



## Brock University Students' Administrative Council

Minutes: Meeting # 8 – November 29, 2011

**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
**Chair:** Josh Doan  
**Deputy Speaker:** Arielle Stockdale

### Overview

#### Opening Procedures

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of the Agenda
- 3) Adoption of the Minutes (Meeting 7, November 15, 2011)
- 4) Open Question Period
- 5) Notes from the Speaker
  - a. ~~December Meeting~~
  - b. One-on-Ones

#### Presentations

- 6) OPIRG
- 7) CFBU
- 8) Senate/Trustee
- 9) Campus 4 Christ

#### Old Business

- 10) By-Law Changes – By-Law 650
  - a. BIRT BUSAC Approves the second readings of by-law changes to by-law 650 as presented
- 11) By-Law Changes – By-Law 2500
  - a. BIRT BUSAC Approves the second readings of by-law changes to by-law 2500 as presented
- 12) By-Law Changes – By-Law 200
  - a. BIRT BUSAC Approves the second readings of by-law changes to by-law 200 as presented

#### New Business

- 13) BIRT BUSAC sets the next general meeting date for February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm
- 14) BIRT BUSAC Approves \$1100.00 to Campus for Christ from Club Funding
- 15) Elections Committee Election
  - a. Van Wyck
  - b. Huybens
  - c. Agnew
- 16) BIRT Brock University Students Union (BUSU) begins advocating for a more comprehensive Spring / Summer course offerings for Undergraduate Students.  
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- 17) BIRT the BUSAC Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> shall be cancelled
  - a. BIFRT that BUSAC transfers its authority and responsibilities to the BUSU Board of Directors until the next regularly scheduled BUSAC meeting  
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- 18) Student-at-Large approval – Elections Committee
  - a. BIRT BUSAC Approves Sabrina Manbahadur and Lashkar Dehal as a student-at-large for the elections committee

### **Reports**

- 19) GM Report
- 20) VPSS Report
- 21) VPUA Report
- 22) VPFA Report
- 23) President Report

### **Question Period**

- 24) Closed Question Period
- 25) Information and Reminders

### **Adjournment**

- 26) Adjournment

**Attendance: BUSAC Meeting November 29, 2011**

| Attendance                               |         |   |           |
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| Voting Seats                             | Present | Voting Seats                                      | Present   |
| <b>Faculty of Business</b>               |         | <b>Directors of the Board (at large)</b>          |           |
| Alexandria Burrows                       | Y       | Steve Nicholls                                    | Y         |
| Alexandra Zwicker-deSmit                 | Y       | Byron Krauskopf                                   | Y         |
| Faizan Siddiqui                          | N       | Harish Aggarwal                                   | Y         |
| Saad Habib                               | Y       | <b>Diverse Abilities Student</b>                  |           |
| Marcela Cuenca                           | Y       | Jessica Synott                                    | Y         |
| BSA President (Alyssa Freeman)           | Y       |   |           |
| <b>Social Science</b>                    |         | <b>International Students' Association</b>        |           |
| Drew Ursacki                             | Y       | Maria Millan                                      | N         |
| Kirstin Jensen                           | Y       | <b>Executive</b>                                  |           |
| Roland Erman                             | Y       | Daud Grewal - President                           | N         |
| Carly White                              | Y       | Jayne Stewart - VPSS                              | Y         |
| Ambika Sangaran                          | Y       | Luke Speers - VPUA                                | N         |
| Ryan Jones                               | Y       | Will Parent - VPFA                                | Y         |
| Josh Macdonald                           | Y       | <b>Total Voting Members Elected (current)</b>     | <b>43</b> |
| Julia Maddalena                          | Y       | <b>Total Voting Members Present (Current)</b>     | <b>33</b> |
| Sonia-Evelyn Reynolds                    | Y       |   |           |
| Rebecca Grundy                           | EXE     |   |           |
| <b>Vacant</b>                            |         | <b>Non-Voting Seats</b>                           |           |
| <b>Math and Science</b>                  |         |   |           |
| Miso Gostimir                            | Y       | <b>Senate</b>                                     |           |
| Jill Eeuwes                              | Y       | Luke Speers                                       | N         |
| Dylan Innamorati                         | Y       | Aaron Harpwood                                    | N         |
| <b>Faculty of Humanities</b>             |         | Naomi-Alan Robbins                                | N         |
| Christopher Yendt                        | Y       | Steve Nicholls                                    | Y         |
| Miranda Fowler                           | Y       | Sebastian Prins                                   | Y         |
| Jenn Garbett                             | Y       | Chris Ventura                                     | Y         |
| Alexandra Zaccaria                       | N       | Cameron Alderdice                                 | N         |
| Aaron Huybens                            | Y       | <b>Board of Trustees</b>                          |           |
| Tyler Evans                              | N       | Sebastian Prins                                   | Y         |
| Cassandra Van Wyck                       | Y       | Sohail Ahmed                                      | N         |
| Vacant                                   |         |   |           |
| <b>Faculty of Applied Health Science</b> |         | <b>Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary</b>    |           |
| Maya Blomme                              | Y       | Vacant  |           |
| Mong Thi Nguyen                          | Y       | <b>Graduate Students' Association</b>             | N         |
| Tyler Plyley                             | N       | <i>Mert Coskan</i>                                |           |
| Andrew Mannaga                           | Y       | <b>Total Non-Voting Members Elected (current)</b> | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Vacant</b>                            |         | <b>Total Non-Voting Members Present (current)</b> | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>Vacant</b>                            |         | <b>Quorum for Meeting</b>                         | <b>22</b> |
| <b>Vacant</b>                            |         | <b>50% + 1 Majority</b>                           | <b>17</b> |
| <b>Faculty of Education</b>              |         | <b>2/3 Majority</b>                               | <b>22</b> |
| Rachel O'Brien                           | Y       |   |           |
| Paige Colley                             | Y       |   |           |
| Ibrahim Qureshi                          | Y       |   |           |
| <b>Residence Representative</b>          |         |   |           |
| <b>Vacant</b>                            |         |   |           |
| <b>Off Campus Representative</b>         |         |   |           |
| Tyler Dennis                             | Y       |   |           |
| <b>Extra Faculty</b>                     |         |   |           |
| Keith Agnew                              | N       |   |           |
| <b>Vacant</b>                            |         |   |           |

**1.0**

**Call to Order**

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**Approval of the Agenda**

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC approves the agenda for the November 29th 2011 meeting as presented and amended.</b> |
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| Nguyen, Jones |
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| <b>Motion carries unanimously.</b> |
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**Adoption of the Minutes**

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC approves the minutes from the November 15<sup>st</sup> 2011 meeting as presented and amended.</b> |
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| Yendt, Blomme |
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| <b>Abstention: Speers</b> |
| <b>Motion carries</b>     |

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**Open Question Period**

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**Notes from the Speaker**

**Quorum : 22**  
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**1. ~~December Meeting~~**

**2. One-on-Ones**

- a. Send Josh an email to set up a one-on-one with Josh

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**6.0**

**OPIRG - Presentation**

*Em from OPIRG Presents*

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**CFBU Presentation**

*Deb from CFBU Presents*

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**8.0**

**Senate Trustee Presentation**

*Dennis and Ventura Present*

Questions:

**Grewal:** I think this is an amazing initiative to bring academic issues to the table. I commend the two of you.

**Dennis:** This is a common occurrence at Dalhousie, so I thought it should happen here.

**Ventura:** It will only be once a month because Senate only meets once a month.

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**9.0**

**Campus 4 Christ - Presentation**

*Rebecca from Campus 4 Christ presents*

Questions:

**Speers:** Thanks for coming in, did you know you can come before your event?

**Answer:** We were supposed to have the event in mid-December, but it got pushed back.

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**10.0**

**Bylaw Changes – Bylaw 650**

**White presents the proposed Bylaw Changes**

Discussion:

**Evans:** When it says 95 and 101 and 102-106, is that the same?  
**Speaker:** NO, it only applies to 95, 101 and 102-106.

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC Approves the second reading of by-law changes to by-law 650 as presented.</b> |
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| <b>Motion carries unanimously</b> |
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**11.0**

**Bylaw Changes – Bylaw 2500**

Discussion:

**White:** It came back exactly as it left: Legislative Affairs decided not to present it.

**Reasons for the Bylaw changes as presented at the last meeting:**

- 1) Clubs should be doing fundraising
- 2) There will be more money for other clubs if we don't give it all out
- 3) This is meant to assist all clubs
- 4) 16 is basically a loophole to that section anyway
- 5) It is more consistent to have it this way, so CPC doesn't have to abide by it, only BUSAC does

**Speers:** I will only make one comment: the referendum was started so clubs wouldn't have to spend all their time on fundraising. Last year we didn't spend it all - we are under spending as it is – so this is counterproductive to why we ran the referendum in the first place.

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| <b>In favour: 31<br/>Opposed: 2<br/>Abstention: 7<br/>Motion carries</b> |
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**Bylaw Changes – Bylaw 200 BUSAC Bylaw**

**White presents on the changes to the Bylaw**

**BIRT BUSAC Approves the second reading of by-law changes to by-law 200 as presented.**

White, Ursacki

**In favour: 37  
Opposed: 0  
Abstention: 1**

**Motion carries.**

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**13.0**

**General Meeting Date**

Discussion:

**Speaker:** The proposed date is February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

**Jones:** Why the 7<sup>th</sup>?

**Grewal:** We have to have a date selected before February 15<sup>th</sup>, this is general timeframe that we have them. If there is another date suggestion, I welcome it.

**BIRT BUSAC sets the next general meeting date for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 5:00pm**

Grewal, White

**In favour: 33  
Opposed: 2  
Abstentions: 1  
Motion carried.**

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**14.0**

**Campus 4 Christ Club Funding Request**

**Stewart:** The organizers said they would have 150 people at their event, and we recommended to subsidize each ticket cost by \$10, so actually, because they only had 110 people at their event, we recommend funding of \$1100.

**Motion to amend the funding amount from \$1500 to \$1100**

**Mover:** Stewart

**Second:** Jones

**Nguyen:** I hope that we keep the funding at \$1500. They do a lot for Brock, and any extra money they get will go to serve, they do a lot for students.

**Huybens:** They subsidized only \$5, not \$10 for the ticket prices, so they tried to raise more than what was allotted to them.

**Vote on amendment**

**In favour of amendment: 21**  
**Opposed: 13**  
**Abstention: 1**  
**Motion carries**

**Grewal:** Point of information: What was CPC's recommendation?

**Stewart:** We said \$10 per person, up to \$1500, but they asked for \$1300.

**Van Wyck:** So CPC recommended 1100?

**Speaker:** We are in voting process now, we can't interrupt it with multiple questions.

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC Approves \$1100.00 to Campus for Christ from Club Funding</b> |
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| <b>In favour: 32</b> |
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| <b>Opposed: 1</b> |
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| <b>Abstention: 2</b> |
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| <b>Motion Carries</b> |
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**15.0**

**Election – Elections Committee**

*Speers speaks to the Elections Committee*

**Nominees:**

Van Wyck

Huybens

Agnew

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC opens the floor for nominations for members interested in filling the one (1) vacant BUSAC member's seats on the Elections and Referenda Committee. Should these seats be contested, nominated individuals be given the floor for two (2) minutes to speak to their merits and qualifications to fill said seat and that a vote by secret ballot be held.</b> |
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| <b>BIFRT BUSAC ratifies the election results so that Cassandra Van Wyck shall henceforth be a member of the Elections and Referenda Committee; and, that the ballots (if any) be destroyed.</b> |
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| <b>Motion carries.</b> |
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**16.0**

**Political policy**

**Speers:** Academic Affairs committee met, and discussed the issue that we don't have enough summer class offerings. We can't make professors teach during the summer, but we can leverage them, by putting pressure on the University. - so the motion is that BUSU begins to advocate for a more comprehensive Spring/Summer course offerings for Undergraduate Students.

**Plyley:** This is interesting, have been looking into taking summer courses, but very few upper year science courses are offered in the summer. It would be good to plan for the future.

**Van Wyck:** I know Luke can't speak on behalf of everyone, but considering the cutbacks; have you had discussion as to the practical and financial issues here?

**Speers:** That is an issue, when there aren't classes here, they hold conferences, and make money. I can do some research on it.

**Reynolds:** I think it is a good idea. We are representatives for students, and I have heard this issue from a lot of students.

**Mannaga:** Just for clarification, if professors choose to teach during Spring and Summer, they don't have to do Fall and Winter?

**Speers:** Some are based on different models. It won't change how many classes they teach, just when they teach them.

**Synott:** One issue is if they will offer more courses, will we look into extending the bus pass into the summer? I know with the college I went to, the bus pass went to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Parent:** At the moment, it is not offered in the summer, but it would be a domino effect, if you have a 3 term year, the bus pass would most likely come, and we can look into a seamless transition there.

**Maddalena:** I support this as well, I am thinking of taking a summer course . I think we should have more classes in each subject and more variety of classes.

**Erman:** In my faculty, there have been less and less summer classes, and it is almost nothing now. They are switching summer classes to the Winter and Fall instead of the summer time, we want to make profs aware that they should be offering the same as they did before.

**Ventura:** We talked about this at OUSA. In my session, universities were speaking in favour of a more trimester system. They are not saying you have to go to school 12 months a year, but you should have more options. This falls in line with our provincial lobbying efforts.

**Ibrahim:** A lot of students are getting screwed over because the Faculty of Education provides no summer courses – it puts a lot of students at a disadvantage.

**Parent:** A healthy alternative as well is the concept of the super course: early in the summer, heavy learning over a week. We can look to finding a healthy alternative to summer education.

**Yendt:** It also provides students who are close to the cutoff point with more options. You can take a course in the summer to boost your marks, so if this happens we can keep more students.

**Motion to call the question:** Erman

**Seconded:** Dennis

**Vote on calling the question:**

**In favour:** 37

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstention:** 1

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**completion of required courses for the students of Brock University is in their best interest.**

**BIFRT BUSU believes that moving Brock University from a primarily two semester university schedule towards a three semester university schedule will improve the academic opportunities of Brock University students.**

Speers, Freeman

**Motion Carries Unanimously**

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**17.0**

**Cancellation of BUSAC meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**BIFRT the BUSAC transfers its authority and responsibilities to the BUSU Board of directors until the next regularly scheduled BUSAC meeting.**

**Grewal:** This date is right in the middle of exam period, so it makes sense to cancel, and we can meet again in January.

**Speers:** We have this meeting every year, we hit quorum, we scheduled it in July, and I don't see why we would cancel it.

**Ventura:** I agree with Speers, I suggest we have a straw poll to see if we should cancel it.

**Speaker:** We will do a straw poll.

**BUSAC Members with a conflict: 21**

**Blomme:** Some students are also done, and might be going home.

**Nguyen:** Even if you don't have an exam, you will be thinking about exams.

**Zwicker-deSmit:** I have multiple conflicts for that time.

**Huybens:** What does "Authority and Responsibilities" entail?

**Speaker:** When BUSAC doesn't meet as a committee, the Board takes on those responsibilities like club funding. They take on that role in the decision making process.

**Innamorati:** Motion to amend: I would like to propose that we amend power and responsibilities to make it only for immediate things. If it can wait it shall go to BUSAC.

**Amendment:** Add "BUSAC recommends that the board should only use this authority in an emergency situation."

**Second to amendment:** Jones

**Parent:** I believe the wording there is identical to what we approve normally. This amendment is applied, and I think the original wording is fine.

**Grewal:** I recommend instead of "emergency" we use the use the word "immediate".

**Innamorati:** It just sounds like they can do whatever they want with the original wording.

**Dennis:** I don't know what the fear of the Board is, I don't think there will be a coup d'état. On the Board we have BUSAC members, and SALs. I don't think we should fear the Board.

**Nicholls:** The worst Board can do as BUSAC is approve club funding, so if this wording makes you more comfortable, it is fine with me.

**Speers:** When we transfer power and authority, no legislative changes will apply.

**White:** Wasn't that in the motion?

**Speers:** I made that motion, but it is already listed in the legislation, that bylaw changes have to go to BUSAC.

**Motion to call the question:** Yendt

**Second:** Speers

**Vote on calling the question:**

**Carries unanimously**

**Amendment vote:**

**In favour: 26**

**Opposed: 10**

**Abstention: 1**

**Amendment carries**

**BIRT the BUSAC Meeting on December 13th shall be cancelled**

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**BIFRT BUSAC recommends that the Board of Directors should only use this authority in an immediate situation. All other instances should be directed to BUSAC at its next scheduled meeting.**

Grewal, Jones

**In favour: 31**

**Opposed: 6, Speers**

**Abstention: 1**

**Motion Carries**

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**18.0**

**SAL Approval – Elections Committee**

**Discussion:**

**Speers:** We are trying to fill the seats that are vacant.

**BIRT BUSAC Approves Sabrina Tilesia Manbahadur, and Lashkar Dehal as Students-At-Large for the Elections Committee.**

Speers, Sangaran

Motion Carries unanimously

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**19.0**

**Reports - GM**

*Prouse presents the GM report*

Questions:

**Maddalena:** What will the BUSU building be used for?

**Prouse:** The student union; we are running out of space as we grow, for example, council chambers, and other facilities to benefit students.

**Grewal:** We ran the referendum last year to get funding for the first stages; we will go through a student consultation process to determine what the building will look like.

**Innamorati:** Where will the building be placed?

**Prouse:** Weatherstation field.

**Dennis:** I am curious – which aspects of BUSU are growing? Are we hiring more staff, services, offices?

**Grewal:** This has been a concern since 2005, we have out grown our space, there were 7000 students when we first built the building in 1991, and also, there is limited open space on campus, right now. We have the Skybar lounge, but we need more - club space, space for media outlets, SJC, and for any new services we need. We need space for all of these, and the Execs have been working towards this since 2005 or 2006.

**BIRT BUSAC accepts the report of the GM.**

Nguyen, Qureshi

Motion carries unanimously

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**20.0**

**Reports - VPSS**

*Stewart presents the VPSS report*

Questions:

**O'Brien:** I have a message from Sebastian: I hear the new Finance Club wanted to apply for funding. It is a concern given the non-compete clause between business students. Can BUSU organize a meeting?

**Stewart:** Alyssa Freeman and I will look into this.

**Masse:** Monday night during Frost Week, BrockTV is hosting a movie night.

**Reynolds:** If we want to get involved in Frost Week, how can we?

**Stewart:** Email Tess and/or me.

**Speers:** I encourage you to get involved.

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC accepts the report of the VPSS.</b> |
| Habib, Van Wyck                                   |

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**21.0**

**Reports - VPUA**

*Speers presents the VPUA report*

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC accepts the report of the VPUA.</b> |
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| <b>In favour: 37</b>  |
| <b>Opposed: 0</b>     |
| <b>Abstention: 1</b>  |
| <b>Motion carries</b> |

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**22.0**

**Reports – VPFA**

*Will Parent presents the VPFA Report*

Questions:

**Sangaran:** Do they use Brock timing or their own, because sometimes, they leave earlier than the clock says on the tower.

**Parent:** If you are finding that the busses are leaving early, send me an email, and I can make a few phone calls.

**Ventura:** I heard complaints from students that the regional transit isn't covered by our bus pass.

**Parent:** Right now students don't have access to this with their U-Pass, we hope that in January, there might be a solution – we have been in contact with the Region on this issue.

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC accepts the report of the VPFA.</b> |
| Jones, Evans                                      |

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| <b>In favour: 37</b>  |
| <b>Abstention: 1</b>  |
| <b>Motion Carries</b> |

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**23.0**

**Reports – President**

*Daud Grewal presents "Walking and Talking with Daud"*

**Grewal:** Also, I just came from an exciting meeting. The St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce has amalgamated with the greater Niagara region Chamber.  
Also, we had Winter Retreat which was fun and productive. There are things going on with the SJC, and I can update you in January, if you have any questions.

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**Reynolds:** When are we starting the Strategic Planning Committee?

**Grewal:** We were waiting for our GM, we will have our first meeting in January, and it will be a two year process.

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| <b>BIRT BUSAC accepts the report of the President.</b> |
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| <b>Dennis , Evans</b> |
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| <b>Carries Unanimously</b> |
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**Closed Questions Period**

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**Information and Reminders**

**Parent:** If anyone has not picked up their Christmas party ticket, get it tomorrow.

**Innamorati:** What is the deal?

**Parent:** The party will be held in Skybar. It is a chance for people within BUSU to come together, and celebrate; we have good prizes this year. There is appetizer food, hot chocolate, the bar will be open. Dress is semi-formal or ugly sweater. If you want to bring a guest it is \$10.

**Ventura:** Will there be an open bar?

**Parent:** No.

**Yendt:** The CFBU iphone app can be downloaded this week, blackberries are coming next.

**Innamorati:** I have a question for Yendt: What kind of music do you play?

**Yendt:** Anything that is not top 40, it has to be independent.

**Speers:** If you are thinking of running in the elections in February, feel free to wander into the office and ask any questions you may have. There are no stupid questions, so stop by?

**Speaker:** Email me when you think of it any agenda items for our next meeting.

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**Adjournment**

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| <b>Motion to Adjourn at 9:23 pm.</b> |
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Reynolds, Zwicker-deSmit


Motion Carries Unanimously

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Josh Doan  
Chair



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Daud Grewal  
President



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Will Parent  
Secretary