**Minutes**

Meeting of the Concurrent Education Students’ Association Council

**Members Present:** Julia Andersen, Thalia Anobile, Natalie Bienias, Madison Berrisford, John Carney, Afsheen Chowdhury, Nicole Emmerton, Yael Gazit, Jazmine Graham, Michelle Khanna, Allison Kielbasa, Jansen Lau, Alexandra Lauzon, Hanna Lee, Katie Lem, Brendan Lerant, Nicole Li, Jathorsan Lingarajan, Amanda Lyons, Cameron MacDonald, Zoe Miller, Evan Noronha, Sarah Reddick, Maddie Rich, Sandie Tran, Connie Trinh, Grace Vidad, Emily Walker and Tiffany Wong.

**Also Present:,** Emily Coulas, Ariella Gorber, Alexander Kotsopoulos, Joshua Maligaya, Jacob Pittini, Abba Siju, Emily Reynolds, Kate Rochon, Katie Thom

**Regrets:**

Ruth Bryce, Amanda Edsid, Erica Frosst, Linda Hu, Alexa Irvine, Saorise Kilkenny-Beattie, Charlen Lee, Wendy Li, Samantha Mahoney, Bronte McMaster, Makezi Mellon, Aliyaa Mohammed, Janna Moselhi, Elise Ngo, Michelle Nyamekye, Cameron Perkin, Amanda Rankin, Shannon Robinson, Abby Skene, Emily Teves

1. **Motion #1-** Adoption of the Agenda of the meeting of November 11th, 2018

Moved by: Sarah Reddick

Seconded by: Tiffany Wong

Motion passed unanimously

1. **Motion #2:** Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of October 28th, 2018.

Moved by: Sarah Reddick

Seconded by: Tiffany Wong

Motion passed unanimously

1. **Speaker’s Business***Evan Noronha, Speaker and Chief Electoral Officer*

* Land acknowledgments

1. **President’s Report**

*Tiffany Wong, President*

* I hope everyone is doing well! Here are some things that have been happening under my portfolio:
* CESA BISC Rep Info Night and Hiring:
  + The CESA BISC Rep Info Night went really well.
* We even had a special guest show up: Vicky Andrews!
  + Hiring will be taking place next Tuesday (Nov. 13th) and Wednesday (Nov. 14th).
  + We hope to have the BISC Reps hired, and welcomed and acclimated to CESA Council by the end of the semester!
* Teach Exec 2019:
  + Looking forward to getting to know the Teach Exec 2019 team (Emily, Jacob, Joshua, Julia, Madison), and to support them in their transition and work alongside them to better serve (incoming) students!
* Final Year Meeting:
  + Members of the Faculty of Education will go over Final Year Education requirements and briefly outline Final Year Education, including practicum questions, at the Final Year Meeting!
  + Please help me invite all of your friends who are planning to attend Final Year Education (fifth year B.Ed) in September 2019! Here is the event page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/273213016662811/>
* Upcoming Bullet Journaling Event:
  + Oshynne, Sophia, Erin, Sarah, Janna, and Allison are in the process of planning the next CESA Bullet Journaling event
  + We hope to have another bullet journaling event towards the end of the semester! Stay tuned!
* MHAC x CESA’s Con-Ed Week:
  + Last week, Aliyaa, Janna, and I met with Niana Lavallee (member of MHAC Campus Outreach subcommittee), regarding a potential collaborative opportunity between CESA and MHAC
  + We hope to collaborate with MHAC for a “Mental Health in the Classroom” event during Con-Ed Week in January, which will focus on providing Con-Ed students the practical strategies necessary to implement mental health topics into classroom discussions and activities.
* I will be attending a president caucus meeting following this, if there are any questions about the accusations made against the AMS president please come talk to me.

1. **Vice President’s Report**
2. **Vice President (Internal)**

*Connie Trinh, Vice President (Internal)*

* It’s been busy since my last report, so let’s get into it!
* ASUS:
  + Dean Crow came to visit assembly to speak about her strategic plan
  + She would like written submissions from exec of each faculty society in order to ensure that she working together with students
  + Her consultations are centered around four questions: What would a successful Artsci in 2024 look like? What are your top 5 priorities? What are 3-4 of the most significant issues that need our attention right now?
  + Please think about these questions while we have a discussion about this at a later date.
* FACULTY BOARD:
  + Nothing to report. Next Faculty Board meeting is Nov 16 at 3:30pm.
* ATHLETICS:
  + BEWICS registration is officially over! We have 41 students on our team which is fantastic and our team name is “Let’s Get This B( r ). Ed” ((ty Jansen)) and our t-shirt design is well under way
  + The athletics team is killing it, I’m super impressed with them!
* YEAR REPS:
  + Clothing sales are finally over
  + Thank you so much to everyone who supported Con-Ed Clothing this year! Jathor, Makenzi, and Thalia did a fabulous job, I’m so proud of all their hard work!
  + 1st Years are working on establishing their year bar and jacket bar sales will go on in the office from Nov 19-30 for 1st year students to pre-order and pay for their year bars
  + 2nd and 3rd years have their next year event this Friday, if you are a ’20 or ’21, you should go!!!
* KATIE:
  + Katie’s been working hard on our newsletter initiative with the other interns. Keep your eyes peeled for when it gets published ☺
* CON-ED WEEK
  + Con-Ed Week (the first week of winter semester) is slowly creeping up on us
  + Tiffany, Sarah and I have already started brainstorming and outlining what the week will look like
  + If you have any feedback from years past or any new suggestions for a new event, PLEASE let us know!
  + You can email or Facebook message any one of us! We want this week to be special for everyone!!

1. **Vice President (External)**

*Sarah Reddick, Vice President (External)*

* I hope you’re all having a good week! Things have been super busy with me and I hope they start slowing down soon!
* External Umbrella
  + Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice was wonderful!
  + Formal planning has begun!
  + Workshop week Nov 19-22
  + Community Dinner Nov 24th
* TELC/TEAC
  + No update for TEAC/Faculty Board
* TELC
  + Rebecca has a meeting with minister to discuss the Math Test elementary school teachers are going to be required to take
  + Contracts with Ministry are up August 31
  + A lot of planning and prep has been done to prepare for negotiations
* Clothing:
  + Council clothing has been ordered, more info to come once it comes in.
* Con-Ed Week:
  + Planning for con-Ed week has begun with Connie & Tiff we are very excited!!
* Con-Ed Office
  + PLEASE lock the cabinet with the cash boxes
  + Try to clean up the office if your hour is chill

1. **Executive Administrator’s Business**

*Erica Frost, Executive Administrator*

* N/A

1. **Events Director’s Report**

*Katie Lem, Events Director*

* Have lots of fun and exciting stuff going on in the Events World! Lots of awesome stuff coming up before winter break and we hope to see you there!
* Social Affairs: **Con-Ed Formal**
  + Thanks to everyone that came to our event last week and formal location has been chosen
  + We’ll be having Con-Ed Formal at the Harbour again this year and are looking at March 23.
* Community Affairs: Community Dinner
  + November 24
  + We are still looking for volunteers for the Community Dinner
  + Decorating, cooking, serving food and cleaning are some of the roles available
  + They can commit to 1 hour - 5 hours or as much time as they’d like to
  + Other than that, we are still prepping the menu, decorations and other parts of the event
  + This is a good event because it lets students meet people in their community, while supporting people in need
  + Also, it’s a great way to share holiday spirit!
  + The Dinner will be on NOVEMBER 24 at St. Luke’s (Princess and Nelson)
  + Let us know if you would like to volunteer, there’s a Facebook group and you can be added to that
* Workshops: FALL WORKSHOP WEEK
  + November 19-22
  + Workshop week is swiftly approaching!!
  + There is a Google sign up that was sent to your Queens email, and there’s also a Facebook event so check them out for all the info on our amazing speakers and make sure you sign up
  + All workshops are from 6-7:30pm and are running Monday through Thursday.

1. **Marketing and Design Director’s Report**

*Hanna Lee, Marketing and Design Director*

* Hi guys! Hope you all had amazing week 9
* MARKETING REQUESTS:
  + PLEASE try to get your marketing forms in AT LEAST 2 WEEKs in advance
  + preferably after you have a confirmed room booking
* MERCH
  + CON-ED CLOTHING looked AMAZING!
  + Big thanks to Thalia and the third-year reps for putting that together
* As always, if you have any suggestions for the website and/or merch just let me know

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

*Amanda Lyons, Treasurer*

* Still patiently awaiting our cheque from the AMS for student fees
* Keep counting the money and submitting those reimbursement receipts!

1. **Academic Affairs Commissioner’s Report**

*Natalie Bienias, Academic Affairs Commissioner*

* What’s new with me? Not a whole lot…
* Next Professional Studies Committee meeting is on the 12th
* Collected feedback about the fall reading week survey
  + Most feedback that I read through suggests it should be longer, but they won’t be able to actually change anything for the next 3 years as they are locked into their decision.
* First Year Study Sessions
  + PSYC 100 – December 1st
  + CHEM 112 – December 2nd
  + ENGL 100 – December 3rd
  + MATH 121 – December 4th
  + SOCY 122 – December 5th
  + BIO 102 – December 6th
* Thank you volunteers, if anyone would like to volunteer still just let me know

1. **Equity Affairs Commissioner’s Report**

*Aliyaa Mohammed, Equity Affairs Commissioner*

* QCE bursaries are out
* COMSPA reached out to me about an animal-therapy related event! stay tuned!

1. **Sustainability Commissioner’s Report**

*Zoe Miller, Sustainability Commissioner*

* Sustainability Commissioner Report – November 11th, 2018
* The first sustainability event (CESA Sustainability Clothing Exchange) happened this week. I thought it went pretty well, I wish that participation could have been a bit higher. There were more donations than I expected which was really great, so I will be able to donate those to charity
* Thank you to everyone who participated
* Please keep filling out your waste tracking sheets I appreciate it so much

1. **Senator’s Report**

*Afsheen Chowdhury, Senator*

* Developing a policy on free speech, there’s a working group working to develop Queen’s policy on this right now. Students will be a part of this group, and there’s an extensive follow up for this
* Fall term reading days is under review, keep an eye out for emails and surveys for how that went
* Terminology update : Indigenous is a standard, but if you identify as Indigenous you can have your own way of identifying
* New principle – Patrick Dean, general email going to be sent out to all of Con-Ed this week with more details about that
* I’m going to be retiring this year, please pass this information around so that you make sure you have the best possible people representing you next year

1. **AMS Representatives’ Report**

*Alison Kielbasa, Representative to the AMS*

* AMS:
  + No new information from the AMS Assembly
  + I attended the AMS JDUC revitalization meeting last week and I have a little bit of information. They are still in the brain storming stage of the revitalization so they don’t have any set plan.
  + They were pondering the idea of using underground tunnels as a way to get through the JDUC to the ARC. Here are a few more ideas:
    - More windows
    - More study rooms/ tables
    - Outdoor aesthetic which is functional in both summer and winter
    - Environmentally Conscious Net Zero Building
    - Solar panels
    - Green roof/walls
    - Eco friendly heating and AC
    - A building which retains the history and the aesthetic

1. **Year Representatives’ Report**
2. **First Year Representatives**

*Grace Vidad and Brendan Lerant, 1st year Reps*

* We have started a poll for our jacket bar and suggestions have so far been amazing (both first years and upper years have been commenting)
* We are collecting popular choices and putting them into a final poll later this week
* We are working with the 2nd and 3rd year reps on a social event for the 20th of November which will be Winter themed
* We’ve been promoting the 1st year rep to the AMS so hopefully as I’m talking, somebody is in this room hoping to apply for the position

1. **Second Year Representatives**

*Julia Anderson and Maddie Rich, 2nd year Reps*

* WINTER WELLNESS WONDERLAND
  + we’re planning a fun event with the first and third years!
  + It’s still in its early stages, but there’s going to be lots of holiday fun and activities
* PARTY
  + We are ALSO planning a party with the third-years  (go on Facebook and click that you’re going so that other people see it too)
* PANCAKES!
  + We will have pancakes at the last PROF classes this semester

1. **Third Year Representatives**

*Jathornsan Lingarajan and Makenzi Mellon, 3rd year Reps*

* Clothing has FINALLY come to an end, thank you to everyone who helped us along the way
* We are now planning two events 2nd years, and 1 event with the 1st and 2nd years before the semester ends, super excited for that
* We also have our prof pizza day coming up for all three sections!
* Hope everyone has a great week 10 and 11

1. **Fourth Year Representative**

*Bronte MacMaster and Emily Walker, 4th year Reps*

* Our line skip and vine event was last Thursday! It was a ton of fun and we were happy people came even in the wild rain storm!

1. **QCE Chair’s Report**

*Emily Teves, QCE Chair*

* QCE REGISTRATION HAS OPENED! REGISTER WHILE WE STILL HAVE SPOTS AVAILABLE!
* Please respond to the event on facebook (even if you cannot go please click interested so more people see our page)
* Also, special thank you to Aliyaa for helping us with bursary applications
* We received a lot more applications than we were expecting so we really appreciate all her hard work
* As always, the best way to hear more details about what we’re doing is to follow us on social media! IG: qce2019, and Facebook: @QConferenceEducation

1. **Head Teach’s Report**

*Yael Gazit, Head Teach*

* Thank you to everyone who applied for Teach Exec this year!
* We appreciate all the hard work you put into your applications, every applicant was very impressive.
* If you have any concerns regarding the hiring process, please send feedback to Connie, who is acting as the impartial member of the hiring panel
* On that note, I’d like to give a HUGE shout out to Tiffany, Connie, Jansen and Alex for sitting on the hiring panel with me, it was a wonderful experience to work with you all
* Thank you for everything you gave into this process.
* And now… presenting TEACH EXEC 2019!!
  + HEAD TEACH: Madison Berrisford  
    LOGISTICS TEACH: Julia Andersen   
    ACADEMICS TEACH: Emily Coulas  
    FINANCIAL TEACH: Joshua Maligaya   
    SOCIAL TEACH: Jacob Pittini
* Congratulations to the five of you!!
* You are all going to do such amazing things within your positions and I am so excited to see everything you give to the Class of ’23, BISC students of ’22, and your future teaches!!
* On behalf of myself, Jazz, Amanda, Alexa and Michelle, we are very proud of you and here for you in any step of the way!!
* For me, I have a SOARB meeting on November 16th to review Orientation Week
* I forgot to mention, but a while ago I sent out a list of academic and mental health resources that were mentioned in Orientation Week to the incoming students
* Finally, I will be transitioning Madison very soon, as well as the rest of the team.
* As always, if you have any concerns or fun ideas regarding Orientation Week, please feel free to reach out to me!

1. **Statements by Members**
2. Jansen Lau – QCE Registration

**Lau:** QCE registration is still going on this weekend, making sure that you are doing that and encouraging other to do so as well!

1. Tiffany Wong – Word of encouragement to CESA Council

**Wong:** I often say to others “Your efforts are not wasted no matter how big or small those efforts may seem to you.” But sometimes I have trouble believing that for myself. Maybe you are also feeling exhausted from planning and organizing events behind the scenes or feeling discouraged from the lack of student engagement or turnout. Or maybe, you are finding it hard to see your specific role on council as significant and meaningful. I want to let you know those feelings are 110% valid, but so are you and your specific role on Council. Each of you is so deserving to be part of CESA, and you are all so capable of being student leaders - leaders that use their words, actions, and leadership to look out on behalf of others.

We are each gifted with different talents and skills, things that make us come alive when we do them. For me, it’s giving people the space to feel heard. For you, it may be considering avenues to make things more equitable, it may be fostering a more inclusive community through events, it may be organizing workshops, conferences, programs, or talking about issues pertaining to academics, sustainability, professional development, athletics, health or wellness. Although these roles are fun, the real joy and fulfillment comes from sharing our experiences with others and knowing that the changes we make will ultimately enhance someone else’s student life experience and bring to light important issues that deserve more awareness.

As a student leader, you were all given the unique privilege and responsibility to serve others. I encourage you to see that your role on council and your specific passions and interests and goals for change could be and will be instrumental to someone else’s Queen’s Con-Ed experience. But because the nature of our roles is often time-consuming and draining, please remember that you don’t have to do everything on your own. Just as how there is power in collaboration, in community, in conversations that lead to positive changes, there is also strength in allowing others to serve you and support you in the positive changes you are trying to enact.

Each time we steward our position of leadership, our seemingly small acts of service turns into something much bigger – it cultivates a community of student leaders who care about things that matter and care about people who matter. And I want to remind all of Council, that you matter to me, to us, and we are thankful for your leadership and service.

1. **Question Period**

Lerant : I have a question concerning how office hours are going to work with new teach exec? Will we have to pick a new office hour?

Reddick : When their term starts we will send out a new poll and make a schedule for office hours

Gazit : To clarify, our term doesn’t end until December 31, so we are in a transition time, so if you have any concerns it’s probably best to address both teams.

1. **Old Business**
   1. **Motion #3: Two is Better than One – CESA Likes BISC (A)**

Moved by: Tiffany Wong   
Seconded by: Connie Trinh   
*The CESA Council amends Article 5 of the Constitution as outlined in Appendix: Two is Better than One – CESA Likes BISC (A)*

Wong : Because this is a constitutional change, this is just a second reading, but there were no concerns about hiring two reps over one. When this was brought up in the BISC working group we thought that it would be best to have two reps because that’s how year reps work too, so it’s just mirroring that.

Trinh : Applications are still open tonight so if you know anyone who would like to apply please spread the word

Kielbasa : I just have a question – are these two representatives from Queen’s itself or is there one from each campus

Wong : The only requirement we have for this role is they have to be a returning BISC rep because we want someone who is knowledgeable, and so they have to be on Queen’s campus, so an upper year student who attended BISC first year

*Motion to vote:* ***Motion******Passes Unanimously***

1. **New Business** 
   1. **Motion #4: First Year Rep to the AMS Appointment**   
      Moved by: Tiffany Wong

Seconded by: Allison Kielbasa  
*That CESA Council appoint one first year student of the Association to the position of First Year Representative of the AMS.*

Wong : I have a motion to table this

Seconder : Allison Kielbasa

Motion to table passes unanimously

1. **Discussion Period**
   1. ARTSCI Strategic Plan

**Trinh :** Dean Crow visited us at the past ASUS assembly meeting and shared that she is planning to create a plan for her 5 year term here. We’re in the phase of student consultations, so she would like each faculty to include a statement about what they would like to see. The questions are (INCLUDE FROM EMAIL). I think we have a unique perspective as Con-Ed students and would love to hear your suggestions so that I can submit these to her

**Miller :** I don’t know if it would fall under general art-sci, but I think a nice goal would be to try to revolutionize the classroom space. I have a couple classes in Kingston hall and they’re pretty awful. Classrooms that include collaborative space so that it’s not just lectures, so I think just simple updates, renovations and spaces to learn better would be a good goal

**Gazit :** I think for Con-Ed students it would be good if we had priority to get into classes that are mandatory for our teachables. For example, I have a history teachable and it can be difficult to get into the classes I need. General Art-Sci kids don’t always need specific classes so it would be good to help out students who do need this

**Lerant :** Why is it 2024 instead of 2023

**Trinh :** I think it’s to look into the future

**Walker :** The schedule for the academic years are made in advance and can’t be changed after they’re made

**Thalia :** I think mental health is a big thing, I don’t know if you see the QU confessions page but some of them are really sad and a lot of them are coming from Con-Ed students. So I think we need to work on having more accessible student wellness aid, whether that means hiring more people or whatever, but I think that needs to be fixed

**Wong :** To highlight what Yael was saying I think definitely making Con-Ed students have priority is important, maybe that means better communication between the two faculties or updated SOLUS. As well, improving the centralized platform for sibling societies, because we are a part of these other faculties but we may not be informed of all the events going on.

**Carney:** I want to echo what Zoe said about classroom space, a lot of them are not accessible, again Kingston Hall in particular is not great. I think there should be specific focus for students who occupy minority groups like indigenous communities and racial communities. There needs to be work towards improving that because this would allow the campus to have more knowledge about those groups. Backing onto that there could be more professors who occupy the minority groups that could present specific classes that have content that relate to minorities and minority groups.

**Kielbasa :** I just wanted to piggyback onto what John said about minorities in instructor positions. I had a chat with Alex Da Silva after the announcement of Principle came out because we hired another male into this position, although I think he is very capable. I think we can improve the process of bringing female instructors into this position and making sure they are given equal opportunity within the faculty.

**Trinh :** Thank you for sharing your thoughts – there was no due date so this can be an ongoing conversation, please let me know if you have anything to add and we can chat about that.

Speakers list closed

1. **Speaker’s Last Word**

XANTHODONT : Someone with yellow teeth

**26. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM