



MEETING MINUTES

2018/2019 Academic School Year

Date: November 27, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: UCC 41

Call to Order

Time: 5:34 PM

Roll Call

1. Attendee Names:

Executives:

Jared Forman, Nick Bottger, Matt Sparling, Mac Grenier, Camellia Wong

Associate Vice Presidents:

Cat Dunne, Anandita Heer, Darlene Seong, Hannah Tobias-Murray

Administrative Officers:

Sonia Thushiyandan, Milana Kustovinova (proxy), Donya Babanezhad, Ian Orr (proxy: Zamir Fakirani), Zamir Fakirani

Commissioners:

Steven Lee, Matt Reesor, Lauren Adams, Beenish Khan (proxy: Zach Block), Drew Pertson, Kristen Coenen, Laura Bot

Department Representatives:

Maeve Macdonald, Matt Curgin, Zack Block, Devon Anderson, Jake Anderson (late), Abby Litchfield, Grace Young, Trisha Kershaw (excused), Adrianna Wiley, Serena Mendizabal

USC Councillors:

Lisa Teno, Sam Potter, Jack Stebbing, Kieran Lawlor (proxy), Jordyn O'Connor (proxy: Zamir Fakirani), Ryan Baldwin, Anne Campbell, Charles Ma (proxy: Zach Block), Nikol Kamenetsky (proxy: Cat Dunne)

Senators:

Jill Malcolm (proxy), Daniel Sowinski

Soph Team Representative:

Jill Malcolm (proxy)

First Year Representatives:

Amanda Lee, Jayden Sohal, Celine Mano (proxy: Niyonella Kamera), Vishal Vijay, Alyssa Grant-Pereira (proxy: Niyonella Kamera), Anthony Berg (proxy: Jayden Sohal), Niyonella Kamera

General Members:

Tim Severine, Rhiannon Wells, Niya Mathew

2. Attendees Not Present:

Glen Hebert

3. Attendees Excused:

Abi Ravibalan, Allison Coutinho, Kieran Lawlor, Hannah Tobias-Murray, Ana Raja

Adoption of the Agenda

- Jared: motion to add to 'for Discussion' the Department Clubs MOU
- All in favour; passes.

Members' Announcements

- Anne C: Be sure to fill out any upcoming events on Cam's form on Facebook!
- Zack B: DMSA has two upcoming events:
 - Joint Social with WMA on November 28 at 6:30 PM in HSB.
 - Tech Start-Up Networking Session tomorrow at 6:30 PM in HSB.
- Abby L: GPS is hosting a Wellness Breakfast at 9 AM in SSC 1004 with free food and wellness tips.
- Adrianna W: Anthropology Society has an Exam Destressor on December 3 at 4:30 PM in SSC 2257 in which a Jane Goodall film will be screened.
- Matt R: Wellness Commission is working on a Spotify playlist to help students withdraw from studying with. If you have any suggestions for the SSSC mix, message Lauren or Matt.
- Grace Y:

- Women's' Studies Student Collective's Feminist Mixer was successful. However, they have received feedback stating that it was not as inclusive and intersectional for trans POC, so the Collective is looking for booths and clubs to partner with to rectify this. Unfortunately, BSA could not attend the event. If you have any ideas for partnerships, message Grace!
- Next Friday (December 3), the WSSC is hosting a cookie event with free, vegan cookies from 1-3PM in Lawson Hall.
- Mac G: There is an Election Season Campaign Workshop tonight at 7:30 PM in UCC 37.
- Devon A: Psych Student Association is hosting Cocoa and Cookies in the UCC Atrium on December 7.

USC Presentation

Executive Report

Presidential Update (Jared Forman)

- Done
 - Dean's Meeting
 - Discussed student priorities regarding budget cuts, and particularly History department cuts
 - Discussed fees regarding the Academic Conference
 - Discussed department SDF requests re: budget cuts w/ no problems arising
 - Purple Frost Artists and Principle Agreement
 - Artists have been selected, agreement has not yet been signed.
 - POI Zack: Last year the artist was announced by not and tickets were sold out by Dec 1. What is this year's plan?
 - Jared: The event will be later than Frost Week; Jan 24 in Mustang Lounge.
- Doing
 - Finalizing Purple Frost
 - This and next week.
 - Joint Office Hours with the USC
 - Dec 5.
 - Updates on the Facebook group this weekend.
- To-Do
 - Academic Counselling Survey
 - Moved to Second Semester

- Sonia is taking the lead
- End-of-Semester reports
 - Will include information on second semester priorities
- Share Grad program fair info! It's tomorrow.

Communications Update (Camellia Wong)

- Done
 - Social Science leadership Award
 - Due Nov 30 (Friday)
 - 2200\$
 - POI Jared: Dean's Office picks winners
 - Graduate Program Fair Promotions
 - Please share! The event is tomorrow.
 - Wellness Day Promotions
 - Event on Friday. Share!
- Doing
 - Display Case
 - Life Skills Event Promos
 - Dec 7
 - Holiday Photo Event Promos
 - Merch
 - Put your name on the form asap!
- To-Do
 - SDF Fund Communications
 - Academic Conference Comms Plans
 - Council Promo Videos
 - Communications Committee Meeting
 - Brainstorm Comms Initiatives for Second Semester

Academics Update (Matt Sparling)

- Done
 - **Social Science Annual Symposium: Fake News! Navigating Politics and the Media with Rick Mercer**
 - Academic Conference Speaker re-naming
 - Speaker is Rick Mercer!
 - POI Zack: Was a child actor and worked with Rick Mercer.
 - Fall Preview Day
 - Thanks for volunteering!
 - Meeting with the Dean

- Jared discussed this.
- Also discussed Department SDF requests.
- Meeting with Department chairs in second semester, as a result.
- Finalized MOU
 - To avoid hiccups with signing next semester, send feedback back asap!
- Doing
 - Bringing MOU to department clubs
- To-Do
 - Meet with departments re: SDF requests
 - Promote Symposium

Finance Update (Nick Bottger)

- Done
 - Department SDF Revised Requests
 - Psych department sent an update today; meeting later this week.
 - First Round SDF Organizational Funding
 - First finance presentations with the Finance Committee for requests of over \$1,000 was today.
 - All applications have been received.
 - More finance meetings coming soon
- Doing
 - Organizational grant requests
 - Securing funds for large Social Science events
 - Develop framework with departments regarding SDF
- To-Do
 - Infographics
 - Transparency policy

Student Events Update (Mac Grenier)

- Done
 - Wellness Day this Friday!
 - Rave cards printed
 - Against toxic masculinity and checking in on your mental health
- Doing
 - Organizing holiday photos and can drive
 - Where timmies was removed in the UCC
 - LinkedIn Event
 - Dec 7 in UCC 56 with Michael and Jonathan from LinkedIn

- Discussing what to put on your profile and how to talk to recruiters. What to do after recruiting season
- Headshots
- 5-6PM
- To-Do
 - Second semester planning
 - Life Skills event, in particular.
 - Charity ball bulk purchases
 - Attempting to secure
 - Submit tips for council cohesion to Mac so we can continue to improve on second semester; for a smoother council.

Senate Report (Daniel Sowinski)

- The motion regarding Sunday midterms has been tabled tentatively while student consultations occur.
- Alternatives to the motion include:
 - Earlier start of the academic year so that there are more teaching days;
 - A later or earlier Fall Reading Week;
 - A later drop date; or
 - Removal of current 15% rule.
- Regardless, classes will start on the Tuesday of O-Week next year; there will only be one full days of O-Week.
- POI Matt: students would be in favour of a later drop date over the other options.
- POI Mac: Western has most teaching days of all Ontario universities. Why do we need an earlier start, then??
 - Daniel: Most faculties were okay without extending the academic year by 2 days, however, professional schools (Engineering & Ivey) demanded them. Because all teaching calendars are the same, all faculties would be affected.

USC Report (Zack)

- There is a USC meeting tomorrow at 7 PM.
- Governance and Finance updates:
 - SPO election procedures have been updated so that counsellors will have unique numerical identifiers published with their vote instead of their name, and counsellors can elect to release their number for transparency.
 - Referendum re: health and dental plan

- Questioning on January ballot, if it passes.
- Proxy updates.
- Regarding advocacy, Jared will discuss countering anti-Semitism on campus.

New Business

- None.

For Discussion

End-of-Semester Suggestions and Feedback (Jared)

- Looking for feedback and suggestions for going forward, as this is the last meeting of the semester. You may also send specific concerns directly to Jared.
- Jared is impressed by our work this semester and thanks the Council.
- Jack S suggested cookies in every meeting, budget permitting.
- Zack B proposed switching meeting room to one which is more permissive of open discussion.
 - Sonia T is looking into booking Sommerville, instead.

Department Clubs MOU

- Provide feedback to Matt.

Roll Call

1. Attendee Names:

Executives:

Jared Forman, Nick Bottger, Matt Sparling, Mac Grenier, Camellia Wong

Associate Vice Presidents:

Cat Dunne (proxy), Anandita Heer, Darlene Seong

Administrative Officers:

Sonia Thushiyandan, Milana Kustovinova proxy, Donya Babanezhad, Ian Orr (proxy: Zamir Fakirani), Zamir Fakirani

Commissioners:

Steven Lee, Matt Reesor, Lauren Adams, Beenish Khan (proxy: Zach Block), Drew Pertson, Kristen Coenen, Laura Bot

Department Representatives:

Maeve Macdonald, Matt Curgin, Zack Block, Devon Anderson (class), Jake Anderson, Abby Litchfield, Grace Young, Trisha Kershaw (excused), Adrianna Wiley, Serena Mendizabal

USC Councillors:

Sam Potter, Ana Raja, Jack Stebbing, Jordyn O'Connor (proxy: Zamir Fakirani), Ryan Baldwin, Charles Ma (proxy: Zach Block), Nikol Kamenetsky (proxy: Cat Dunne)

Senators:

Jill Malcolm, Daniel Sowinski

Soph Team Representative:

Jill Malcolm

First Year Representatives:

Glen Hebert, Amanda Lee, Celine Mano (proxy: Niyonella Kamera), Alyssa Grant-Pereira (proxy: Niyonella Kamera), Anthony Berg (proxy: Jayden Sohal), Niyonella Kamera

General Members:

Tim Severine, Rhiannon Wells, Niya Mathew

2. Attendees Not Present:

Jayden Sohal, Lisa Teno

3. Attendees Excused:

Abi Ravibalan, Allison Coutinho, Kieran Lawlor, Hannah Tobias-Murray, Vishal Vijay, Kieran Lawlor, Anne Campbell

Adjournment

Time: 6:49 PM