New voting members:

Two Questions:
1. Why do you want to be a voting member?
2. What is your favourite dinosaur?

- Ben Pounds
  1. Caucus is convenient for me to come to and I care about the issues.
  2. Edmontasaurus... no Moesaur.. no actually Pleisiosaur.

- Emma Frappier
  1. I care and I wanna know more.
  2. Teradactyl

- Dan Rousseau
  1. The more voting members we have, the more representative we are.
  2. Ankelasaurous.

- Kevin Moody
  1. Caucus is an opportunity to have a voice and count
  2. Volosoraptor because it eats meat and its smart

- Mary Phillips
  1. I like to have knowledge and opinions about my home.
  2. ...also Ankelasaurous....

Community Meeting follow up: Women’s Resource center as Community Space

Rachel P: So, the Women’s resource center wanted to do some thinking on how to make it a more accessible community space. Its pretty acknowledged that we do need more community space on campus, but it seems he the WRC is too small for all those needs. We talked a lot about it as a space for a larger resource library, a space for events and gatherings.

Candace A: The people at the meeting also seemed to agree that it should probably still remain in the scope of a Gender and Sexuality Resource space.

Julie S: I work in the WRC and am also in a Community Organizing class, and we made this our project. So, right now nothing is going to be changed immediately, the conversation is underway, but the ‘taking action’ part is at its beginning.

Committee Reports

Student Life Committee

Lauren K: We made many decisions. Most of it was regarding theme/ affinity housing. Shepard: it will not be a theme, like it has been for the past 2 years, with yearly proposals. Instead, people will sign up to live in it like a normal dorm, except, it will have a lose theme around cooperative living in the same fashion that Eco and Wellness have themes. Students in Eco and Wellness sign contracts before moving in to affirm that they understand and agree to participate in the focus of their dorm. Shepard will be the same. People who do want to do some sort of affinity living, such as BE (the campus Buddhist organization), can submit proposals and, if chosen, will receive preference in choosing empty suites for their affinity.
**Gordon J:** we also talked a lot about squatters rights. So, you can keep your room for the next year only if you find a roommate. If you do not find a roommate by a certain date, you will not be able to keep your room. Suites will also need to be at least 50% full for people to retain squatters rights in them (This applies to Schafer and Village). This means that if over 50% of your suite will not be returning, you will need to find a new suite or room to live in. If 50% of your suite is staying, it then becomes your responsibility to find and fill the suite with new suite mates before a certain date.

**Gretchen C:** What if you’re the only one in a suite?

**Alison H-B:** you’ll have to find a new place to live. Housing will be setting up numerous get-togethers for people to find new room and suite mates.

**Candace A:** and basically, a lot of this comes out of housing’s difficulty in placing new students in rooms with returning students.

**President’s Advisory Council (PAC)**

**Cathy K:** we had a special meeting that lasted all day today. We talked for a long time about the budget. With the entire budget there is an assumed 3% increase. However, when certain areas propose for a higher increase, we must discuss these items individually. For example, the Health Center will need a significant budgetary increase in our transition to a new provider. We talked about this and other increases in PAC (An “all-l” email was sent out earlier this week with more detailed information on this matter). We also spent a lot of time discussing the Case Statement for the capital campaign. This statement is what we will use to frame our vision and needs to possible donors. We talked about how to best include the community in the Case Statement. So, we’re going to draft a version of that we will then open to response from the community through e-mail. Then in the fall, we’ll create focus groups to solidify this long-range vision focusing on our core values. The core values that we’re discussing are: the triad, sustainability, which is really a part of our focus on not just environmental issues but social issues too. Our students here are involved in change on many levels, so something like ‘different ways to make a difference’ may emerge as the umbrella for what WWC is really about.

**Guest: Paul Brese, director of FMTS**

**Paul:** My favourite dinosaur is Archaeopteryx. It was the first feathered dinosaur. So, what do we do at Facilities? Currently I’m oversee 15 crews: Autoshop, Building Services, CAD, Carpentry, Campus Support, Electric, FMCS, FMTS, HVAC, Landscaping, Locksmith, Paint, Plumbing, Purchasing, Recycling. Facilities never stops. Your first day of summer vacation is the hardest day of our lives. In 2 weeks we must inspect all of the rooms in all of our dorms, and then do all of the repairs necessary to have them ready in 2 weeks. Right no we’re also working on the preparation for graduation. Also, the 2nd phase of Jensen Renovation; we want to make the building look new. We’re also working on the Smoking Pavilions. The design is good, they’re designed to be multi purpose spots, not solely for smoking, so that’s exciting. We’re also doing office renovations for new faculty. And we’re also doing siding renovations for Holden and Vining→ this important to stop mold. We also recently had the EPA audit. The entire campus did spectacular in this. Usually Facilities does the poorest in these types of audits, but after the process I only had 4 work orders to submit that will take less than 5 hours to take care of. The EPA is extremely anal and its amazing that we did so well. So facilities is a continual renewal process. We’re also working a lot on Leeds certification. This is an intensive project. The Orr Cottage is gold. Both villages are silver, but we’re working on making them gold. One of them is almost gold and
the other is underway. We’re 2/3rd of the way to getting Eco certified gold. For any new building, our automatic standards are Silver, but we strive for gold. Basically, building sustainable structures makes sense. The save energy, bring in daylight and fresh air, keep out pests, and ultimately, all of these things are best for human comfort too. Just building a building tight is important often takes care of many of these, especially pests, and then we don’t have to use the chemicals to get rid of them.

*Rachel P:* What does dorm certification entail?

*Paul:* well, there are 5 categories: sight, water use, energy/atmosphere, waste management, and indoor cleaning chemicals. The LEEDS certification was originally for new buildings and when they made the process to certify existing buildings, they basically applied the same expectations. So, it’s a more difficult process and a pretty high standard to get our existing buildings certified. Building Services recently installed non-anti-bacterial foam soap. This is good in terms of water and chemicals. Building Services has gone from having 105 chemicals in their shop to 28, their goal is 15. That’s an amazing decrease.

*Helen W:* Are there any plans to renovate the older dorms too? Some of them are in pretty serious need.

*Paul:* In our comprehensive campaign, we’re making a 5 year plan for renovations. It takes money to do these renovations. Our current standard is silver but I strive for gold and really these improvements improve comfort. We usually hire an Energy Service company who comes in and does work on older buildings to make them more efficient. They get paid by taking 15 years of the savings generated from the more efficient technologies.

*Ella P:* I’m on paint crew. We’ve talked about murals and our boss said that you are opposed to murals. We talked to Sandy P and he said he was generally for them. How can we get more murals?

*Paul:* No, I’m not a huge fan of them, but ultimately its not up to me. As far as dorms go, we have a process set up that with housing that goes through student life committee and a few other places. For murals there are 2 things that matter to me. The first is Quality. The second is whether or not the moral will make the room comfortable to be in.

*Ella P:* This is true, murals do have a psychological effect, that’s why I think we need more of them in an effort of beautification of our lives

*Paul:* yes, they can be good when done with care and in good taste. For campus buildings other than dorms we don’t currently have a process in place. Its under the realm of Buildings and Grounds Committee, but in that committee with probably need to form a sub-committee to create a process that resembles that of housing’s.

*Ryan C:* With vandalism in common areas, who pays?

*Paul:* Well, if it occurred before December, its already been dealt with. Repairs for “community damage” are billed at contractor cost. Ron Durner does the work. We are still engaged in a dialouge on how to best deal with this type of damage. People usually know who did the damage, but don’t like to tell on each other. Living in community is about accountability and we want to encourage students to be accountable for their actions. Last year there were $59,000 worth of damage in dorms at the end of the year. We need to be more community minded.
Cathy K: There are some times when we really don’t know who did the action, but most of the time it is someone from the campus community and people do know, or can find out, who did it.

Clancy H: Why is the work contracted out? It would decrease costs and increase student learning and opportunity if we did it through work crews.

Paul: The maintenance has to happen. Repairs to community damage has to happen immediately. Student work crews are limited resources and we do not have enough students or supervisors to be able to do all of the work all of the time. There are some things that I must decide to contract out, and this is one of them. We’re really behind right now and I try to keep the most productive and interesting work for the work crews.

Clancy H: I would like to see more of an effort made. The cost is astronomical and I could have done the work for 10$.

Paul: Sheet rock is not necessarily an easy repair and it needs to be done both at top quality and as quickly as possible. Students are doing some sheet rock work in the ELC, so they do have an opportunity to learn this if they want.

Katie S: Does LEEDS certification cost money?

Paul: yes, it costs $2000. But, the real cost comes in preparing and repairing the building to bring it up to standard. 99% of buildings are built wrong. We are trying to use products that are environmentally best, so also often means that they are more expensive products in the beginning. Though in the long run they are worth it. In some cases supervision of LEEDS certification is contracted out, other times it is not.

Geneva B-W: you said there is already a design for the smoking sheds. Could you talk about it?

Paul: There’s a lot of preparation work being done by Ron Durner. On work day 2 structures will be worked on for 4 hours and hopefully be near completion at that point. 5 designs came to Building and Grounds committee We talked a lot and what decided on are really collaborative. The beginning idea was to at least make these resemble the Sage pavilion. Theses ones go beyond. They have some stone work in them. Basically, we see these structures as collection points, not mere ‘sheds.’ The Glad and Sunderland ones are the ones we’ll work on on Work Day.

Rachel S: Why do we get billed for removing screens?

Paul: Screens are a pet-peeve for me. Some of you responsibly take them out and keep them in your rooms, but many many more are destroyed. Removed screens also allow more bugs in which can necessitate the use of more pest control chemicals.

Rachel S: What is the plan for the composting toilets?

Paul: I used to be a fan of composting toilets. There’s a few things. You have to constantly run an exhaust fan and this uses energy. Furthermore, no one in this area approves the waste so right now we’re just shipping it to MSDS (the local sewage treatment place).

Gretchen C: Landscaping is moving from FMTS to Ian Robertson. Why?
Paul: The Farm, Garden, and Natural resources are all under Ian. Landscaping is then the only land-use crew that is not under Ian. We decided that it would be best to keep these 4 in a group together. Also, I currently have 15 crews under me when 7 really is the ideal number. So really, the move made sense in a few respects.

Grant Process Review Committee

Candace A: We drafted a new structure for the both the application and the review process. About a year ago Caucus passed a proposal to get a budget of 3$ per student to allocate as grants toward student initiated projects. In making the grants a more serious fund it seems necessary to make the both the application more serious and the reviewal process more serious. So, the GPRC came up with these two documents. One is the application. The other is a form for the reviewers to use as a tool to make clear comparisons between the grants at hand. Here Candace read over the form with short explanations of additions and changes. PLEASE READ THE TWO ATTACHED GRANT DOCUMENTS.

Griffin S: There’s noting on the evaluation form about quality.

Alison H-B: we did put a comment section on the form where people can check in on this aspect.

Candace A: This type of thing is hard to put a number on specifically. So we thought that the different aspects that the form covers would ultimately lead to an assessment of whether or not the proposal is quality. The Evaluation form is basically a tool for the evaluators to use to get their thoughts on paper in a clear and comparable way. Also, there is an opening paragraph on the evaluation form that says that decisions for funding should be made off of group consensus, so that leave room for assessments of quality to come into play. We will vote on this next meeting, so please show up.

The end: 7.24.

None of the above is directly quoted.

Praises and Concerns: (with responses, when needed, in italics)

-Keep up the work on the Village Parking! Thanks.

-Can I just say that I miss the hell out of Andy.
  -me too.

-We should make beautiful smoking tents using natural building techniques such as cobb/strawbale/ adobe. Yay! -Geneva.
  -Good idea. The tents right now are really depressing and make the campus look tacky.

-I’m loving all the new voting members! And Ben Pound’s response to “What’s New?” in the log-in book—check it out. –Lauren Kriel

-Keep up the good communication on the student-I list
-Huzzah for voting members. Can we have continued communication with Sandy? I think the Sage thing spurred a lot of good conversation

→ April 16th, yo. At the pavilion or canon if rainy.

-Make signs that say ‘please don’t play ping-pong while caucus is meeting’