



OPIRG BROCK 2019-2020 MINUTES



MEETING LOGISTICS

Date: April 17, 2019 **Time:** 5pm-8pm **Location:** Marilyn I. Walker Campus, 156

Facilitators: Patrick Clohessy & Anella Bieteru **Minute Taker:** Kerry Duncan

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****PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME IN BRACKETS NEXT TO ANYTHING YOU ADD TO THE AGENDA**

Agenda

1. Introduction to meeting: AGM Schedule
2. Land, labour, and community acknowledgements
3. Accessibility Notes
4. OPIRG Brock Safer Space Policy
5. Year In Review
 - a. OPIRG Brock continues to need to do better
 - b. Year In Review 2: Board of Directors Report
 - c. Year In Review 3: Placement Students
 - d. Year In Review 4: Workshops
 - e. Year In Review 5: Harm Reduction Naloxone Trainings
 - f. Year In Review 6: The Free Store
 - g. Other Key Events
 - h. More thank yous
6. OPIRG Brock: What's Next?
7. Review of 2018-2019 Financial Actuals
8. CRO Presentation & Election Process
9. 'Impacts of Ford in Niagara' Panel & Community Discussion
10. Election Result
11. Close of 2019 AGM



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1. Introduction to meeting: AGM Schedule

- Facilitators welcome participants and go through the agenda for the
- Call for amendments to agenda. Seeing none:

Motion: Move forward with the current agenda for the 2019 AGM without any amendments

Mover: Taylor Beckett

Secunder: Lesley Tetteh

Decision: Passed unanimously

2. Acknowledgements

- Land acknowledgement
- Labour Acknowledgment
- Community Acknowledgements

3. Accessibility Notes

- Outline of basic accessibility services available in vicinity (ex. washrooms, water, taking breaks, etc.)

4. OPIRG Brock Safer Space Policy

- Went through the OPIRG Brock Safer Space Policy
- Defined the expectation that the points within the policy must be maintained or a participant will be asked to leave
- Encouraged AGM attendees to speak to facilitators during the break if anyone felt the policy had been violated within the AGM

5. Year In Review (presented by Anella and Patrick, unless specified)

- a. OPIRG Brock continues to need to do better
- An apology and outlines of how OPIRG Brock has made mistakes over the past year and needs to work on harder on developing strategies for supporting and increasing safety and opportunities for BIPOC folx



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b. Year In Review 2: Board of Directors Report

Motion: Approve the 2019 OPIRG Brock Board of Directors Report

- Report outlines the main function of the Board of Directors
- Spoke to the specific roles the Board members maintain distinct from the staff members throughout the year

Mover: Shannon Kitchings

Second: Winnie Murombedzi

Decision: Passed unanimously

c. Year In Review 3: Placement Students

- Outline work of placement students throughout past year
- Placement teams with Public Health in the summer semester were a Harm Reduction Naloxone Training team, a Trans-Inclusion Research team, and a Grants & Fundraising team
- Placement teams with Public Health in the winter semester were Harm Reduction Naloxone Training team, the Fundraising Team (The Coming Out Monologues), the Free Store, and an Outreach team
- Throughout the year, we had one placement student from Women & Gender Studies who primarily worked on the free store and archival volunteerings projects

d. Year In Review 4: Workshops

- Outline the various types of internal and external workshop that took place with OPIRG Brock over the course of the past year

e. Year In Review 5: Harm Reduction Naloxone Trainings

- Outline the partnership with Positive Living Niagara and the Brock University Public Health Department to offer free Harm Reduction Naloxone Trainings at Brock University

f. Year In Review 6: The Free Store (presented by Kerry, staff)

- Outline the evolution of the Free Store over the past year, highlighting successes, places for improvement, and goals for the year ahead (ex. expanding partnerships, securing permanent funding, etc.)



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g. Other Key Events

- Outline the other events and partnerships with that took place over the past year (ex. DisOrientation Week)

h. More thank yous

- Outline the other people and groups who have supported OPIRG Brock over the course of the past

6. OPIRG Brock: What's Next?

- Outline the goals, ideas, and partnerships for the coming year
- Audience feedback: Please refocus on the Action Group component of the OPIRG Brock mandate, which has a OPIRG Brock's main focus be on supporting groups throughout the city and region as a way of training activists and connecting new people to causes they are passionate about

7. Review of 2018-2019 OPIRG Brock Financial Report

- Presented by Kerry (staff) upon behalf of the OPIRG Brock Bookkeeper
- An audited statement is not being presented at this AGM because the costs related to the audits will have a significant impact on the budget
- It is the decision of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors and staff to wait until commencing of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors before submitting a proposal to move forward with the audits
- The 2018-2019 OPIRG Brock Financial Report includes a breakdown of costs and expenses for the year
- The report highlights a significant increase in spending related to programming and events
- The report also highlights that this was the first year OPIRG Brock did not receive any incoming funds due to the successful defunding campaign in early 2018
- Without any incoming funds, the report shows a significant drop in net assets and as such having a significant impact on the 2019-2020 budgets, and all years following
- Presentation also outlined the multi-tiered financial strategy being developed by OPIRG Brock staff, including various fundraising campaigns, grant applications, and creating a sustainership model
- Presentation also included expanding the relationship with CUPE 4207, who approved a \$10,000 donation to OPIRG Brock and are willing to talk about doing a union wide referendum in the 2020 semester



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- Question from the audience: Will there be away to continue to fund community groups and their initiatives
- Answer: Not at the moment. We are aiming to develop a wide
- Question from the audience: Will the Anti-Oppression Workshop Series run again in 2019-2020 and will it continue to prioritize paying BIPOC facilitators?
- Answer: Yes. In addition to this project being paired with the Brock Student Justice Centre (who take on a large portion of the costs) OPIRG Brock has allocated enough of the currently available funds

Motion: To accept the 2018-2019 OPIRG Brock Financial Report

Mover: Kecha Lange

Secunder: Winnie Murombedzi

Decision: Past unanimously

8. CRO Presentation & Election Process

- Presentation from Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Lydia Collins on the process for voting in the election for the 2019-2020 OPIRG Brock Board of Directors
- Candidates present

9. 'Impacts of Ford in Niagara' Panel & Community Discussion

- Presentation by Shannon Kitchings, the Chairperson for the National Graduate Caucus for the Canadian Federation of Students and Kit Andres, a community organizer with the Migrant Workers Alliance on the impacts of the current Ontario government on students and migrant worker

10. Election Results

- Presentation from Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Lydia Collins of Election Results (Appendix A)

Motion: Accept the 2019 Elections Results

Mover: Kecha Lange

Secunder: Winnie Murombedzi

Decision: Passed unanimously



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11. Close of 2019 AGM

Motion: To conclude the 2019 OPIRG Brock Annual General Meeting

Mover: Ebru Ustundag

Secunder: Lesley Tetteh

Decision: Past unanimously



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Appendix A: 2019 Board of Directors Elections Report, written & published by the 2019 Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Lydia Collins.

2019 OPIRG Brock Board of Directors



Thank you to all who voted and participated in the BOD election. This year's 2019-2020 Board of Directors members are:

Kecha Lange

Silvia N'Sungani

Lesley Tetteh

Bhonita Singh

Jane Theriault-Norman

Winnie Murombedzi

Olubukola Soliu

Stacyann Williams

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FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY:

On **MAY 7, 2019** (date), the OPIRG Brock Board of Directors reviewed and approved the **OPIRG BROCK 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Minutes, and came to a consensus that the document accurately reflects the decisions and discussions that took place at the specified meeting.

Board Approval:

Board Member 1

Name: Bhonita Singh

Date: May 7, 2019

Board Member 2

Name: Olubukola Soliu

Date: May 7, 2019

Signature:

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Signature:

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