



MEETING MINUTES

2018/2019 Academic School Year

Date: October 16, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: UCC 41

Call to Order

Time: 5:34 PM

AllyWestern Presentation

Roll Call

1. Attendee Names:

Executives:

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

Associate Vice Presidents: Anandita Heer, Darlene Seong

Administrative Officers:

Sonia Thushiyandan, Milana Kustovinova, Donya Babanezhad, Ian Orr, Zamir Fakirani

Commissioners:

Steven Lee, Matt Reesor, Lauren Adams, Drew Pertson, Kristen Coenen

Department Representatives:

Maeve Macdonald, Matt Curgin, Zack Block, Allison Coutinho, Abby Litchfield, Trisha Kershaw, Serena Mendizabal

USC Councillors:

Lisa Teno, Sam Potter, Jack Stebbing, Kieran Lawlor (proxy), Ryan Baldwin, Anne Campbell (proxy: Beenish Khan), Charles Ma, Nikol Kamenetsky

Senators:

Jill Malcolm (proxy), Daniel Sowinski

Soph Team Representative:

Jill Malcolm

First Year Representatives:

Glen Herbert, Amanda Lee, Jayden Sohal, Alyssa Grant-Pereira, Anthony Berg, Niyonella Kamera

2. Attendees Not Present:

Cat Dunne, Devon Anderson, Jake Anderson, Celine Mano, Vishal Vijay

3. Attendees Excused:

Abi Ravibalan, Hannah Tobias-Murray, Beenish Khan, Laura Bot, Adrianna Wiley, Ana Raja, Jordyn O'Connor

Adoption of the Agenda

- All in favour; passes.

Members' Announcements

- Trisha: History Society is having first AGM tomorrow in UCC.
- Abby: GPS has a couple events coming up.
 - Friday: Geo Speaker Series on AI
 - Pizza and Profs Event next week
- Matt: Wellness Day tomorrow
 - SSSC Recipe Book going out next Wednesday, feel free to contribute some recipes.
 - Visit table tomorrow!
- Mac: Western Economics Society is hosting a Graduate School Night with representatives from Ivey MSc, Econ, and Law departments. It will be held this Thursday in UCC 63. Food will be served.
- Zach: DMSA is having a Q&A with Richard Pound on Thursday at 2-3PM in McKellar Theatre.
- Serena: Tomorrow there is a talk on Skeptics in SSSC 2028 from 1:30PM to 2:30PM.
- Kristen: We are taking the rest of the head shots next week! Keep an eye out on the Facebook group if you didn't get a shot taken yet.
- Mac: On Monday, October 22, a Court of Appeals Justice is coming to discuss pursuing law as a career in the Wave at 2:45PM. As well, this Thursday is Ceeps Bar Night by PSA. It is \$5 for line bypass.
- Charles: WPLS holding Mock LSATs on October 20, and the Toronto Firms Trip on October 26.

Women's Studies Dep Rep By-Election

- Candidate: Grace
 - Third-year double major student in Women's Studies and Political Science.
 - Previous Med-Syd Res Soph and Social Sci Soph
 - Has experience in Women's Studies ECs.
- POI Nick: What's your favourite aspect of what you study?
 - Loves how interconnected WS and Poli Sci are, so she can approach her courses with a different perspective.

- WS taught her how to think from other people's perspectives and recognize privilege.
- Vote of Confidence: all in favour; passes.

Executive Report

Presidential Update (Jared Forman)

- Done:
 - Ward 6 Councillor Debate
 - This Thursday
 - People are submitting questions right now on SSSC page
 - Attend and promote!
 - Programming Budget for Sophs
 - First \$150 of \$200 pilot will be going out soon.
- Doing:
 - Graduate Program Fair
 - Nov 22 from 11-2 in UCC Atrium
 - Social Sci Deps will be set up
 - Grad students, and admin discuss grad programs available
 - Open Office Hours
 - Office Hours will be moved to Social Sci Atrium
- To-Do:
 - Purple Frost Artist Selection (October)
 - Meeting with SPO next week and sending out offers soon
 - Academic Counselling Survey (November)
 - Head Soph Hiring NOV
 - PA apps come out soon!
 - Nov 9 due
 - Head Soph apps closed yesterday
 - Joint USC/SSSC Office Hours NOV
 - More details coming soon.
 - Midterm Season
 - Take care of yourself!
- Election is on Monday! Vote!
 - Matt posted link in group.
- Sexual Violence Edu Training on Monday October 22 from 6-8PM in McKellar Room
 - Presented by Anova.

Finance Update (Nick Bottger)

- Done/Doing:
 - Department SDF Requests
 - Approved a couple, sent a few back, still going.
- To-Do:
 - Budgeting

- To be approved next meeting.
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Sponsorship Package Finalization
- SDF Contract Finalization

Communications Update (Camellie Wong)

- Done:
 - Councillor Debate Promos
 - Share on social media!
 - Blood Drive Promos
 - Exec Intro Video
- Doing:
 - Hype Team Commissioner Recruitment
 - The Commissioner oversees the Hype Team portion of the Comms Committee
 - Engages in guerilla marketing promotion, and runs initiatives
 - General members can apply; if you would like to be a general member, speak to Cam.
 - Council Merch
 - Options will be posted soon, vote asap!
 - We will be purchasing in late October.
- To-Do:
 - Comms Committee meeting
 - Tuesday at 5:30PM
 - Graduate Program Fair promos
 - Dean's Office meeting on Tuesday to discuss comms efforts with Jared
 - New cover photos coming soon!
 - Suggestion Boxes
 - Physical box in SSSC office right now
 - Google Form pinned to Facebook group coming soon for more suggestions
 - For non-Council members, Facebook page post coming up soon as well!

Academics Update (Matt Sparling)

- Done:
 - Academic Conference Committee Meeting
 - Final Speaking Ranking
 - Offers going out soon!
 - Meeting with Department Representatives
 - Meeting with Alumni Commissioner to establish to-do tasks for this semester
- Doing:

- MOU
 - Cat and Matt are finalizing points
- Conference Structure
 - Being determined at the next Academic Conference Committee meeting
- To-Do:
 - Graduate Fair
 - Meeting upcoming, as Cam mentioned, to discuss promos and other final details.

Student Events Update (Mac Grenier)

- Done:
 - Halloween Blood Drive promos
 - Update your cover photos and share the event photo
 - Also, consider giving blood.
 - Wellness Day
 - Good engagement.
 - Discussions on Atrium stage were productive
- Doing:
 - Wellness Day tomorrow!
 - Partnering with jack.org, WMA, Sci Council, This Mind of Mine, and Social Sci Wellness
 - Check out Facebook page and swing by Weldon to see SSSC. Booths will also be set up in Taylor and the UCC Basement.
 - Check out posters!
 - Blood Drives
 - Being held on the 23rd and 25th
 - Partnership with Guitar Club for Coffee House
 - In order to promote USC's menstrual product donation box
 - Will be held in the first week of November
 - Charity event
- To-Do:
 - Continue to reach out for First Life skills event
 - Late November, no set date yet.
 - Plan the Council Retreat
 - Vote in poll on social sci group after meeting!
 - POI Milana: How long will the event be:
 - Mac: just in the afternoon; we are purchasing Rec Room hour wristbands.

Senate Report

- Discussed Freedom of Expression Policy
 - In order to achieve the bare minimum that the provincial governments demands.

- Could affect how the Student Code of Conduct is written, thus making it harder to expel students who used offensive speech as they will be protected
- Discussed (unentrenched) 5% budget cut to each faculty due to the Ford government
 - Consolidating which services are essential and which we don't want to let go of, all the while letting go of nonessential resources.
 - POI Jared: O will be advocating for less cuts and against tuition hikes with the Dean shortly.

USC Report

- Charles: Governance and Finance is having a discussion tomorrow on whether to challenge the SPO ballot mechanisms.
- Jack: Governance and Finance is also updating old bylaws.

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