



## MEETING MINUTES

2018/2019 Academic School Year

Date: October 30, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: UCC 41

### Call to Order

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### Roll Call

#### 1. Attendee Names:

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Jill Malcolm, Daniel Sowinski (proxy: Jack Stebbing)

*Soph Team Representative:*

Jill Malcolm

*First Year Representatives:*

Glen Hebert, Amanda Lee, Jayden Sohal, Celine Mano, Vishal Vijay, Alyssa

Grant-Pereira, Anthony Berg, Niyonella Kamera

**2. Attendees Not Present:**

Kristen Coenen

**3. Attendees Excused:**

Hannah Tobias-Murray, Ana Raja, Kieran Lawlor

## **Adoption of the Agenda**

- All in favour; agenda passes.

## **Members' Announcements**

- Adrianna Wiley: Anthropology Society has been holding roundtables on the Freedom of Expression Policy. The next discussion is on Thursday in SSC 3315.
- Anne Campbell: Active Minds is having a "Meet Your Support" Conference on Friday from 10 AM – 4 PM.
- Trisha Kershaw: AIR is having a Diplomacy Workshop on November 10 with Professor Dimitrov.
- Zack Block: DMSA is having a Sales Case Competition in association with the GCSC on Saturday, November 13 from 1 PM – 7 PM. The event is free for all DMSA members.
- Maeve Macdonald: Sociology Student Association is hosting an essay-writing workshop on November 7 in SSC 2020 at 5 PM.
- Abby Litchfield: GPS had its first event, Pizza with Profs, last week. It was successful. Tomorrow the GPS is holding its first open meeting to discuss the event's success.
- Grace Young: Department of Women's Studies has two talks coming up as part of their speaker series. One is on November 6 and the other is on November 20. Both are from 4:30 PM – 6 PM in AHB.
- Jill Malcolm: The Soph Team is hosting a Poli Sci 1020E review session today at Saugeen. On Thursday, they are hosting a practice finance case for Business 1220E.
- Serena Mendizabal: Joint Red Dress Project behind held calling for old red dress donations. See the SSSC Facebook group post on how to donate.

## **Presentation – Sexual Violence Education**

### **Executive Report**

#### **Presidential Update (Jared Forman)**

##### Done

- Head Soph Hiring
  - Applications and interviews are done.
  - Offer goes out on November 5.

- PA applications open until November 9.

### Doing

- Purple Frost Artist Offers
  - Going out this week!
  - By next meeting they should be confirmed.
- Grad Program Fair
  - November 22 is the ideal date, Atrium needs to be booked.
  - Meeting with Booking Agent tomorrow.
- New Scholarship Fund
  - \$100,000 this year going to scholarships!
  - Likely two scholarships going out at convocation each year.

### To-Do

- Dean's Meeting to discuss the Faculty Strike and Budget Cuts
  - Meeting on November 14.
  - As on November 9, the staff are legally allowed to strike if an agreement is not met.
  - UWFA is currently in all-day talks this week with Western's administration. Hopefully it is settled soon.
  - Will be discussing contingency plans.
  - Budget cuts: protect faculty and programs
- Academic Counselling Survey
  - Month-long survey to all Social Science students going out in a week or so regarding academic counselling experiences.
- OUSA General Assembly
  - This week in Hamilton to lobby the government
  - Survey out right now which needs to be filled out so that OUSA can advocate for us better.
- More Open Office Hours
  - Working with Sonia to set this up over the month.

### **Finance Update (Nick Bottger)**

#### Done

- SDF Departmental Requests
  - Spoke with the Dean's Office to review requests one last time with Department Representatives to get missing information.
  - Many requests were sent back for review.
- Budget
  - Finalized.
  - This year's budget includes the Academic Conference is an Operational Expense, so the budget is larger.
  - Expenses are more or less the same, otherwise.
  - USC Faculty Grants are the same as last year.
  - In all three scenarios, we have a net positive outcome.

- POI Adrianna Wiley: advocating for grants

### Doing

- Students and Organizational SDF Requests
  - Two have already been approved: Women's Studies Students Collective, AIR
- Departmental SDF Requests Review
  - Department Representatives: please see Nick after the meeting.
- Sponsorship Package
- SDF Grant Application Package
  - SOGs and DOGs are combined.

### To-Do

- Transparency Policy with Department
  - With Dean's Office and SSSC Budget
  - More oversight and transparency with the Office wanted.
- New Scholarship Fund
  - Associate Dean and Nick discussed the creation of this fund using funding from the unused Textbook fund and respective interest.
  - Intention is to make them convocation awards for undergraduate students.

## **Communications Update (Camellie Wong)**

### Done

- Merch
  - Posting on the Facebook group tonight!
- Hype Team Commissioner hiring
  - Interviews yesterday
  - Offers going tonight
- Comms for Chords for Chrons

### Doing

- Comms for November Ceeps Night
- #MosforBros Camapign
  - Hashtag will be changed to remove gender
  - Next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, photos will be taken of Council members to post to social media
- Comms for Graduate Program Fair
  - Jared, Mac, Cam, and Matt met with Dean's Office to discuss comms
- Sponsorship Package

### To-Do

- A Week at a Glance Initiatives
  - If you want your event added to a social calendar, Sophs and Dep. Reps, message Cam!
  - POI Matt: When will it be launched?
    - Cam: It'll be rolling out this week.
- October Wrap-Up Video
- Display Case

- One side will be council pics and one side will be more interactive.
- Message Cam with ideas on the latter.

### **Academics Update (Matt Sparling)**

#### Done

- Conference Budget Meeting with Josh Clark
  - Speaker offer going out at the end of the week
  - Budget finalized
- Conference Committee Meeting
  - Feedback was good, updates will be coming soon

#### Doing

- Constructing Department Club MOU
- Planning Conference and Promo Plan
- Conference Deposit Transfer to USC

#### Done

- Send MOU to Clubs for Feedback
- Book Catering for Conference

### **Student Events Update (Mac Grenier)**

#### Done

- First Events Committee Meeting
  - Last Thursday, message Mac if you are interested.
- SSSC Cookbook
- Movember (Men's Health) Story Submission
  - Council members: share stories, if you are comfortable
  - Actives Minds theme; fall picture with story relating to any Men's Health theme
- The Retreat is Booked!
  - November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM
  - 1-hour wristbands for games at the Rec Room
  - Mac will create a Google Doc to sort out transportation

#### Doing

- Movember (Men's Health) Month Photos
- Coffee House
  - Partnership with the Western Guitar Club
  - Will be held on November 5 from 5 PM – 7 PM.
- Ceeps Bar Night
  - November 8
  - Selling wristbands at the Coffee House
  - "Booth"-ing schedule posted in SSSC Facebook group.
    - Also promote the Charity initiatives of the month.
- Life Skills Event
  - If you have second semester event ideas, mention them to Mac.
  - Finding a replacement for Perry Monaca.

To-Do

- Plan Month End November Wellness Booth
  - Ideas being discussed currently, such as “checking in on health”
- Finalize December Charity Plans
  - Briefly discussed Operation: Christmas Child
- Create an Exam Wellness Plan
  - Planning an initiative between December 7 (last day of classes) and December 23 (the last day of exams) for Council or all Social Sci students to ensure everyone is well throughout the exam period.

**Motion – Approval of the 2018/2019 SSSC Budget**

**Whereas** the Social Science Students’ Council must have developed a proper operating budget for the current school year;

**Whereas** the SSSC 2018-19 school year has already commenced;

**Be it resolved that** the budget presented on this date of October 30, 2018, be approved.

- Motion: five-minute speaking time for VP Finance, 10-minute Q&A, and two-minutes for voting procedures.
  - Mover: Jared
  - Seconder: Matt
  - Passes.
- Nick: changes come in “event revenues” and “expenses in events” to include the Academic Conference, everything else has been calculated as a results of talks with the USC. Any contingencies in the budget are dependent on the attendance of the Academic Conference. Capital expenditures have changed, and many expenses decreased.
- Q&A:
  - Mac: Charity expenditures exceed charity revenues in every situation. Why?
    - Nick: this takes into account the additional expenses.
  - Charles: clarify capital expenditures, please.
    - They are any office- or equipment-related expenses. Projected expenditure is higher than actual anticipated spending, to be on the safe side.
  - Jared: address how Purple Frost expenses and revenues will be explained in the budget.
    - The budget does not account for Purple Frost because revenues and expenses did not go through the budget. This is because money transfers needed to be made as all expenses were met.
      - POI Anne: what happens if we don’t sell all the tickets?
        - We have two potential models:

- Each Council promises to buy a certain amount of tickets and sells them to earn the revenue, or
    - Subsidize the tickets and the USC sells them
  - We are employing the latter model this year. If not all tickets are sold, which is highly unlikely due to last year's precedent, additional expenses would be added to "event expenses."
- Voting:
  - All in favour; passes.

## Senate Report (Jill Malcolm)

- Meeting last week:
  - Discussed FOCO/Purple Fest.
    - It will likely take 4-6 years to shift the culture away from FOCO, according to Chakma.
    - Discussing other ways to punish students for partying using the Student Code of Conduct.
    - No conclusions were drawn and professors simply spoke about their thoughts, including a FIMS professor who spoke on behalf of students.
    - POI Charles: Is a 4-6 year plan being implemented?
      - Jill: No decision was reached; the meeting was simply a discussion.
  - Discussed Policy on Free Speech
    - Process is running smoothly and there are no issues in Senate regarding the policy.
- Next meeting: next week

## USC Report

- Charles: the first meeting is tomorrow. Sexual Violence Training presentation was held earlier and half of the Councillors did the training.
- POI Mac: what is the agenda of tomorrow's meeting?
  - Anne: we are discussing Free Speech, have a presentation from Radio Western, a Paper from Danny Chang, bringing the Inclusivity Checklist to the floor tomorrow, and Mitch Pratt is discussing the Freedom of Expression Policy.
  - Charles: As well, the Clubs Appeals Board is being restructured to move it under the USC instead of it operating as an arms-length body.
  - Jared: Finally, a motion was passed to approve a mature entrance for an ad hoc Student Issues Committee. The first meeting will be this week, and the Committee will become official if it passes at tomorrow's meeting.

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