

FSA Annual General MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: February 6th, 2020

LOCATION:

Auk's Lodge

Call to Order: Frost Student Association Annual General Meeting

Roll Call of Members Present:

Victoria Hynes, President
Adam Folland, Vice President
Brad Wright, Director of Athletics
Karlotta Grasse, Director of Sustainability
Joshua Richer, Director of Student Life
Kelsey Reich, Director of Communication
John Hoogendoorn, Director of Community Outreach
Isaiah Mackay, Chairperson/Scribe

Guests:

Send regrets:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: N/A

Approval of Agenda:

Brad motioned to approve the agenda for the AGM
Karlotta seconded the motion
Motion passes

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Brad motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the FSA AGM on January 31st, 2018
Karlotta seconded the motion
Motion passes

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Previous Minutes
- IV. Round Table Discussion
 - a) Financial Audit
 - b) Shuttle Bus
 - c) Ancillary Fees
 - d) Fitness Facility
 - e) Q&A
- V. Motion to Adjourned

Meeting Discussion:

a) Financial Audit

Allison, a senior accountant from Grant Thornton introduced herself to the student body regarding the financial audit on the FSA for the 2019 year. The tax statements presented by Grant Thornton were approved by the board on October 24th, 2019. Results from the audit stated that financial statements, operations, and cash flow complied with Canadian standards for a non-profit business. Based on these results Grant Thornton issued a clean audit to the Frost Student Association. Allison highlighted the value of the FSA's current assets and an overview of their yearly expenses regarding the Auk's Lodge, Transportation, Student experience and Recreation. Allison concluded the results of the FSA's audit are favourable and in good standing for the year.

Brad motions to approve the audit for the fiscal year of 2019

Karlotta seconds the motion

Motion passes

Brad motions to appoint Grant Thornton LLC. as the FSA auditors for the 2020 year

Karlotta seconds the motion

Motion passes

b) Shuttle Bus

Karlotta explained ridership of the shuttle bus, depicting average ridership and how holidays/breaks affect the ridership. Currently, the shuttle bus service costs students \$45 in ancillary fees. Karlotta introduced the two new proposed shuttle schedules to make ridership more time friendly and accessible. However, Karlotta also noted this would lead to around a \$23 increase to student fees to accommodate the extra times.

Students will be able to vote on two aspects of the shuttle service during the online vote. One is if the shuttle will continue to run in the next academic year and two, whether to keep the same schedule or change to a new schedule.

Student Question: The student has asked if the FSA and student body could request the college to provide more student housing instead of relying on the shuttle. He noted the first year he was on a waiting list in July for residence.

Victoria agreed that the waitlist for residence is too long. Victoria noted the College is looking into the issue, and the college does provide resources to find students off-campus housing.

Student Question: A student stated that with the shuttle being the only mode of transportation between Lindsay and Peterborough for students, it's scary that it could be gone with little warning. Can there be a more permanent service that can't be disbanded?

Victoria noted the cost to run a shuttle twice a day is \$550 run through a bus company (STC). Victoria stated you cannot run an independent service affordable for students and the service must be run through a company.

Student Question: Has the College expressed an interest in taking over the service?

Karlotta said the College is not interested in getting involved in the service. Victoria noted the College is currently doing some market research and may be involved in the future.

Student Question: Is there a cost projection for the shuttle for next year?

Karlotta said the current schedules are priced accordingly until the end of April. Karlotta stated the current schedules could continue but would increase with the cost of living adjustment.

Student Question: What percentage of students need to vote in favour to keep the shuttle?

Victoria explained at least 5% of students must vote in the majority. Brad noted the vote is not whether to keep the shuttle unless people vote to remove the service it will stay.

Student Question: Can an alternate stop be added to entice students who don't currently use the service?

Karlotta noted that they plan to change the shuttle fee to a transportation fee instead. This will be done to include a revamped bike loan program which will be under that fee.

Student Question: Can the FSA only increase the weekend runs? As currently you are stuck in Peterborough all day if you take the shuttle.

Victoria stated the weekends have the lowest ridership, so it would not be as financially viable. The goal of the shuttle changes was to increase ridership on popular days and school days.

c) Ancillary Fees

Victoria told students that fee changes are voted on by the total student body (Frost and Halliburton) as they fall under one organization. As of 2018/2019-year student, ancillary fees were \$110 for students at Halliburton Campus. This year fees were reduced to \$20 as the Halliburton Campus was not receiving all the services Frost students received. This year the FSA will introduce standardized fees for both campuses to ensure a fair contribution. The Student Experience fee will be increased to \$17 and a new Operations fee will be added as well. Proposed Halliburton fees do not include services they do not have access to such as the Auk's Lodge. The total cost of the new Halliburton fees is \$86.24

Victoria said there will be two topics for students to vote on during the online vote. The first is to approve the Student Experience Fee increase from \$8 to \$17. The second is to implement the operations fee to the total ancillary fees.

Student Question: Do these fees affect students at Frost Campus?

Victoria said it does not affect students at Frost, but both campuses are one student body meaning Frost students must vote. Adam added that these ancillary fee changes are to encompass an expanded student body and budget.

d) Fitness Facility

The FSA currently has a contract with the Lindsay Rec Center, which includes Fitness, Swimming, and Classes. Brad went through an overview of Fitness Facility usage for the first semester. 2500 students total are recorded signing into the facilities throughout the semester. Most students use the rec center to access the fitness facility with swimming coming in second.

Student Question: What is stopping the Campus from building its own fitness room for students?

Brad noted that the initial cost to build and install a weight room/fitness room would be extremely expensive. Brad also added that the FSA has a fitness space with the field house that provides activities and yoga.

Student Question: Is the rumor about a rock-climbing wall being installed at the rec center true?

Brad told the student the field house offers a rock-climbing event through the school. Many intramurals and activities in the field house are free for students. Victoria also added there is a business in Lindsay that offers rock climbing

Student Comment: Commented on students not always signing in or doing a group sign in at the rec center.

Brad said if anything the numbers would increase when accounting for people who don't sign-in.

Student Question: How long is the rec center contract?

Brad explained we currently have a 1+1 contract with Lindsay rec. Brad also expressed his interest in continuing the contract at the center in the future.

e) Q&A

***A student noted their appreciation of all-day breakfast in the Café.**

Victoria asked if students have utilized the warmer in the café offering ready-to-go breakfast sandwiches. Students said it is extremely convenient in an early morning rush.

Student Question: Can we reduce our wasteful packaging?

Victoria said Aramark has made efforts to reduce packaging but are limited due to their corporate size. Brad added Federal restrictions on single-use plastics are coming into effect soon. Karlotta also noted the office of sustainability is looking into a waste audit and alternative green initiatives for the café.

Student Concern: College pushes for meal plans but the café doesn't serve food on the weekends, leaving students without access to food.

Victoria explained you get tax breaks on food under your meal plan. Victoria added there has not been enough interest on weekends to keep the café open. Brad added with the addition of OneCard, the FSA is looking to partner with local businesses to provide students with discounts around town.

Student Question: All three waste compartments in our bins around campus all go into the garbage?

Karlotta said this is partially true, as Lindsay does not have a composting service. The college is looking to implement a composting service but is a slow process due to liability. Garbage and recycling are kept separate, but recycling must be properly clean and waste-free.

Student Question: Will reusable dishes and cutlery be available at the Kawartha Grille like at the café?

Victoria explained the café has access to a dishwasher on their side of the space, but one is not available for workers at the grille.

Student Question: Can more affordable healthy food options be made available?

Brad noted healthy food is often more expensive due to the cost of ingredients. Adam added the implementation of reusable containers would lead to price reductions due to less packaging. Victoria also recommended the produce program offered in the school where for \$15 students receive a produce package worth around \$30.

Student Concern: Special or limited-time items are too overpriced, limited selection and cheap options.

Brad stated that meal plans do offer a 13% discount due to tax exemption. Students agreed around \$5 is the maximum price for a single food item, and many items offered are around 7-8 dollars.

Student Question: How long is the Aramark contract?

Victoria said the contract is a 5+5, and we are in the second 5-year term currently.

Student Comment: No competition for Aramark as they monopolize the food at the school. Student wants to see other companies provide services to challenge Aramark.

Brad added more environmental initiatives, green packaging and locally sourced food would drastically increase food prices.

***Students want a toaster in the café (more self-service stations for students)**

Student Question: Can there be a reduction in road salt usage at the college?

Karlotta stated this is a liability issue and the college is required to use a specified amount.

Meeting Adjourned:

Brad motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 5:33 pm

Karlotta seconded the motion

Motion passes

Date for next meeting: 2020/2021