

# BUSAC Sept 21st, Report

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This document is the report from the President, Sohail Ahmed to the Brock University Students Administrative Council for the September 21st, 2010 meeting.

# Ladies and Gentlemen

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This document is my report for the September 21st meeting of the Brock University Student Administrative Council in the year 2010.

This report will update you on the happenings of the Brock University Students Union for the months of August and September. The report as usual only includes updates regarding my portfolio. You can download this report as well as all previous reports on the BUSU website.

## Org Chart

In my last report I gave updates on which new positions were created within BUSU by the executive this year. I want to now update you on other changes to our Org Chart since July 25th.

Our Clubs coordinator Abbey Massar served a great 3 months for BUSU and has moved on in her career as of September 11th. She wrapped up Orientation week while transitioning our new Clubs Coordinator, Lara Watts. I am extremely thrilled to have Lara Watts on board. As the President of the Business Students Association, she effectively directed 7 business clubs. I



would argue that in her years as President she had truly transformed and created the 7 most effective clubs on campus. I am really excited to see what she will do for BUSU Clubs this year.

Our Research and Policy coordinator Jon Bervoets has moved on as well. He has decided to continue his education and has been accepted at Ottawa University. Jon helped transition our newest addition to the team, Carly Marshall. With only 2 weeks into her new role, I have heard nothing but compliments from her supervisor, Daud.

Mary Feor our bookkeeper for over 2 decades has retired as I mentioned to you in my previous report. I am pleased to announce that her retirement party will be on October 15th, 2010. I will have more details in my next report.

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I also want to introduce you to Carol Leishman, our new Student Justice Centre Coordinator. She will be directing the new SJC centre from her new office in MCA 204, also known as the SLIC Commons. Her immediate supervisor is our Ombudsperson, Ian Masse and her email is [sjc@busu.net](mailto:sjc@busu.net). As many of you know, the SJC levy referendum was passed by students last year and is under development this year.

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Last but not least, I want to introduce you to Andrew Barranger. Andrew is our new Safety Services Coordinator and will be overseeing the Foot Patrol program, Brock First Aid Responder program and continuing research on our new Safe Ride program. Andrew's email is [footpatrol@busu.net](mailto:footpatrol@busu.net) and/or [far@busu.net](mailto:far@busu.net)

We are hosting interviews and are hoping to have selected our new Accounting Manager and Accounting clerk over the next two weeks.

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## Red frogs

**This. Organization. Is. Simply. Amazing.**

Red Frogs and BUSU have once again had a successful partnership during Orientation week. An organization that many still don't understand continued to provide students with free doughnuts, chocolate fondue, water, freezies, pancakes, and so much more at nearly every O-week event.

A decision has been made to bring Red Frogs even closer to BUSU for 2010. We have set aside a budget which was approved by the Board to initiate two new services in partnership with Red Frogs.

**Fill up my fridge:** A photo contest style program which will regularly select students and fill up their fridge with \$100 worth of groceries. Contest details being determined.

**Brock my Party:** An application style program in which "dry-parties" will be selected regularly and decked out with doughnuts, candies, chocolates, etc.



## Project: SLIC

I talked about a central Student/Organization work space in my last report. I am excited to announce it now has a name: **SLIC. (Student Leadership innovation commons).**

The space will be used to bring together and provide resources for any student, club or organization on campus which has an initiative or mission to better student life. Much more detail about the vision, resources, users will be provided in an open house this **Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> between 1-3pm. The location of SLIC is MCA-204.**

An initiative similar to this on an even larger scale level is being worked on as well. There are a lot of exciting updates regarding it which I cannot report on at the moment. A lot of the work is being done in-camera by the BUSU Board of directors.

# Orientation Week

**World record. Volunteer record. Shinerama record. Brock TV turnaround record.**

The annual Move in day, which occurred on Monday September 6th, with 450 volunteers, marked the most volunteers in attendance 9 times more than just 5 years ago.

The tower party on Monday night had over 2600 people in attendance and at the same event, although it is still unofficial, we're hoping to have secured the record for the largest human beat boxing ensemble with 1,438 students participating.

The Shinerama campaign which is led by Nicole Savage, set a new record at Brock for the most amount of money raised on Shine day. The event on September 11th brought together just over 1,000 students to raise \$23,000+.

There are a tonne more updates regarding Orientation week. Please refer to articles in the Standard, Brock News, Brock Press, the report of our VPSS for more info.

For BUSU Orientation week pictures:

[www.busu.net/oweeek/pictures](http://www.busu.net/oweeek/pictures)



# Community BBQ: 3 years

**Thousands of free burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and fresh bakery buns.**

BUSU and Sobey's (Glendale) have partnered to provide students, neighbours and community members the 3rd Annual Community Free Food BBQ's. The BBQ's took place on September 15th and 20th at South Confederation Park in Thorold and at the Church of the Transfiguration. Present were hundreds of Brock students and community members including many of the councillors and mayors who are running in the coming municipal election.

# Student Justice Center

**Students passed the referendum 6 months ago. What has been done since?!**

I can imagine there are a lot of questions regarding the SJC. Let me assure you, I am sure I can answer them all without hesitation. The website is currently under construction. The coordinator has been hired. The peer helper's job posting is currently up. The new office in MCA-204 (SLIC) has been setup. The first SJC Advisory committee meeting occurred. The first by-law of SJC is being drafted. A tour of other safe space centers in Ontario just finished. Extension 6324 and the email [SJC@busu.net](mailto:SJC@busu.net) will be permanent moving forward. Research to understand the key problems and culture on campus has been set as a priority. A training program for the peer helpers is being designed. An expanded version of the budget is being drafted.

Code word: “*Eleven*”... if you just read this, tell me. I want to get a better understanding of who reads the reports. Thanks in advance for your patience with my randomness.

## Brock TV and Brock Press

[www.BrockTV.ca](http://www.BrockTV.ca) | [www.BrockPress.com](http://www.BrockPress.com) | [www.Brocku.ca/brocknews](http://www.Brocku.ca/brocknews)

Both these organizations have impressed me enough this week that I have to write about them in this report. Brock TV has launched a new website which categorizes its videos into channels! It has also been successful in its goal to turnaround O-week videos the next day. BTV has made tremendous leaps so far this year by; securing two new office locations on campus, having daily video content, switching to a new and improved host server for the website, securing a large volunteer base, expanding into retailing its services, and most importantly vigorously pushing to synchronize the various TV's around campus. It's been a busy summer for them and will be an even busier school year. You will find more updates on Brock TV in the report that Mike Gillespie is planning to send to Council.

Brock Press has caught my eye this year as well. Not because they have produced yet again a great Wall calendar, Day planner and Beginners' guide for students. They have caught my eye because all the editions of the Brock Press I have seen while Katherine Gottli has been Editor in cheif have been extremely relevant to Brock Students! Not only have they been relevant but there have been some really good articles. A number of times in previous years I had been disappointed because there were too many articles in the Brock Press that I felt should be in the Globe and Mail or the Toronto star only. I hope the Brock Press team continues what they have already started; A great line up of articles and a newspaper that is truly The Brock Press.

Think you can make a difference?



**BUSAC Elections 2010**

## Short facts

### Elections

BUSAC Election dates have been set by the Board.

Nominations will end on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the All Candidates mandatory meeting will be held.

Campaign week will be the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Voting will take place between October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

### Brock Days

The 3 week spree of events has begun! This includes the *Annual Grape stomp in Jubilee Court* on October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Niagara wine festival, Alumni reunion weekend and much more. For a full calendar of Brock Days: [www.brocku.ca/brockdays](http://www.brocku.ca/brockdays)

If you haven't already, I suggest you register a team for the Grape Stomp and try to win best costume! This is not an event that you want to be not seen at!

### **A Special weekend in October.**

The weekend of October 16<sup>th</sup> is special for a number of reasons. It is the weekend on which the BUSU 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary Golf tournament for Shinerama will be held. It is also the weekend BUSU will be hosting a retirement party for the longest BUSU employee ever, Mary Feor. Also on that weekend is the General Brock's October Soiree ([events@brocku.ca](mailto:events@brocku.ca) for more details). Last but not least, it is my birthday weekend. Whatever your reason is, make sure you mark your calendars now!

### **Brock's Strategic Plan**

Over the summer, Murray Knuttila presented to BUSU Executive a draft of the new Brock Strategic plan. While he presented to us the draft at the time, he was very interested in hearing our feedback and wanted our input. I have attended now a number of events where the new Strategic plan has been discussed. I will not attempt to reiterate what the plan is in this report. However I will tell you that not only am I really excited for it to finish because I really like where it is headed but also that I really want your input and so will talk to you about it if you are interested, anytime. A nearly final draft is set to be completed and presented to the Board of Trustees in late December 2010.

### **Humanities Students Association**

Project code name: HAS

Members selected: 2/6

I am working with the Dean of Humanities - Douglas Earle, Sebastian Prins and so far 2 students on creating what is to be the Humanities Students' Association. After reviewing a report which was compiled by our clubs coordinator that outlined that Humanities has the most number of departments without a student club directly representing it, I have taken personal interest in this initiative. The initiative is part of a larger vision in which I believe Brock needs 6 faculty associations which operate and are structured similar to each other. Of course, the role model for faculty associations to follow is the Business Students Association which has proven to be tremendously successful and has gained national exposure.

## **Vice Presidents**

### **As usual, this isn't everything.**

I encourage you to read the reports of all the Vice presidents and the GM to get a better understanding of the happenings of BUSU. We are trying to make a point of not repeating each other in our reports.

If you have any questions, please ask myself during the Council meeting or contact me anytime of the year via email, phone or in person.

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