



2nd Official Meeting of the Rideau River Residence Association Council

November 16th, 2023 at 6:30 PM PM Held at TC214 (Virtually)

Attendance

Andrea Odumodu

Imose Alexander

Saad Humayun

Esther Adegboro

Terry Michaud

Oyinkansola Jolaogun

Kenzie Kilgour

Danica Hassen

Aeeves Chan

Douaa Qadadia

Julia Gabrielle Amougou Mimboe

Cassandra Stevens

Jacky Chan

Sulena Shrestha

Richa DuphareHi

Hayden Strachan

DJ Pannu

Sean MacLeod

Thiviswa elilvannan

Noah Goodgie

Nawaila Imtiaz

Cameron Chisholm

Mashhood Ali Khan

Kyla Silva

1. Call to Order
2. Motion to Elect a Temporary Chair
3. Motion to Elect a Temporary Clerk to Council
4. Land Declaration
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Executive Reports
 - 6.1. President's Report
 - 6.2. Vice President Administration's Report
 - 6.3. Vice President Programming's Report
7. RRRRA Committee Reports
8. External Reports
 - 8.1. CUSA Report
 - 8.2. GSA Report
9. Question Period
10. Other Business
 - 10.1. Motion to Appoint Awards Board
 - 10.2. Motion to Appoint Residence Representatives
 - 10.3. Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 Operating Budget

Other Business

Motion to Designate a Temporary Chair of Council

Whereas the Chair is currently in the process of being trained by the Association; therefore

Be it resolved, Muhammad Maahir (Vice President Administration) shall serve as Chair of Residence Council for this meeting.

Moved: Vice President Abdul Aziz

Seconded: Esther Adegboro

All In Favour - Unanimous

Motion passed

Motion to Appoint a Clerk to Council

Whereas Council must appoint a Clerk to keep minutes and records for Residence Council Meetings;

Be it resolved, that Karen Nwagbo shall serve as Council Clerk for this meeting.

Moved: Tricia

Seconded: Noah Goodgie

All in favour - Unanimous

Motion passed



Land Declaration

On behalf of the Rideau River Residence Association, I would like to acknowledge the Algonquin nation who's traditional and unceded territory we are gathered upon today.

Carleton University acknowledges the location of its campus on the traditional, unceded territories of the Algonquin nation. In doing so, Carleton acknowledges it has a responsibility to the Algonquin people and a responsibility to adhere to Algonquin cultural protocols.

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Be it resolved, that this agenda as presented to Council be adopted.

Moved: Terry Michaiud **Seconded:** Amougou

Adopted Unanimously

Approval of Past Minutes

Be it resolved, the minutes of the RRA council meeting on September 28 2023 be [approved](#)

Moved: Kyla Silva

Seconded: Aaves Chan

Adopted Unanimously

Executive Reports

- **Promotions and Events :**
 - \$800 BMX monster promotion ongoing.
 - Another promotion planned after the current one.
 - "Employee of the Month" initiative implemented to improve cashier performance.
- **November Events :**
 - Game nights, movie nights, Halloween events organized.
 - More events planned for the current month.
- **Community Visibility:**
 - Long table sessions held to increase visibility.
 - Emphasis on reinforcing the community's knowledge about the group's presence.
- **Club Initiatives :**
 - Club initiative launched with positive reception.
 - Oversight board established with three grade members.
 - Proxy system in place for members unable to attend.
- **RRA formal event:**
 - Significant annual event on January 26th with 500 attendees
 - Encouragement for everyone to contribute to its success.
- **Ongoing Projects:**
 - Development of the board for award presentation at the RRA Gala.
 - University and RRA agreements in progress, involving legal discussions.
 - Continuation of the club initiative fund and its functions.
- **Acknowledgement and Call to Action:**

- Recognition of the importance of involvement and support in ongoing projects.
- Encouragement for everyone to participate and contribute to the success of the RRA Formal event.

Reports

- **Successful Events**
 - Well-attended study session during reading week.
 - Revival of regular bi-weekly movie nights.
 - Halloween Pumpkin scavenger hunt with successful candy contest.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Joint cooking class with dining services focusing on making healthy meals with Ramen.
 - Ravens round-up to boost attendance at house cup games in collaboration with Bird Games.
 - More initiatives planned for December to support students during exams.
- **Committee Involvement**
 - Co-hosting the equity committee and events committee later this month.
 - Call for ideas and participation from committee members.
- **Collaboration and Initiatives:**
 - Collaboration with the media manager for RRA rebranding and website improvements.
 - Emphasis on adding services to the website for student benefit.
 - Focus on services to help students and social media engagement.
 - Volunteer hub restarted, with honorariums for volunteers.
- **Campus Partnerships:**
 - Talks with campus partners, including Housing and Dining Services, to address student needs.
 - Ongoing discussions about potential projects and initiatives.
 - Ensuring students' voices are heard in discussions with campus partners.
- **RRA Formal and Frost Week:**
 - Excitement for the upcoming RRA formal event, with ticket release expected by the end of the month.
 - Planning for Frost Week with CUSA's facilitation, seeking ideas for residents and non-residents.

- **Communication Channels:**
 - Reminder about the RRA at residence and Council Discord for quick communication.
 - Call for photo and bio submissions for the website to enhance visibility and accessibility.
- **Reminders and Requests:**
 - Encouragement to join Discord channels for better communication.
 - Request for photo and bio submissions for the website to aid in identifying representatives.

Reports

- **RRA Awards Board**
 - Accelerated planning for the RRA awards due to the upcoming formal event in January.
 - Formation of the awards board during the current meeting.
 - Working on a more inclusive and holistic framework for scholarships to encourage diverse candidates.
- **Administrative Tasks**
 - Coordination with dining services for a meeting to address concerns and suggestions.
 - Preparation for the meeting, including discussing events, sharing feedback, and building a cultural calendar.
 - Ongoing efforts to improve the RRA website by adding profiles and bios.
- **Campus Engagement and Feedback**
 - Engaging with different groups on campus, talking to residents, and gathering feedback.
 - Addressing feedback during committee discussions, such as potential changes to election processes.
 - Upcoming discussions on topics like moving floors/buildings for elected councillors and improving election frameworks.
- **Committee Meetings**
 - Delay in committee meetings due to absence, with meetings for abstentions review, dining services, and constitution review scheduled for the next week.

External reports

- **Main Topics**
 - Discussion on resident-related issues and potential solutions.
 - Addressing sustainability concerns, including the relocation of garbage bins.
 - Exploring options for replacing garbage bins on residence floors.
- **Video Updates for Residents:**
 - Recognition of outdated videos for residents' rooms (over 10 years old).
 - Raised the issue with the Lower Storey executive director of residents.
 - Confirmation that new videos are in the works to address the concern.
- **Post-Budget Issues:**
 - Mention of budget-related concerns related to residents.
- **Upcoming Discussions:**
 - Plan to address the Dundas House issue in the next committee meeting.
 - Collaborative efforts expected in addressing the Dundas House initiative.

External reports

- **Referendum Results:**
 - The CU the Referendum officially passed with a 19.8% voter turnout.
 - Reports published online, marking the highest voter turnout in over a decade.
- **Executive Roadmaps:**
 - Executive roadmaps outlining goals for the year published on Instagram and the website.
- **Legal Aid Clinic**
 - Restarted the legal aid clinic with the Ottawa Student Union, offering free legal support for undergraduates.
- **Health and Dental Plan**
 - Negotiated a \$40 reduction in the Health and Dental Plan for this year and the next.
- **The Wing Reopening**
 - Working on reopening the Wing for more food options suited to students' cultural needs.
- **Haven Operations**
 - Decided to wind down operations for the book operation side of Haven after a decade.
- **New CUSA Awards:**

- Introduced five new CUSA awards, including Women in Leadership and Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation dedicated awards.
- **Flying Rights Campaign:**
 - Formally launched the Flying Rights Campaign, addressing menstrual and reproductive rights and justice on campus.
- **Advocacy Efforts:**
 - Met with the Federal Minister for Housing Infrastructure to discuss the housing crisis in Canada, particularly for international students.
- **Student Jobs Update:**
 - Introduced 15 new student jobs in September and providing support for students affected by Greek life and hazing incidents.
- **Transit Advocacy**
 - Working on transit advocacy, addressing the discontinuation of Route 111 bus and collaborating with city officials.
- **Gender Affirming Care:**
 - Applied for future funding for the gender affirming care for GRC program.
- **Interactive Budget Report:**
 - Presented an interactive budget report on the website for more accessibility and transparency.
- **Initiative Grants:**
 - Distributed initiative grants to students who applied for them this semester.
- **Unified Support Centre:**
 - Launched the unified support centre and the Get Out the Vote campaign.
- **Clubs Training and Elections:**
 - Conducted clubs training sessions, introduced new election software for clubs, and explored storage options.
- **Gender-Based Violence Advisory Group:**
 - Initiating a Gender-Based Violence Advisory Group to address incidents of sexual assault on campus.
- **Mosaic Campaign:**
 - Working on the Mosaic campaign, with upcoming events like the international student breakfast and culture shock event.
- **Embassy Programme:**
 - Strong progress in the embassy programme, meeting with 90 embassies, advocating for students from different countries.
- **Exam Shuttle Services:**
 - Shuttle services available for students in further parts of the city during exam seasons.
- **Frost Free Plans:**

- Finalised plans for Frost Free in January, collaborating with stakeholders and introducing new events.
- **Thrive and Chunk Nation:**
 - Thrive event upcoming, and Chunk Nation showing a 90% retention rate in the volunteer programme.
- **State of the Union Event:**
 - Planning a State of the Union event, updating students on the progress and future plans of the student unions.

Reports

- **Introduction**
 - CASG (Carleton Academic Student Government) focuses on academic advocacy, funding, events, and resources.
- **Council Meetings:**
 - CASG held two successful council meetings with high engagement in the Senate room.
 - There are still vacant seats on the council, and interested individuals can check the website for availability.
- **Community Building Sponsorship Funds:**
 - CASG funded nearly \$1500 for community building events through sponsorship funds.
 - Academic Initiative Fund is open until November 21st for fall semester funding for academic-related events.
- **Ongoing Project Syllabus Archives Initiative:**
 - Aiming to make past course outlines available on department websites.
 - The initiative aims to assist students in decision-making, major declaration, and understanding course content and evaluation methods.
 - Survey available on the CASG website and Instagram for student feedback on the project.
- **Survey on Syllabus Archives Initiative:**
 - Seeking student input on how the initiative would benefit them.
 - Encouraging students to participate in the survey to gather valuable feedback.
 - The survey is accessible on the CASG website and Instagram.
- **Contact Informations**
 - Students can reach out to Francesca at president@casg.ca.

- Follow CASG on Instagram at CASG_online for updates and information.

Questions on Reports presented

Motion to Appoint Awards Board Members

Whereas, the RRRR Foundation Awards fourteen (14) scholarships,

Whereas, the RRRR Foundation Awards eight bursaries of \$1,000

Whereas, recipients of RRRR Foundation Awards shall be chosen by the RRRR Foundation Awards Board which will be comprised of:

- a) The Vice President Administration, who shall act as chair of the board,
- b) Five Members of Students' Council who are not applicants for a RRRR Foundation Award,
- c) Two members of the Association who are not members of students' council and are not applicants for a RRRR Foundation Award.

Be it resolved that:

The Five Members of RRRR Council be voted and appointed today during this meeting

Moved: Hassen **Seconded:** Amougou
Board Members
Jacky
Cassandra
Noah
Douaa
Danica

All in Favour - Adopted with unanimous consent

Motion to Appoint Members of H&RLC

Whereas, the Housing and Residence Life Committee (H&RLC) act as a consultative group which considers and shares ideas around student life, facility projects and the caf

Whereas, the H&RLC participates in an annual review of the Residence Standards and Residence Agreement and provide suggestions for updates to match student populations, government legislation and legal precedents

Whereas, the committee consists of the Director, Housing and Residence Life, 1 Residence Manager, 3 RRRA Representatives (1 Executive and 2 other representatives) and other non-voting members,

Be it resolved, that the President of RRRA and 2 RRRA councilors elected during this meeting sit on the committee.

Moved: Tricia Seconded: Cameron chisholm

Members
Imose
Cameron
Aaves Chan
Kyla silva
Terry

Adopted Unanimously

**Motion to Amend Proxy
Inclusion of proxy (3rd and 4th members
Moved: Jacky seconded: Cassandra
Opposed : Aidan A
By Majority motion accepted**

Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 Operating Budget

Whereas, RRRA must adopt a budget in order for its expenditures and other financial information to be accessible and transparent

And whereas the 2023-24 operating budget of RRRA was made available to RRRA Council at least 48 hours before its first meeting

And whereas the President, presented the Budget to Council and offered the opportunity to Council to ask questions

Be it resolved that the 2023-2024 operating budget of RRRA, as presented by the President be adopted by Council.

Moved: Noah
Adopted unanimously

Seconded: Tricia

Making a motion to table the utilisation of the RRA councillor appreciation budget to the next RRA Council meeting

Motion to Adjourn

Be it resolved, the Council adjourns until the call of the Chair.

Moved: Humayun
Adopted unanimously

Seconded: Kyla Silva