

# CUPE 3905

REPRESENTING WORKING STUDENTS AT  
LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

## Membership Meeting

### MINUTES

February 24, 2010

RB 1021

## **0. Find extra students to meet quorum**

### **1. Call to order [16h18]**

### **2. Attendance**

Aaron Cole	Engineering
Andrew Cudowski	Engineering
Ron Berg	Education
Alain Richard	Engineering
Anthony Marelli	Education
Thomas Grinnell	Social Work
Jessica Shaw	Social Work/Women's Studies
Jason Gubbels	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ofelia Jiann	Control Engineering
Ovidiv Jiann	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ronal Rebeis	Control Engineering
Dezhi Li	Control Engineering

### **3. Shine a Light presentation**

Did you show up, therefore no donation was done  
Moved by Ovi to move on to the Pow-wow  
Seconded by Aaron  
Motion carried

### **4. Pow-wow organized by LU Native Student Association**

Tom explained; 3,000-4,000 people event that is student driven  
Money goes to the feast, facilities, security, artists...  
Andrew and Aaron asked financial questions; they got \$16,000 from LU, they sit around  
\$25,000 but expect needing \$30,000-\$40,000  
Donation have been from \$25 to \$1,000  
Andrew explained our financial situation, which is all budget for donation available given  
how we just started our financial year  
Jessica moved a motion to donate \$300  
Seconded by Jason  
Tomas abstained  
Motion carried

## **5. Financial support for the grad social in March**

- Eric Misener (the graduate student commissioner) would like to receive \$2,500 from CUPE
- Expected to have 150 students and cost around \$5,000
- Andrew explained how back in the day (2006/2007) the event was 50/50 split according to a PhD student
- It was proposed to do a type of sponsorship? And get some expose
  - Moved by Aaron to have a fund up to \$500 for a sponsorship that included posting our flag
  - Seconded by Ovi
  - Motion carried

## **6. Travel Grants**

Ron explained:

- Currently: \$300 for 5 students, summer not eligible
- Proposed to \$500 for 4 students with summer being eligible
- Tom proposed raising the number of available funding instead
  - Moved by Alain to have \$2,500 for the fall and for the winter (each) semesters, divided by up to 7 students up to \$500 per student and to what amount proof may be provided, with inclusion of summer conference being eligible
  - Seconded by Jessica
  - Motion carried

## **7. Honorarium System**

Ron explained:

- Currently: \$200 per member per month, summer executive has 2 members, during the school year it has 5 members
- Departmental Stuarts get nothing
- Members of Committees get \$200 per month
- Proposed to give \$50 per semester to departmental Stuarts and have the honorarium for committee members to be decided when the committee is struck based on the amount of work needed to be done
- Jason pointed out how the positions for Stuarts should be on the web-site
- Tom proposed to give them gifts
- Aaron suggested gif cards of \$50 value
  - Moved by Jason to give a gift valued up to \$50 to departmental Stuarts
  - Seconded by Aaron
  - Motion carried
  - Moved by Jessica that students can be part of more then one department
  - Seconded by Jason
  - Motion carried
  - Motion by Ronald that when a committee is struck it is decided how much money will be awarded when they give the final report. The amount may fluctuate if the amount of work changed to what was expected
  - Seconded by Aaron
  - Motion carried

## **8. By-law committee**

- Ron updated about how things are almost done, they got lots of results from the survey, they currently are writing the proposal and sending them higher up for approval and later to be voted on by the members
  - The changes to the travel grants will be added
- Motion by Jason to add to the by-laws the honorarium  
Seconded by Jessica  
Motion Carried

## **9. Office Space**

- Currently we are sharing with Eric Misener but there are 6-7 other unions on campus who we could help
  - Extensive discussion on the floor as to should we look into offering some space
- Motion by Andrew that the executive looks into the feasibility of offering 'our' room to other unions on campus  
Seconded by Ovi  
Motion carried

## **10. Other business**

- Andrew gave a brief financial update, with hand-outs, he expressed how we do have a good amount of money but if a strike was to happen, we would go quickly through it hence why it is important to keep increasing our strike fund
- Motion by Thomas to accept report  
Seconded by Anthony  
Motion carried

Motion by Alain to have up to 10 pizzas including vegetarians at the next meeting  
Seconded by Aaron  
Motion carried

Motion by Thomas to purchase up to \$500 on promotional materials from a unionized shop  
Seconded by Andrew  
Motion carried

## **12. Motion to Adjourn (17h20)**

Moved by Aaron  
Seconded by Anthony  
Motion Carries