

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF DURHAM COLLEGE AND UOIT

GYM #1, GORDON WILLEY BUILDING, NORTH CAMPUS

NOVEMBER 1, 2012

6:00PM – 9:00PM

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Jeff Everingham, Chair  
Jeremy Baarbe, Vice Chair  
Stephen Dawson  
Ijlal Ahmad Gondal  
Kyle Kellar  
Fatema Sarwar  
Sriharan Thiyagarajah

## STUDENT ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT:

Rachel Calvelli, President  
Jesse Cullen, Vice President of University Affairs  
Kayleigh Johnston, Vice President of College Affairs  
Kayla Russell, Associate Vice President of College Affairs  
Derek Fullerton, Vice President of Campus Life  
Michelle Lee, Vice President of Campus Clubs

## REGRETS:

Andrew Carvalho  
Arif Elmazi  
Jacob Radziwinowski

## GUESTS:

Michael Sullivan, Sullivan and Company, Auditors  
Nick Pasquino, Lawyer, Borden Ladner Gervais  
Nick McAlister, Articling Student, Borden Ladner Gervais

## STUDENT ASSOCIATION STAFF:

David Cook, General Manager  
Kelly Morrison, Marketing and Communications Manager  
Jennifer Junkin, Graphic Designer  
Jamie Beagan,  
Reisha Prasad

## MINUTE TAKER:

Donna Judson, Office and Health Plan Coordinator  
Kelly Morrison, Manager of Marketing and Communications



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**OPENING:**

Jeff Everingham, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31pm  
Chair reported quorum was met.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM/FOLLOW UP
ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA	<p><b><u>Additions or Amendments to the Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Sean Kell;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association Members at Durham College and UOIT approve moving the Member Proposals, items a) to i) on the agenda to item 8 on the agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Motion carried unanimously</b></p>	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Chair, Jeff Everingham, welcomed students to the AGM and introduced the Board of Directors, Executive, staff and guests.</p>	
APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Josh Bickle; seconded by Vinayak Ethiraju;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve the consent agenda.</b></p> <p>The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items for approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Minutes from the 2011 AGM held on October 25;</li><li>2. Board Committee Reports; CRO Election Report</li><li>3. An approval asking the membership to approve the Student Association Membership Fee for 2013-2014 membership year remain unchanged at \$102.31 per student.</li></ol> <p>A Member questioned why the Board of Directors requested an approval to keep the Student Association fee at \$102.31 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year based on the surplus?</p> <p>The President explained that the surplus could not be anticipated and was a result in the rapid growth at the institutions. The Board is looking at spending the surplus to benefit students</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	<p><b><u>Financial Statements</u></b></p> <p>Michael Sullivan, Auditor from Sullivan and Co., presented the Student Association Financial Statements as at April 30, 2012</p> <p>Auditor answered member questions.</p> <p>Michael Sullivan left the AGM at 7:26pm.</p>	
APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	<p><b><u>Audited Statements</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Josh Bickle; seconded by Sean Kell;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT receive the 2011/2012 Financial</b></p>	



	Statements as presented.	Motion Carried
APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS	<p><b><u>2012-2013 Auditors</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Fatema Sarwar; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT Membership approve the appointment of Sullivan &amp; Co. as auditors for the fiscal year 2012 (FY12-13) and authorize the Board of Directors to approve their remuneration.</b></p>	Motion Carried
BUDGET, BUSINESS PLAN & HIGHLIGHTS	<p><b><u>Budget, Business Plan and Highlights</u></b></p> <p>The President, Rachel Calvelli, presented a highlight of what the Executive, staff and Board have been working on. She also gave a high level budget overview.</p> <p>Q. A Member asked about SA bursaries.</p> <p>A. The President reported that the SA had an agreement with the institutions to share bursaries but the agreement expired. There have been discussions about scholarships for club/society members and part time staff.</p>	
	<p><b><u>MEMBER PROPOSALS</u></b></p> <p>The Chair clarified to the Members that if a motion is brought forward and approved at the AGM the Board must give a final approval.</p> <p>Nick Pasquino, lawyer, stated that Members can make a proposal but the Board must act in the best interest of the organization. He also said that some motions are binding if approved tonight such as the motions to elected Associate VP's and oust SA President. Other motions that are not binding if approved are increasing funding for clubs and Outreach Services downtown. A decision to broadcast Board meetings is an operational decision.</p> <p>A Member asked the lawyer to clarify – if the Members approved to increase funding for clubs and the Board voted down an increase could the Membership fire the Board.</p> <p>Lawyer confirmed that yes the Membership could fire the Board.</p> <p>A Member asked why the Board gets the final decision if the Membership voted them in and is approving a motion.</p> <p>The Chair stated that the Board is reasonable and would not turn down an approval from the Membership without a valid reason.</p>	
APPROVAL	<b><u>Elected SA Associate Vice Presidents</u></b>	



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ELECTED SA AVP'S	<p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT move the Associate Vice Presidents to elected positions for a one year term beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on April 30<sup>th</sup>.</b></p> <p>Rationale: AVP's should be elected as the voice of the students not hired as the face of the Student Association. They would be more accountable to the Members if they are elected.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
APPROVAL PART TIME ELECTED VP INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	<p><b><u>Part Time Elected Vice President of International Affairs</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Rami El-Emam; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT create a part-time elected position of Vice President of International Student Affairs.</b></p> <p>Rationale: Would give international students a voice on campus and would be someone that would understand their concerns.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
APPROVAL STUDENT BY-LAW AMENDMENTS	<p><b><u>Student By-Law Amendments</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve extending the time for presentation of the introduction to the motion by 5 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Moved by Josh Bickle; seconded by Kyle Kellar;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve the General By-Law amendments as presented by Josh Bickle and Vinayak Ethiraju.</b></p> <p>Josh Bickle made a friendly amendment to 6.6 Remuneration of Directors: To read Directors shall receive an honorarium of thirty-five dollars (\$35) per meeting. Increases for the Board of Directors in the following year shall be proposed at an AGM.</p> <p>Rationale: The Board of Directors has proposed that the Board receive an honorarium of \$35 per meeting.</p> <p>Discussion: Members discussed how the honorarium should be paid, that any increase in the honorarium should be approved at an AGM by the Members not by the outgoing Board of Directors. Directors should be also paid for committee meetings if the honorarium is</p>	



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	<p>set at \$35 but only if they attend the meetings.</p> <p>Members discussed nomination papers and if collecting signatures should be kept in the by-laws.</p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve keeping nomination papers as a requirement for candidates running in the election and that a General Meeting should be held for potential candidates to gain information.</b></p> <p>Members discussed that the process is like any election and it does not give any candidate an unfair advantage. Josh Bickle felt that removing nomination papers and making a General Meeting mandatory removes barriers for students wanting to run in the election.</p> <p>Vote on amendment to keep nomination papers and hold a General Meeting for potential candidates to ask questions about the positions.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Vote on original amended motion.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Moved by Vinayak Ethiraju; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve amending the honorarium to thirty five dollars (\$35) per meeting for Board of Directors.</b></p> <p>Rationale: Board Members attend one to two meetings per month, three hours each and each meeting requires preparation time to prepare for the meeting. Board Members also sit on committees of the Board. A Member felt Board Members should not be paid and if a student does not have the time they should not run. By running for the position they volunteer to be the voice of the students.</p> <p>Vote on amendment.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
APPROVAL STUDENT STRUCTURE PROPOSAL	<p><b><u>Student Structure Proposal</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve extending the time for presentation of the introduction to the motion by 5 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Moved by Josh Bickle; seconded by Vinayak Ethiraju;</p>	



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	<p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve the structure change and accompanying General By-Law amendments to change the structure of the Board of Directors.</b></p> <p>Josh Bickle reviewed the proposed changes to the structure of the Board which included: the Board should have an impartial chair; the VP of Campus Life and VP of Campus Clubs should be changed to Campus Life Coordinator and Campus Club Coordinator; AVP of College Affairs and AVP of University Affairs should be increased to 20 hours a week and Society Presidents should make up the Board of Directors.</p> <p>A friendly amendment was made to have the Faculty of Engineering Applied Science and Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science be considered as separate.</p> <p>Moved by Fatema Sarwar; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the motion be amended to have one representative from each Faculty elected to sit on the Board not the Society President.</b></p> <p>Jeremy Baarbe withdrew his second to the motion. The motion died.</p> <p>Moved by Jeremy Baarbe; seconded by Fatema Sarwar;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve the motion but omit proposed section 6.4 Composition of the Board. The composition of the Board would remain status quo with 5 Durham College and 5 UOIT directors.</b> <b>Motion Failed</b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Fatema Sarwar;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve amending the original motion to have one member of each Faculty and School elected by members of their Faculty or School to sit on the Board of Directors.</b> <b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Vote on the original motion with the approved amendment. <b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
APPROVAL OUTREACH SERVICES DOWNTOWN	<p><b><u>Outreach Services Downtown Oshawa</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Kyle Kellar;</p>	



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<p>OSHAWA</p>	<p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve initiating a process to establish a permanent location for Outreach Services in downtown Oshawa by September 2013.</b></p> <p>Moved by Josh Bickle; seconded by Kyle Kellar;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT amended the motion to include Whitby Campus.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Vote on original amended motion. The Chair reminded the members that this is not a binding motion. The President noted that she is in agreement with the approval but it may not be possible to have the services ready for fall 2013.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
<p>APPROVAL INCREASE FUNDING CAMPUS CLUBS</p>	<p><b><u>Increase Funding for Campus Clubs</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Neal Ruescher; seconded by Sean Kell;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT increase base funding for all Student Association Clubs from \$500 to \$1,000 per academic school year for the current and all future years.</b></p> <p>Jeremy Baarbe stated that the organization may not be able to afford the increase and as a Board member he wants to honour decisions made by Members but it may not be viable.</p> <p>Moved by Matt Gajkowski; seconded by Sean Kell;</p> <p><b>That the motion be amended to increase funding to \$750 and include Societies.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Failed.</b></p> <p>Josh Bickle does not feel there is enough information for the Members to make a decision on the motion.</p> <p>Moved by Sean Kell; seconded by Tyler Naicken;</p> <p><b>That the motion be amended to increase base funding for clubs to \$750 and to include society funding from \$500 to \$750 and sub societies from \$250 to \$500.</b></p> <p>Josh Bickle still does not feel there is enough information.</p> <p>Lawyer stated that this motion is not binding. It is the job of the Board of Directors to get information and make an informed decision.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Failed</b></p>	



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<p>APPROVAL DISCONTINUE CSA MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p><b><u>Discontinue CSA Membership</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Josh Bickle;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve extending the time for presentation of the introduction to the motion by 5 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Josh Bickle;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT immediately inform CSA (College Student Alliance) of its intent to discontinue membership in the organization and initiate a process to seek perspective membership of CFS (Canadian Federation of Students).</b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the motion be amended to explore the possibility of perspective membership in CFS.</b></p> <p>Josh Bickle, point of order; brand new motion. Chair ruled that no new business can be introduced at the AGM.</p> <p>Moved by Jeremy Baarbe; seconded by Jesse Cullen;</p> <p><b>To challenge the Chair's decision that this is new business and allow the Members to discuss the amended motion.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Vote on amendment to the original motion. <b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Rationale: Jesse Cullen feels that all students should be represented not just the College students. CFS represents college, university and graduate students.</p> <p>Moved by Josh Bickle; seconded by Stephen Dawson;</p> <p><b>That the motion be amended to have a Special Meeting of Members to approve a Referendum for College students to vote on the \$6.00 levied fee for college students for the CSA Membership Fee.</b></p> <p>Jesse Cullen stated that all students pay the fee for CSA therefore all students should vote in a referendum.</p> <p>Lawyer clarified that if a Special Meeting were called all Members would vote.</p> <p>President clarified that CSA fees come from the</p>	
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	<p>Operational Budget and the fee is based on the number of College students.</p> <p>Vote on amendment to hold a Special Meeting. <b>Motion Failed</b></p> <p>Vote on original amended motion to explore the perspective membership of CSA. <b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the agenda items #8 and #9 are tabled and a Special Meeting of Members called to address.</b></p> <p>Lawyer clarified the legal matter is that there is a new By-Law put forward by the Board and it is before the AGM if the motion to hold a special meeting is passed then the By-Law approved last year would stand without the motions.</p> <p>Lawyer if the meeting is terminated and hold a Special Meeting then all the approvals die tonight.</p> <p><b>The motion was amended to adjourn the meeting after the member proposals and call a Special Meeting of Members where quorum required would be 171 Members in attendance to reconstitute this meeting at a later date to continue with the remaining business.</b> <b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
APPROVAL BROADCAST BOARD MEETINGS ON RIOT RADIO	<p><b><u>Broadcast Board Meetings on Riot Radio</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Jesse Cullen; seconded by Jeremy Baarbe;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT broadcast all Board meetings on Riot Radio.</b> <b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
APPROVAL OUST SA PRESIDENT	<p><b><u>Oust Student Association President</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Rachel Calvelli; seconded by Jesse Cullen;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT approve extending the time for presentation of the introduction to the motion by 5 minutes.</b> <b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Moved by Adam Kube; seconded by Josh Bickle; <b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT oust the current Student Association President from power and remove her authority.</b></p> <p>Lawyer, Nick Pasquino, suggested that the Members consider the implications on the organization if they remove the President from office for any reason.</p>	



	<p>Board Members also informed the Members that the Board is currently conducting an investigation.</p> <p>Moved by Adam Kube; seconded by Michael Farrington;</p> <p><b>That the Student Association at Durham College and UOIT postpone the vote on ousting the Student Association President until the Board investigation is complete.</b></p> <p>A Member questioned what could the result of the investigation be? The Corporate Lawyer, Erik Fraser, informed the Directors appointed to head the investigation that the Board of Directors will receive a report from him when the investigation is complete. They will make the final decision if removal is necessary, if it would be immediate or if a transition period to a new person would be appropriate.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>Vote on original amended motion.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	
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#### ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56pm.