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## Vice President Student Services

### BUSAC Report

March 9th 2009

#### Events

Planning for the BUZIES is under way and is looking to be a great event. The contact information for all nominations still remains the same. Please contact either Jody Thomas or Chris Green if you have any nominations. Nomination packages will be available in the BUSU office so please make sure to pick-up the nomination forms and nominate someone for an award!

There will be a Raptors trip coming up on Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> so please be sure to buy your tickets and see a great game. Tickets will be sold in the BUSU office until Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> and cost \$70. This includes a tour of the stadium by the VP's of maple leaf entertainment as well as the game. Get your tickets today!

#### Clubs

Clubs now have a space to meet weekly from now until April. A room has been booked, Thistle 244, and clubs will be meeting every Wednesday from 3:30pm-5pm to talk about any issues or initiatives they are planning. This is an open meeting so if anyone would like to join and see what is going on please feel free to stop in. Also, clubs coordinator, Paddy Magill will be attending these meetings and taking minutes so if anyone would like to see those please let me know and I can send them off to anyone that needs them.

#### BEAR

There will be a presentation today regarding the purchasing of the jackets for Brock Aid. A quote has been obtained which consists of 6 jackets, with embroidery for the cost of approximately \$600. The jackets will be ordered in multiple sizes, which is why 6 are necessary, and will not contain the names of any positions on them so that anyone volunteering for Brock Aid can wear them on any given night. Further details will be given during the presentation.

A report on his time in the position will be written by Chris to be given to next year's executive in an attempt to give them a better picture on the direction they can take the role.

This report will prove to be a good transitional piece as well as give the current executive some insight on the position.

## Volunteering

The volunteer website is still a work in progress. This is a project that will take another few weeks as all the information and graphics do take time to design. Currently, graphics are being designed and a design is being worked on which will show the website as it would appear on the internet.

Some volunteer initiatives that have been worked on over the past few weeks have been the finding of volunteers for selling tickets at the Raptors game table as well as for the OUSA Blue Chair campaign. Volunteers were needed to promote the campaign to all students and bring awareness of what OUSA does for students.

## Foot Patrol

The program is continuing to run on a nightly basis with a good volunteer turnout. There have also not been any major issues during the Thursday night cab-line as well. Some minor concerns that have come up were; patrons becoming angry and attempting to get physical with volunteers, some minor issues with overly intoxicated patrons not from Brock and just general over intoxication but have all been addressed and resolved with the help of Isaac's bar staff.

## Other Notes/Reminders/Comments/Concerns

As you all know, the budget cut situation has been under way for some time now. All BUSU staff have been working day and night in order to obtain as much information on the situation as possible and to formulate an opinion that would hopefully be shared by the majority of the students. I would like to take the time in this section of my report to personally thank all councillors and all other parties involved in the process for putting in their time and effort into this volatile situation.

This past Thursday, Dr. Jack Lightstone came to Isaac's to speak to students about the issue and answer any questions they had regarding the situation. I would like to thank all BUSAC councillors that made it out. The meeting went very well and was well attended by students. Questions were asked of Jack and questions were answered by Jack to hopefully give a better sense of the situation that Brock is currently in. Following Dr. Jack's presentation, Jody Thomas and Lisa Neville did a presentation regarding BUSU and the GSA's stance on the budget cuts. They also took questions in order to ascertain the students' opinion on the stance that BUSU has taken. This is a very complex situation and one the full approval of all students will unfortunately not be had.

I would also like to take this moment to thank all the councillors for coming out to last week's emergency meeting. Although the meeting was a very long and intense one, it did show that councillors do have a passion and vested interest in the dealings of their university. There were some tough calls that had to be made, though they were calls that needed to be made. Jody Thomas showed his true colours and strength as the BUSU President and in my eyes, passed with flying colours. I would like to commend him for the tough decision he had made and let council know that the position that he was in, though it was a difficult one, he showed he could handle it and handle it well.

~~ PEACE, LOVE... *Wrzosek* ~~

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