

CUPE Local 3905
Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 15, 2007
UC 1017 4:30pm

Meeting Commencement 4:41pm

Members in Attendance:

Joshua Armstrong	Psychology
Gloria Yu	Engineering
Brendan Johnson	Business
Laura Siegwart	Biology
Will Dechert	Kinesiology
Eric Theriault	Psychology
Jessica Bird	Psychology
James Brazeau	Psychology
Peter Holt-Hindle	Chemistry
Jeff Moore	Forestry/Rec
Ryan Hanna	Economics
Colleen Peters	Social Work

Equality statement (Read by Brendan Johnson)

Officers in Attendance:

- Joshua Armstrong (President)
- (Vice President Position Vacant)
- Brendan Johnson (Chief Steward)
- Gloria Yu (Financial Officer)
- Laura Siegwart (Recording Secretary)

Corrections to minutes from April

- Date wrong in trustee report
- Laura motions to pass minutes
- Motion seconded by Eric

Nominations and Elections:

Vice President

- Brendan nominates Will for VP
- No other interested members
- Will accepts position as VP

Recording Secretary

- Position to commence on January 1st, 2008

- Josh nominates Jessica Bird
- No other interested members
- Jessica accepts position as Recording Secretary

Trustee Positions

- James nominated by Jeff
- Jeff nominated by James
- No other interested members
- Stuart is returning
- Trustee positions accepted by James and Jeff

Nominations for Committees:

Bylaw:

- Eric nominates Josh, he accepts
- Laura nominates Will, he accepts
- Brendan nominates Eric, Eric accepts
- No other interested members

Bargaining:

- Laura nominates Josh, Josh accepts
- Gloria nominates Brendan, Brendan accepts
- James nominates Jeff, Jeff accepts
- Eric nominates Will, Will accepts
- Laura nominates Gloria, Gloria accepts
- Will nominates Eric, Eric accepts

Internal Relations:

- Representative include the VP and one other general member
- Jeff nominates Peter, Peter accepts

OUWCC:

- Conference in Kitchener Waterloo towards the end of Spring break
- Want to send 4 members, 2 exec, 2 general
- Peter motions to table the issue to next meeting because people need to check availability and need to get the word out to other members,
- Will seconds the motion, motion passed

2008 expiry Date Coordinating Meeting (December)
Emergency Leadership Meeting (December 15th)

- Brendan expresses interest

- Jeff interested
- Gloria interested
- Josh will already be present therefore will definitely attend
- Gloria can attend emergency meeting
- Will interested, but may not be available
- Members agree that this is agreeable

Financial Report:

- Gloria explains her duties and responsibilities
- Gloria provides bank account information
 - Closing balance: \$26, 963.20 as of October 31, 2007
 - Investment closing balance: \$ 22, 416.35 as of November 2007
 - We paid \$310. 65 total for 2007 National Bond Premium

Communications Report:

- Communications are being provided to the membership in a monthly newsletter

Executive Report

- Provided by Josh
- Discusses that the executive attended training in Fort Frances during the spring
- Executive was able to purchase a new computer and provide some upgrades to the office. Upgrades did not amount to \$3000
- Worked on members receiving their back pay. Did not seem to be any problems.
- Travel grants were allotted to students
- In June, Brendan and Josh helped to organize the Aboriginal day of action
- Our local provided some funding to the drummers
- In July, Brendan and Josh met with Gary Boire to discuss the idea of portable having a portable for additional GA space. This plan fell through and portables were not established
- Office closed in July due to construction
- In August, Brendan and Josh planned development day and city tour
- October/November office troubles with LUSU 9to be discussed later in the agenda)

Reports from Committees and Delegates:

- Brendan discusses his stewards council meeting in October
- No trouble this year with respect to the membership
- There are departments missing stewards
- Recording secretary must send an e-mail to membership regarding open stewards positions
- Need list of departments without stewards

-Jeff raised the issue that members have been unnecessarily receiving e-mail correspondence. Members should be bcc'ed and not cc'ed

CUPE Office:

- Ryan tried to access office but was denied access
- Oct 2nd LUSU planned to evict us at the next day's board of directors meeting
- Brendan, Ryan, Josh and Jeff attended
- Motion failed to evict us (13:6)
- Tried to charge us rent or draft a lease agreement
- Nov 2 Josh notified that the Board of Directors evicted us
- Nov 5 Josh notified members that we are getting evicted
- LUSU informed we have shared space with Co-op office for a maximum of 20hrs/week
- Josh thinks we should get storage for our furniture b/c this space is no longer available come April
- Issue up for discussion with the members
- Ryan suggests that this be put to the table at the Internal Relations committee meeting
- Members agree that this be a priority issue to bargain for
- We could potentially be out of office space if the new collective agreement is not finalized by the end of the term
- The executive, IR and space committee need to put this out as a priority issue
- Members agree to accept LUSU's offer of shared space

Chief Steward Honoraria

- Josh discusses Brendan's contributions to our local over the summer
- Ryan motions to pay Brendan for his duties over the summer
- All those in favour, none opposed, one abstained
- Motion passed

New Business

- Raffle tickets in Book Store
- May want to contact Graduate Studies to discuss increasing our travel bursary and funding for graduate students
- Include bursary info in newsletter (guidelines etc.)
- No other new business
- Potential office issues in Social Work department

Raffle Winners:

Eric: CUPE Computer
Jessica: Symphony Tickets
James: Hockey Tickets
Ryan: Symphony Tickets

Peter: Hockey Tickets

Meeting Adjourned @ ~ 6:00pm