Motion approve with all in favour.

7.1.2. **Election & Referendum Policy**

Recommended motion: To approve the draft Election & Referendum Policy as presented and rescind the current Elections Policy.

Motion: To approve the draft Election & Referendum Policy as presented and rescind the current Elections Policy.
Motion approve with all in favour.

7.2. **Electoral Returning Officer**

VP Internal Alex Bedard excused himself as a conflict of interest from the room for a quick discussion and decision from General Council.

Motion: to elect Alex Bedard to the Electoral Returning Officer.
Motion approved with one abstention.

7.3. **Judicial Board**

VP Marketing Madeline Ludlage, Management Rep Matthew Hanson, and Athletics Ambassador Rebekka Hay excused themselves as a conflict of interest from the room and abstained from voting.

Motion: To elect Madeline Ludlage, Matt Hanson, and Rebekka Hay to the Judicial Board.
Motion approve with 3 abstentions.

7.4. **Bookkeeper - VP Finance**

VP Finance - CSA has searched for a bookkeeper, found online and recommended by our Auditor to use them. It was great to see that they researched us before our meeting with them.

Motion: to accept Oncore Bookkeeping as our bookkeeper.
Motion approve with all in favour.

7.5. **Auditors - VP Finance**

VP Finance - We need a motion to select our auditor for the upcoming audit of this fiscal year. The EC is recommending St John Pinsent as the auditors for the 2018/19 fiscal year as they have been auditing us for quite a few years.

Motion: to accept St. John Pinsent as the auditors for the 2018/19 year.
Motion approved with all in favour.

8. **Information:**

8.1. Next Meeting Time: February 13, 5:30pm

8.2. AGM - February 6, 12pm Tegler

8.3. MHFA - Feb 2-3, 8-4pm

9. **Round Table:**

Athletics Ambassador - Anything for Pep Rallies specifically tied to a position in policy?

Chair - That will be handled in the General Councillor Policy that is almost ready for P&G meeting.

Athletics Ambassador - Mental Health Committee meetings?

VP Student Life - All mental health events have been decided for the year, and VP Student Life has had meetings with CUE VP Student Life and Learning in regards to mental health events. If there are other mental health events that someone has thought of that may not have been done, please let VP Student Life know.

VP Internal - Mental Health Alberta meeting tomorrow in Design Thinking Space.

CUE VP Student Life & Learning - Concordia food bank has had challenges with potential misuse. As of January hours are strict to 7:30-4:30, and will be gradually moving towards meal prep. In Sept will be moving towards tailored meal plans for students.

Elections

Chair - Reminder about elections, that everyone that is a CSA member is eligible to run and that there should be no bias towards one person or another. Everything that is disclosed by one person to a potential nominee must be disclosed to another nominee. All GC members can talk to students about the position that they ask, but they should direct that student to the person who holds the position.

10. **Adjournment:** 7:30pm