

BUSAC March 1st Report

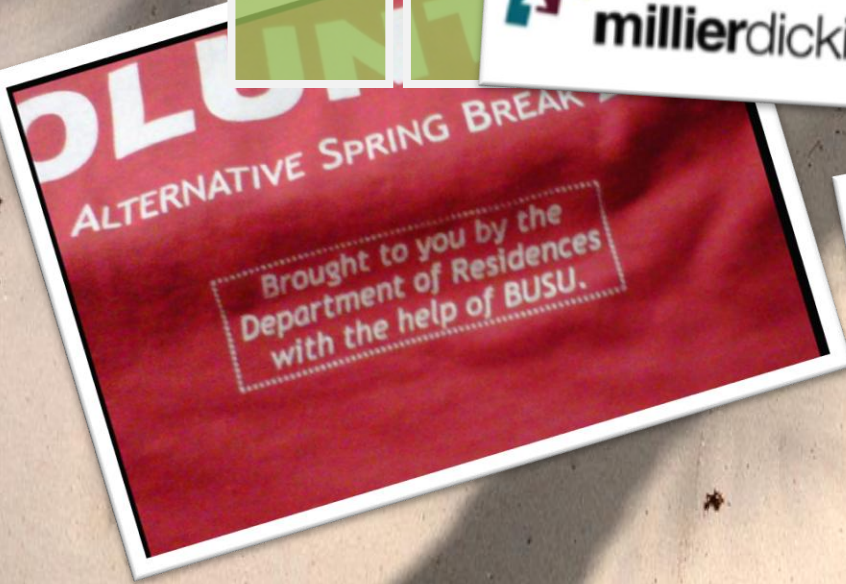
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This document is the Report of the President of BUSU, Sohail Ahmed for the March 1st, 2011 meeting of the Brock University Administrative Council

Ladies and Gentlemen

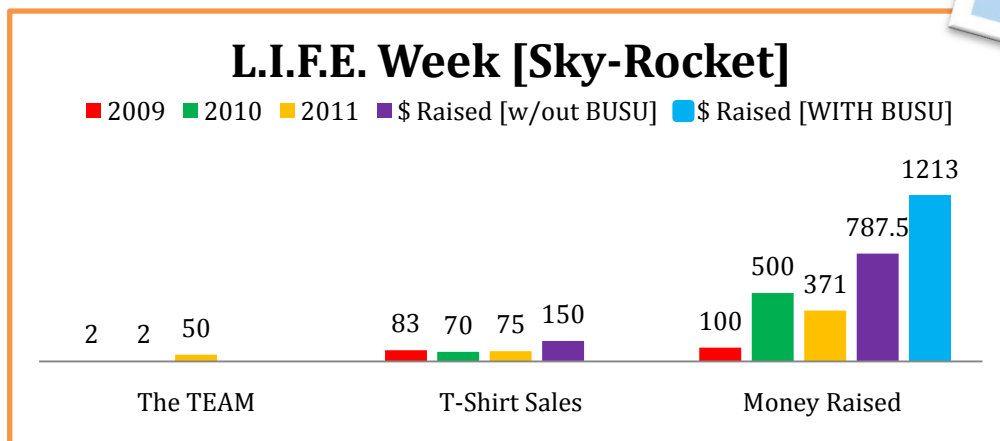
This document is my report for the March 1st Meeting of the Brock University Student Administrative Council in the year 2011.

I will attempt to update you on the happenings of the Brock University Students Union for the months of February. Throughout the course of the year, I will be as proactive as possible to assure that the BUSAC councilors know what's coming down the pipeline before the general public does. Please openly comment to me on the style of all my reports for feedback!

Board of Directors

Since Jan 25th, the BUSU Board of Directors have approved and have been in discussion regarding the following topics:

- 1) Life Week funding approval from Non club funding. A total of \$600 was approved from the line item after receiving a presentation from Daniel Dantzig. Email danieldantzig10@hotmail.com for any questions. The event will officially be "Sponsored by BUSU" with everything from announcements and our BUSU logo on the t-shirts!



- 2) A request to fund an initiative from the DART 3F98 for \$750 was tabled to the next BUSAC meeting for a number of reasons.
- 3) Run Raiser initiative presented by Emma Bulpin and Julie was approved from the non club funding line item. A total of \$1981 was granted. Email eb08tf@brocku.ca for any questions.



5) A total of \$1400 was approved for the International Students Association for their upcoming Annual Spring Soiree on April 2nd. Contact Maria at isa@Brocku.ca for any questions. The event is an annual success and this year the event will be themed as "sponsored by BUSU" with all pictures from the event photobooth being tagged with a BUSU logo as well.

6) The Harvard World Model United Nations Singapore 2011 club (World MUN) received \$3500 in club funding to help subsidize the cost of the 7 delegates that will be attending it. Brock will be representing Canada while schools from over 70 different countries will be present in the July Conference. Contact brockmun@busu.net for any questions.



7) TAP [Turn Around Project] was also approved funding from the club funding line item. TAP is a very unique club on our campus which will be taking approx 8-10 talented Brock students on a trip to Jamaica. For 20 days the students will be teaching their talent abroad. The mission of TAP is to create integrated arts projects, which foster and promote reciprocal exchange in order to strengthen and build communities.



BUSU HR

As a follow up from my last report, here are the updates in term of HR in our office.

1) We have successfully shortlisted, interviewed and now hired a new Accounting Manager. I would like to welcome Ajitkumar Chakraborty to the BUSU Office as of March 21st, 2011.

2) We have collected a large amount of resumes for the Research and Policy manager job and have now successfully shortlisted them. In the coming weeks we will be doing full throttle interviews.

3) We have now posted the Clubs Manager Job posting as well and are collecting resumes! Check out www.busu.net/jobs

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Brock Student Leadership Summit

On April 2nd.... Leaders will meet Leaders

In my last report on the last page I referred to this as the “Leader Transition day”. A day where we wanted to bring together the “leaders” of Brock 2011-12 together in a massive teambuilding day with guest speakers, lunch, activities- etc. I am glad to say the date is confirmed for April 2nd. The first Brock leadership summit will happen on campus from approx 930am -5pm.

The event will consist of students from every department at Brock including, BUSU Clubs, Smart Start, SLIC, Residence Dons, Career Services, Business Students Association, BUSAC, Brock Ambassadors and more! Spots will be limited and so I strongly encourage anyone who is considering going to keep an eye open for when registration opens! The current approx cost of the event is \$20 which would include lunch. Email Lindsay at lwinger@brocku.ca or vpss@busu.net for more info.

The Next Big Thing

On February 17th... it happened

Some of you may remember this phrase from the BUSU elections in 2010. It was and still is the one phrase that summed up my platform. My campaign was themed around bringing the “Next Big Thing” to BUSU and being a president who focused on bigger projects. In my platform I outlined some of those “big things” that I said I would work on... Platform: <http://bit.ly/eZ63kC>

The reality is that the “Next big thing” wasn’t just one particular initiative... for different people it would be different based on how they saw it. Some may argue that some of the major budget changes we made in Student initiatives funding was the next big thing while others will argue it was one of business ventures we started studying such as the ImaGen business incubator centre.

I would argue that above all, the movement towards a new BUSU building is what I coin our biggest accomplishment this year and the next big thing of our year. We have as you recall in my previous reports been meeting, consulting and planning with people all year long with respect to physically expanding the space BUSU has on campus. On Feb 7th, 2011 we met with everyone from the Brock Administration who was vital in making the decision that we needed an answer for. The question of course was; ***Can we get some land to build a new BUSU building?***

In that meeting step by step we;

- 1) Made a strong case of why BUSU is in need of more space / new building
- 2) Projected the vision to centralize student life on campus

- 3) Talked about what studies/research we had done so far and the best practices we had learned from other student unions who have built buildings
- 4) Talked about the 2 potential feasible locations on campus and told them which one we preferred for the BUSU building
- 5) Discussed the design concepts of the building, approx square footage footprint and costs that we worked with an Architect firm to create
- 6) Discussed a potential partnership we are willing to consider with the University Faculty of Business building.

The objectives of the meeting were to get approval of the concept of a New BUSU building, get a decision over location and get a project lead from the university administration so we don't have to communicate with too many different people.

On February 17th, 2011 we got the answers for all of our questions. Jack Lightstone gave us approval of the concept, the land was promised and official discussions about a potential partnership with the university are now underway. Jack Lightstone presented to the University Board of Trustees on Feb 17th that they are perusing this partnership with BUSU.

The next step is to get approval from students via referendum to spend money on the drawings of the building. This will happen in March 2011. Once the drawings are completed BUSU will go back to students with the official question of a new levy to build the building with accurate financial costs.

BUSU Election highlights

Election results video: <http://www.brocktv.ca/?v=638>

Congratulations to the newly elected executive and Board members!

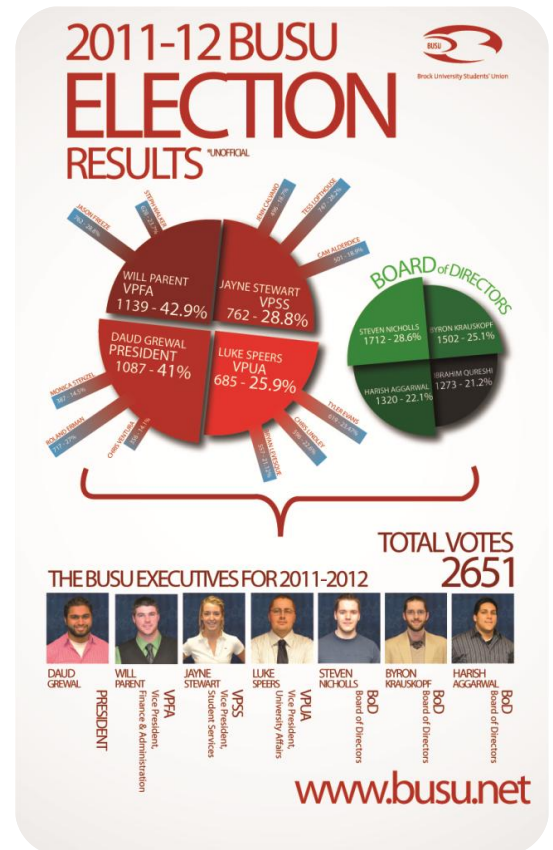
President: Daud Grewal

VP Student Services: Jayne Stewart

VP Finance & Administration: Will Parent

VP University Affairs: Luke Speers

I know them all personally very well and am confident they will do an amazing job next year in their role! A very big thank you for those who ran for elections this year... I really hope that they stay actively involved in BUSU in any capacity!



Short updates:

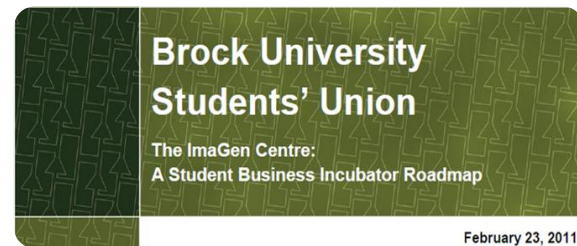
CUPE Union Strike

I have released a Memo on behalf of students that can be found at www.busu.net/studentsfirst

As the strike deadline is approaching I am still strongly encouraging both sides to come to agreement with the statement that a work stoppage is not acceptable by students. In very recent statements from both CUPE and the University, they have both stated that they think they will come to agreement in time to avoid work stoppage. Over the next few days as March 14th deadline comes closer, we will be keeping a careful eye on the situation and will release another memo if need be.

Incubator report

The report on the BUSU Student Business Incubator that we commissioned from Miller Dickinson Blais consulting firm is now complete. I do not have any comments on it for this report, but will provide my thoughts and comments in my next report. It looks like a promising 80 page read!



SJC – Student Justice Center

<http://www.busu.net/services/student-justice-center/>

I mentioned in my last report that the SJCAC had prioritized completing “By law 1” (now referred to as the SJCAC terms of reference). I’m happy to say that in a meeting on Feb 9th, the committee passed the terms of reference for SJCAC. The next step is to take it to our Board of Directors and have it approved as an official document of BUSU. The Board will be reviewing the document in the first week of March.

Next week is the *Student Justice Centre's Make it Better week*. Various events will be taking place; see the SJC website for details

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In the coming weeks we will also be beginning the process of hiring the Student Justice Coordinator for next year! Keep an eye out at www.busu.net/jobs

Athletic Sports Field

I updated you on the current progress of this initiative in my last report. Since then we have met with Jack L and the University Advancement department with our initial proposal for partnership. We told them via a draft Memorandum of understanding what we wanted if we were to consider contributing to the initiative. They are now reviewing our “asks” and are going to respond to us. I foresee there being a number of meetings like this back and forth until we have a collective document. Once we do, we will need to go to referendum to questions to ask if they want us to enter into the agreement.

Verbal updates will be provided regarding:

Board of Trustees meeting

OPIRG Environmental levy utilization presentation to BUSU

Shinerama Cheque Presentation

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