

Steering Committee Report

Since our time of leave we have had one meeting. During this time we discussed the survey results, and will now be taking those results and creating a presentation that we feel will help BUSAC councillors to better perform their duties and to help them reach their goals which they outlined in the surveys. We are also as a committee and individuals going to be encouraging students to participate in BUSAC next year. Monday March 9 – the steering committee will be setting up a display table in Mac Chown A to help make BUSAC Election coming up, and to promote the Question period.

Steering committee would like to extend some advice to council. We recommend that councillors start looking at themselves for improvement before pointing the finger at executives, other councillors, or the council in general. This has proven to be the case, as in the survey results over half said they knew their responsibilities, but over half then stated they did not get enough training. To even more elaborate on this when asked how student have represented their constituents only 2 said that they have volunteers in events, 2 said promoting BUSU events, and only 3 mentioned talking to students, while more than half stated they have not fulfilled their goals as councillors.

In the survey we asked for suggestions, and a majority stated that a more formal appearance across the board is necessary, with a special mention to the executive. This also needs to be taken into consideration when we are addressing each other, and as a group we need to learn to respect each other, and everyone is allowed to have their own opinions.

We are still open to have other suggestions from councillors not on this committee. One suggestion, that came from Sohail that we will look into, was to use personal e-mails instead of BUSU e-mails because the majority of us only check BUSU e-mails once and a while where as we all check our personal e-mails everyday. If this option is not appreciated we will look into forwarding options for councillors instead.

Last meeting we were asked to create criteria; below is the criteria that we believe is appropriate.

Report Criteria

- Mention of all events, or initiatives successful or not, and reasons for both.
- Items that were mentioned in previous reports that have not changed need no mention.
- Anything that was asked in information or questions period, and the answer was “I will get back to you” we would like to see the question and answer in the next report
- Please organize thoughts so that, items are only mentioned once instead of several times
- Create a time line so that no report is released within two meetings after the event including things like (O-Week, Frost Week, and Election reports)