



MEETING MINUTES

2018/2019 Academic School Year

Date: January 29, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: UCC 41

Call to Order

Time: 5:33 PM.

Roll Call

1. Attendee Names:

Executives:

Nick Bottger, Matt Sparling, Mac Grenier

Associate Vice Presidents:

Darlene Seong, Hannah Tobias-Murray

Administrative Officers:

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

Commissioners:, Matt Reesor, Lauren Adams, Beenish Khan, Drew Pertson (proxy), Laura Bot, Abi Ravibalan

Department Representatives:

Maeve Macdonald, Matt Curgin, Zack Block, Devon Anderson (proxy), Trisha Kershaw, Adrianna Wiley (proxy), Allison Coutinho

USC Councillors:

Lisa Teno, Sam Potter, Jack Stebbing, , Jordyn O'Connor, Ryan Baldwin, Anne Campbell, Charles Ma, Nikol Kamenetsky (proxy), Ana Raja

Senators:

Daniel Sowinski (proxy)

First Year Representatives:

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

2. Attendees Not Present:

Anandita Heer, Steven Lee, Kristen Coenen, Jake Anderson, Abby Litchfield, Grace Young, Serena Mendizabal, Kieran Lawlor, Kieran Lawlor, Jill Malcolm

3. Attendees on Leave:

Jared Forman, Camellia Wong, Cat Dunne

Adoption of the Agenda

- Zack B: motion to update location from SSC 3026 to UCC 41.
 - All in favour; passes.
- All in favour; passes.

Members' Announcements

- Adrianna: Anthropology Society has an event next week in SSC 2257
- Anthony: Relay for Life is coming up on March 2 from 7 AM to 7 PM
- Zack: DMSA has its Connect Event on Saturday at 2 PM in the Great Hall
- Trisha: History Society has book auction until 7 pm today Lawson Hall room 1227; Purple Shorts festival is on the 5th and 6th of the month
- Matt: Check out the Facebook group for information on the upcoming support systems posts
- Maeve: Sociology Students' Association is hosting Pizza and Profs on the 7th at 5 PM

Executive Report**Presidential Update**

- Done:
 - Purple Frost
- Doing:
 - SSSC Debate
 - This Thursday from 5-8 PM
 - Councillors, Senators, Council President, and PVP Slates will be talking
 - SSSC Leadership Awards
 - Have been finalized and confirmations will go out in a few days

Communications Update

- Done:
 - Purple Frost Promotions
 - Annual Symposium Promotions
 - Bar Night Promotions
 - Replace-USC Promotions
- Doing:
 - Bell Let's Talk Promotions
 - SSSC Debate Promotions
- To-Do:
 - Alumni Networking Event Promotions
 - USC Elections Promotions

Academics Update

- Done:
 - Annual Symposium
 - 200-250 attendees, better than projections
 - ~80 Wave attended, double the projections
 - Multiple Meetings with Departments
- Doing:
 - Confirming MOU
 - Intended to be passed at next meeting
 - Working with Social Sci Academic Counselling
 - ITR Collab event coming up
 - Kelly will be coming in two weeks from now
- To-Do:
 - Symposium Report & Recommendations
 - Alumni Interviews Project

Finance Update

- Budget Update: revenues went significantly down from the Symposium; SDF covered the speaker fee; expenses were revised down as well
 - More money from USC than expected incoming
 - Final numbers for Symposium and Purple Frost upcoming
- Done:
 - Met with Department Chairs
 - Developed idea of SDF Grants for future
- Doing:

- Meeting with Dean's Office to review concerns on:
 - Collective Agreement with Faculty
 - Defining new SDF Departmental Request Cap
- To-Do:
 - Finalize SDF guidelines and sign
 - More SDF and Finance meetings

Student Events Update

- Done:
 - Boothing
- Doing:
 - Support System/Bell Let's Talk Post
 - Meeting with SPO to talk about Women's Day on Friday
 - Aim is to create an online magazine of all the amazing women in leadership linked to Western
 - Looking for USC's support so that it is not Social Science-specific
 - Meeting with SPO to talk about big charity event
- To-Do:
 - V-Day Blood Drive - launch Blood Drive Event
 - Book large-scale wellness event
 - End of march, date TBD
 - Socials coming up!

Senate Report

- Jordyn: Senate elections are same time as Councillor and PVP elections, so be sure to encourage people to vote! They impact academic policy, thus impacting all students.
- Mac: OSAP cut ad-hoc committee created to discuss impacts on price and quality of education

USC Report

- Jack: Governance and Finance was to have an annual preliminary budget meeting yesterday which only lasted 15 minutes because an updated provincial policy released. The budget process is thus delayed.
- Jack: Meeting tomorrow on changes to the club system, OUSA policy, advocacy, and electing OUSA assembly delegates
- Ryan: USC elections are on February 4 and 5 from 8 AM to 8 PM. Be sure to vote and tell your friends to vote.

- Referendum also regarding moving to self-funded health plan instead of insurance company's plan
- Increase maintains same coverage, possibly of cuts if referendum does not pass
- Jordyn: reaching out to local MPs and MPPs, on a positive note
 - Feb: advocacy committee meeting with local MPPs to get the student voice out there!
- Anne: share your strong feelings that are or are not being discussed with a councillor.
- Charles: vote tomorrow on whether council members must remain neutral in the USC elections
 - Jordyn: USC members do not need to remain neutral in the elections because there is no explicit policy demanding that

For Discussion

- Mac: Charity team has been talking with USC Charity team to start a volunteerism initiative
 - Groups of 10 are required from 4 to 7 PM for 2 hours at minimum at the Boys and Girls Club
 - Straw poll during meeting indicated that the volunteering date will be after the break
 - A Facebook poll uploaded shortly will let members vote for dates that work for them
 - **Only vote if you intend on attending**

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Adjournment

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