

● Minutes July 30th 2008

July 30 BoD meeting

1. Merv's Update:

I) Shawn's documents to accountant NEEDED ASAP

II) Letter of Resignation from shawn...

III) Resolution from accountant about documents legally ready for AGM

- Billy&Merv: FCAC meeting discussing Charlotte's findings, different PIRG models, continuing dialogue... need something for AGM... come to AGM with comments from students...

- Merv: difficulties with URSU-UofR relations... legal counsels gone til August... PEIDA commitments met? We won't have the quorum from a meeting under current arrangements... —> Need to Amend constitution prior to september... BUT every member needs proxy notice...

- Distribute annual report at meeting in fall... (BILLY: ADD Minutes-taking to admin-coordinator)

- can still have an AGM... with constitutional changes...

2. Charlottes Update...

- 2 other Canadian PIRGs.. work together... ViPIRG, SFPIRG... what OUR campus is doing in terms of research... potential problems... coming up with model, outlined in report... presentation ready 2 weeks... Yolanda Hansen from Art's research program... faculty-run research...

Merv&Billy&Erin..&Charlotte&Travis. student-run research program... picking priorities over academic self-interest... student-driven research ideas... approval from profs not based on content, but on that a student thinks it's a priority... PIRG research should not have limitations in a paradigm of "academic success"... content that is not mainstream permitted and encouraged... research to challenge existing paradigms... where other PIRGs have gotten into difficulty, they've become mainstream... PIRG as research seed to allow further research/interest... internal/external credibility...

3. Mission Statement Committee – It's posted on Dashboard and awaiting BoD comment... will be in-depth discussed at next board meeting... BoD members comment on Dashboard

4. Staff positions Discussion (Charlotte leaves, Billy begins..)

- Admin-coordinator position up,... needs to get on saskjobs...

- Erin: we need a hiring policy to follow.. to be fair... so people know where to look... time, evaluation, etc.

Charlotte's contract renewal... Outreach Coordinator position... BIRT RPIRG offer Charlotte to renew her contract for 1 year following the summer-student position's expiration, with a 3 month probationary period and a review/BoD decision on continuance of said contract at time.

(Charlotte comes back into the room, and accepts the position)

5. Billy on Alternative Welcome Week

- need to get Naomi Klein funding confirmed so Briarpatch can go ahead with our logo!