



Date: March 18, 2018

Time: 11:00 am

Location: HSB 236

Call to Order

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Roll Call

1. Attendee Names:

Executives:

Mitchell Pratt, Owen Parker, Zach Johnson, Jill Malcolm, Crystal Mak

Associate Vice Presidents:

Kate Holmes, Sommer Knight, Tamara Kljakic, Cassandra Bald

Administrative Officers:

Mikaela Harrison, Angus Lai, Chantal Francoeur, Meaghan Irons, Andreea Bejan

Commissioners:

Gabi Christie, Hannah Tobias-Murray, Daniel Sowinski, Kait Abma, Amira Gariba, Fran Coretti, Rachel Bidulka, Eliza Mehr, Gabby Davis

Department Representatives:

Elazar Ehrentru, Shawn Dhue, Christopher Harasym, Allison Coutinho, Mike Williams, Savanna Gao, Eric Potts, Jessica Ip, Matthew Sparling, Robyn Wood, Donika Stonefish

USC Councillors:

Mac Grenier, Keaton Olsen, Adam Khimji, Calvin Chao, Avnashi Dhillon, Jared Forman, Ayesha Zaman, Keegan Smart, Sophie Delombre, Tom Griffith

Senators:

Shaha Yousafzai, Lauren Kim

First Year Representatives:

Charles Ma, Nikol Kamenetsky, Anne Campbell, Anandita Heer, Drew Pertson, Zachary Bloch, Beenish Khan

Soph Team Representative:

Allie Zohorsky

General Members:

Emily Boucher, David Firkins, Paige Preston, Michaela Wand, Effy Walsh, Kshitij Mather, Fayez Khan, Eliza Simon, Andrew Martell, Ben Bloomberg, Alexandria Kiouisis, Anastasia Lemon, Matthew McIntosh, Jessica Orchin, Nathan Szierer, Abi Ravibalan, Diana Boulton, Jesse O'Neill-Bains, Jack Stebbing, Rhiannon Wells

2. Attendees Not Present:

Robyn Wood, Cassandra Bald, Adam Khimiji, Avnashi Dhillon, Matthew McIntosh, Sommer Knight, Angus Lai, Gabi Christie, Eliza Mehr, Gabby Davis, Mike Williams, Elazar Ehrentru, Robyn Wood, Lauren Kim, Emily Boucher, David Firkins, Paige Preston, Michaela Wand, Eliza Simon, Andrew Martell, Ben Bloomberg, Alexandria Kiouisis, Anastasia Lemon, Nathan Szierer, Abi Ravibalan, Diana Boulton, Rhiannon Wells

Adoption of the Agenda

- Modifications and rearrangements
 - Move motion memorandum of understanding up
 - Move ratification of new councillors and senators up

Motion - Memorandum of Understanding

- Calvin:
 - For commissioners only 4 are receiving a honoraria but the other positions Wellness commissioners, charity commissioners and SDF commissioners do not receive honoraria
 - Want to review the constitution to see if these positions would be able to receive an honorarium next year
 - Would not change anything for this year and would only put this on the agenda for next year so there is more fairness that can be discussed at length
- Charles:
 - Should it say, “we recommend”, is that the spirit of the motion or is this an action statement?
 - Chris: the spirit of the motion is a recommendation
- Owen:
 - Stipulation to add looking to the internal review committee and next year’s VP Finance
 - Chris: yes, that can be added
- Motion passes.

Speaker’s Announcements – Explanation of Elections

- Andreea:
 - Want to go over format of elections
 - Eligible to vote: outgoing councillors with blue placards and incoming councillors once ratified
 - Preferential ballot
 - Need 50% +1 votes
 - Will have majority of council votes
 - Some positions will be acclaimed if there are the same number of candidates as there are positions a vote of confidence will be given
 - Still have to give a speech to ensure a vote of confidence
 - Can be stressful to go up in front of council and speak, but it is great that you are here and trying and running already makes you look more involved and a good fit for a position somewhere on council

Ratification of New Councillors and Senators

- Mitch:
 - Motion for each new councillor to give a fun fact and 30 second speech at the front
 - Motion passed.
- Councillors:
 - Anne: 1st year, favourite food is wild blueberries
 - Charles: 1st year BMOS, his mom won a car in roll up the rim
 - Jack: 2nd year IR, never won anything in roll up the rim
 - Nikol: 1st year, roommate’s dad recently won an Oscar, nothing fun about herself right now

- Ashiana: Favourite movie is easy a
- Jordyn: Lived half of her life in Ireland and went back to her hometown to skype her Irish family
- Kieran: Very hung over because of St Patrick's day yesterday
- Sam: 1st year, favourite colour is green
- Lisa: 1st year, birthday was on St Patrick's Day
- Ryan: 1st year, participates in triathlons
- Jared: Incoming president and technically 11th councillor, baseball season is coming up and he's the biggest blue-jays fan even though they won't do well
- Senators:
 - Daniel: 2nd year, and very hung over today
 - Jillian: 3rd year, loves scrabble and it is her favourite game
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Members' Announcements

1. Club or Department announcements

- Chris:
 - DMSA having the final sale in 2 weeks with sweaters and other DMSA items
 - SS Kiosk
- Matt:
 - AIR selling sweaters
 - History society holding trivia bowl in Wave
- Eric:
 - GPS distress event and Map sale at wellness brunch
 - Career night this Thursday at 5:30
 - GPS executive applications due March 22
- Owen:
 - Straw poll on what we want for lunch?
 - Andreea: end of members announcements

2. USC Announcements

- None.
- Owen:
 - Couple of food options but thinking getting McDonalds delivered via Uber Eats
 - Everyone gets fries, snack wrap and nuggets
 - Vote: McDonald's passes
 - Can anyone not eat chicken snack wraps?
 - Crystal: get a couple of salads
 - Food will be delivered at 1pm

VP Events Candidates

- Laura Bot:
 - Experience:
 - 2nd year soph in Delaware and Programming coordinator for residence
 - Oversee commissioners and committees, events, and finances including formal/ semi-formal, frost week, frost week dance etc
 - Success in this position
 - 250 council kits out of 400 people living in residence including staff and sophs

- Highest building engagement percentage of any residence
 - Introduced 2 new dances due to engagement being so high this year
 - Both were very high attendance with positive feedback
 - Had to get higher capacity venues due to interest
 - Council had a stronger presence between her 1st to 2nd year
 - All applicants for her replacements wanted to continue the trend of success
- Platform:
 - Program socials
 - Large programs, not specialized in first year
 - More meet ups in September
 - Rent out the Wave to see who will be in your program classes
 - Midterm Relief
 - Long midterm period that is half of the semester
 - Therapy dogs, petting zoo
 - First Years
 - Promoting through 1st year
 - Exposure during O-Week and move ins
 - Not aware of opportunities and events
 - More soph/ frosh awareness – get more than sophs and council at SSSC events
 - Council Kits
 - For larger events
 - Good promotional tactic
 - Encourages and guarantees attendance
- Mac Grenier:
 - Platform:
 - Inclusivity
 - Utilize USC new initiative on sexual violence seminars
 - Utilize the current WIP accessibility check list
 - Coordinate Ally Training for all events committee members
 - Passive vs Active
 - 2:1 passive to active ratio
 - Booth in UCC as well as SSC
 - Exam season should see passive wellness/ one time sales
 - Promotes us through office hours
 - Charity
 - 3Bs – Bar nights, Blood drives, Buy-ables
 - Bar nights
 - Contact bars for wristbands, what ever profit comes in for us
 - People are already there
 - Don't have to facilitate a lot so it is easy for us
 - Blood drives
 - Easy for us
 - Good feedback from blood collection agencies
 - Buy-ables
 - Instant gratification style items
 - Buying box of Krispy Crème or Cinnabon
 - Healthy options for instant gratification
 - Collects decent amount of money

- Wellness
 - Big collaboration area because it is similar for all faculties
 - Active de-stressors
 - Events in general
 - Collaboration!!
 - Tri Sci, Music Council
 - Life benefit events
 - Outlook etc
 - Social:
 - Get to know each other more
 - Collaboration with sophs
 - Communication:
 - Creative with promotional channels
 - Engage in way students know but fun
- Hannah Tobias-Murray
 - About Hannah
 - Been involved since 1st year
 - Want to continue to promote unique community of council on council
 - Want to continue on events team and have learned so much from the current team and want to continue the momentum
 - Experience: board wide events in high school, summer camp weekly event coordinator, events committee SSSC
 - Overall Goals:
 - Accessibility:
 - go to where students are going and where they are
 - go to students don't have them go to us
 - Broader student body
 - Reach out to everyone beyond student leadership
 - Student Interests
 - Tri-sci concert
 - Continue this event
 - LinkedIn
 - Continue this and get other events that target career development and related events
 - 1st years
 - earlier engagement in residences and with 1st year reps
 - Charity
 - Bar Nights
 - 2 bar nights each year
 - BBQ
 - Great way to continue and be closer to O-Week
 - More engagement within council for charity purposes
 - Wellness
 - Wellness events during midterm and exams
 - Build connections with WEC
 - SS cares
 - Within Council
 - GMs to have concrete and specific roles
 - Strong relations with soph team
 - Promotions to get council feedback on what is working and what's not
 - Council bonding – more cohesion with earlier events

- Open Question Period:
 - Anne: question for Laura – talked about high participation but I would argue its very concentrated within the residence, so how would you reach same level of engagement with the obstacle of lack of concentration
 - Laura:
 - council and sophs are very intertwined but council sophs haven't really connected 1st years with council opportunities
 - share events not only via facebook but also talking about it
 - Nikol: a lot of people live in residence where its very easy to reach them, how do you plan on reaching out to the off campus events
 - Mac:
 - Explore Ads Via Facebook to expand just outside the Western bubble
 - Physical booths on campus in the UCC or SSC to physically represent the events on campus
 - Social media is good but only hits the same target audiences
 - Hannah:
 - Physical hubs are important where classes are always happening to speak and promote with students on events/ council
 - Looking to profs who are looking to promote events within the communities
 - Laura:
 - Having booths and posters constantly around will help get people to see the events that are happening
 - Jill: as VP events you manage AVP and 4 commissioners, so how do you plan on balancing the role you play and the work you have to do?
 - Hannah:
 - Really benefitted from seeing Jill this year help and work with everyone on their specific roles
 - Need to see what VP and AVP want to accomplish as well as commissioners
 - Need to sit down and touch base with each person to see what they want to accomplish and how we're working to develop on an individual goal and group events are being accomplished on time
 - Laura:
 - Have a personal/ professional goals meeting at the beginning to see what we want to keep and what we want to change
 - Bi-weekly or monthly meetings with everyone
 - Creating a checklist will lay out what everyone wants to do and accomplish and you can reflect back on it all year and this helps with time management
 - Mac:
 - Twice has been a Relay for Life coordinator which put him in an organizational position
 - Look at smaller portfolios within the larger portfolios
 - Breaks down to communication – need constant communication through social media and in person
 - Fluid and constant communication will be necessary
 - Crystal: events and comms work together all year, so how will you improve the communication between the two?

- Laura:
 - See what was most effective in the previous years and ensure a constant communication between both
 - Promotions and programming are a partnership
 - Worked with VP social in Delaware very frequently and having a constant stream of working together helps ensure that you are able to improve together
 - Mac:
 - Comms will be completely autonomous
 - Still have meetings to get together and talk but while maintaining a constant communication channel
 - Any time there's anything funny or meme related is when there is more engagement and this is a channel that needs to be explored
 - Hannah:
 - Interdependent areas that rely a lot on each other
 - Need to work on communication with council itself due to the number of events and need to be clear and have one narrative between comms and events with what is expected of council in person, online, in classes etc
- Tamara: this year we cancelled SSSC formal, what is your opinion on the formal/ no formal debate and what would you do with this event forward?
 - Mac:
 - Really difficult to implement a social again
 - Look at charity ball as a partnership opportunity
 - Money is always an issue, is there a way we could subsidize the cost of events for SS students if we aren't putting on a formal
 - Hannah:
 - Made the right choice with cancelling formal to put more money into the concert
 - Offered an experience that was different than what you could otherwise get on campus
 - If students have the option to pick between bars and formal, they'll probably pick the bars and having these major different events have shown to be very useful
 - Laura:
 - The reason for formal ending was because people were less interested in
 - Look for a different event that people will want to attend
 - Look for the culture of council and pick an event that people want to pursue
- Mitchell: you approach the president with an event and they dismiss the event and tell you to go back to the drawing board
 - Hannah:
 - Always about collaboration and understanding
 - If someone outside is telling you to look back at the event you should go back to your team and evaluate how you planned the event and make sure you check all your boxes
 - But also need to evaluate the event and make sure everyone is on the same page and that it is feasible

- Laura:
 - May take it at offense, but in the end the president is your boss so you have to work with them and understand why they're dismissing the event etc
 - Need to look beyond the scope of the committee itself and speak with the fellow executive to understand some logistics of the events
 - Mac:
 - Would want a justification because you should have already assessed both sides
 - If everyone else is on board, then the president should argue the applicable argument they should argue it on council floor as that is the purpose of council
 - Zach: motion to extend by a minute
 - Passed.
 - Zach: what role do you see the VP Academics having with the wellness portfolio?
 - Laura:
 - In terms of events that would include wellness, we should focus on that for a good portion of the year
 - Not just focusing on the "fun" events but also planning events that will help with their long term help
 - Mac:
 - Academics work closely with dep reps and as so have a better idea of when their students are busiest
 - Offering wellness events that are for everyone and be able to apply these events to everyone is crucial
 - Work with academics and comms to promote events
 - Hannah:
 - Academics and student wellbeing can be improved to connect academic counselling relationships
 - Nuanced roll where we can collaborate to have more events around stressful times
 - Use the WEC, academic counselling etc to have an interconnected relationship on student wellbeing
- Closing statements:
 - Mac:
 - Throughout high school and university was memebprs of pep rally committee, events council and relay for life planning committee
 - In 1st year he was on USC charity and then was a soph in 2nd and 3rd year a councillor
 - Did not think the linkedin event was going to go well but it was amazing and that's because it provided students beyond the academics portfolio and bars that they can take away from western and learn to live outside academics
 - Hannah:
 - School trustee in high school to engage students in wellness summers, strategic direction planning, events etc
 - Engaging students beyond academics and included in the community is so important
 - Involved in social science in 1st year as a first year rep
 - Have such an amazing opportunity with this council to make events have the community feel
 - Want to work with current and next year's council to make SS great

- Laura:
 - In high school I ran the charity committee, 10 charity drives, and in 1st year was on the frost week committee and Delaware events committee
 - Engagement is my biggest point which is why the council kit is important
 - Focus on engagement beyond the predetermined groups

Executive Speeches (Owen and Zach)

- Owen:
 - Just wanted to say a few thank yous
 - Structured the speech into 2 parts:
 - First is for incoming council
 - Second is to say thanks to council and share some accomplishments
 - New council:
 - I remember sitting in your spot 2 years ago and having to talk to all these new people
 - I started as an econ dep rep that was amazing but council was a bit like cocaine and the first hit made me want to get more involved
 - Really enjoyed this first experience and made me want to get more involved as VP Finance
 - Regret is that he only joined in his 3rd year so please join and stay on for as many years as you can
 - Old council:
 - So many goals and we accomplished a lot of them
 - Wanted to make the council more inclusive and I think we achieved that
 - Didn't spend too much money which was great
 - Really wanted to thank those who worked closely with me
 - Finance committee: you're amazing and thank you for all the really great work you did
 - SDF committee: a lot of good but also tough times, thank you for coming out and debating and getting stuff done
 - SDF commissioners: whenever I was stressed and had a short time frame to get stuff done you were always there
 - Kate: you were amazing, thank you for everything you've done and being there for me
- Zach:
 - Thanks for coming here today
 - Yesterday was probably a lot of fun for most of you so thanks for getting up early today and coming out
 - So proud and happy to have worked for SSSC and as VP Academics
 - Wanted to take some time to talk about this experience
 - My first time on council was as a history dep rep
 - We want to get to know all of you and see all that you have to offer
 - This year review:
 - Preview days were huge success and wouldn't have been able to do any of these events without dep rep support
 - Special shout out for 1st year students who always showed amazing enthusiasm
 - EPC was able to represent this council and student body and thank you to dep reps for constant feedback

- Academic conference was a huge collaboration and it was a big success that contributed to debate on campus
- Special thanks:
 - Dep reps: thank you for tirelessly looking out for your peers, you always showed enthusiasm for your departments and held accountability in the highest esteem
 - Committee: thank you for all of your effort and time commitment
 - Sommer: always asking questions on ways to help and event planning skills have been invaluable
 - Chantal: thank you for your assistance and being a role model
 - Andreea: thank you for the balance of fun and seriousness on council floor
 - Executive:
 - Owen: thank you for your finance advice and putting up with my broken French throughout the year
 - Jill: thank you for making life on council so fun and well planned
 - Crystal: thank you for always being ready and able to answer any questions and being the bedrock of council
 - Mitch: has always worked hard to act on behalf of students and in all the roles you have always been there for me and I will be there for you in the future
 - Those running for positions on council next year: good luck and I know you will all do incredible things

VP Academics Candidates

- Matt Reesor
 - Why I want this position:
 - Very empowered by student leadership
 - Was with the soph team this year and saw the capacity of leadership on campus
 - Lots of amazing things that can be done with this role
 - Platform:
 - Allocation/ creation of a wellness commissioners
 - Reallocating the 2 existing commissioners under the events portfolio or creating a 3rd commissioner under academics
 - ITR resources
 - Provide different locations in the weeks leading to ITR
 - Casual settings like the spoke
 - Work closely with VP events
 - Work closely to pull resources to do this
 - Investigate the creation of a social science wide Podio
 - Such as the SciWiki
 - Make it easier for students to work together where possible
 - Continue to work with the soph team with SSSC
 - Important resource for reach of events
 - Provide support for events as well as review/ essay clinics
 - Work in conjunction with academics
 - Creation of International Students' commissioner
 - Provide support for international students to ensure their transition is as smooth as possible
 - Provide resources for maximum success

- Academic conference Revamp
 - Change timing from full day event to half day
 - Allow more people to attend as it will not be as large of a time commitment
 - Potential collaborations with other faculty VPAs on other councils
- Matt Sparling
 - Experience:
 - History Dep Rep and Academics conference committee
 - Social Science soph team
 - AIR – VP finance
 - USC Events crew
 - Platform:
 - Conference:
 - Collaborative speaker selection
 - Shorten conference
 - Student x professor panel
 - Academic conference assessment report
 - Dep Reps:
 - Dep reps undergraduate affairs committee
 - Assess our academic guidebook
 - Department representative emails
 - Department mentorship program
 - Professional development and tip sheet
 - Collaboration and advocacy
 - SSSC executive team
 - Graduate program fair
 - Dep rep reform
 - Club roundtables
 - Review of Academic counselling
 - USC
 - Role of USC in planning conference
 - Soph team
 - Academic resource database
 - Western Student senators
 - Ensure that senators are on the same page for academic policy and present a united front
 - EPC meetings
 - Send minutes to council to encourage questions
- Open Question Period:
 - Charles: in both platforms you mentioned shortening the conference, besides shortening the day, how will you ensure attendance beyond the speaker?
 - Matt Sparling:
 - Students don't like full day events
 - Could break down the day into multiple days with the speaker on one day and student papers
 - Could have 2 high profile events and then student papers in the middle

- High profile panels with professors or students have seen high attendance
 - About getting students to want to show up
- Matt Ressor:
 - Shortening will allow the day to be more accessible
 - Focused event one night to ensure the focus is put directly on one area to provide a higher attendance to that one specific thing
 - What we're providing is what the students want
 - Listen to what the students want to have and work with other faculties or within the council
- Zach: both mentioned about using more collaboration when electing the speaker, what is your opinion the multiple voices on selecting a speaker?
 - Matt Ressor:
 - Collaboration does make it more difficult but working only where there is a good fit and already existing an overlap
 - Have VP academics bring forward our plan and bring that plan to a meeting with other faculties and then create a plan that is best for the SS faculty
 - Matt Sparling:
 - Can't engage academic conference committee because they have to be elected and the speaker choice happens early
 - Reach out to department presidents and dep reps
 - Important to run by our general ideas about the speaker with everyone to ensure that we have good feedback
 - Run any ideas by executive on council including the president who has a lot of say in the process
- Chantal: a grade 12 student comes up to you on preview day and asks why to come to Western, what would you say?
 - Matt Sparling:
 - Ask what they're interested in, and ask what aspect of history because that's where he usually is
 - Talk about all the professors in the area of their interests
 - Emphasize the community that already exists and how they would easily be able to transition to western
 - Talk about roles that they have on council, history department etc
 - Matt Ressor:
 - Stress the fit that western has as a transfer student
 - While it is such a large school there is a sense of community, both on campus and within the faculty
 - Very niche and specific programs that aren't offered at every school and that the size of the school is a strength
- Chris: for Ressor- wanted to create a social science wiki, do you perceive issue with being a formal representative on council putting professor's notes up without their permission
 - Matt Ressor:
 - Would have to investigate this and look to see if this is allowed
 - Talk to Dean etc to determine what is allowed and monitor the content on the wiki

- Would be a place to post notes for students that need it
 - Would be very valuable for the body and ensure that SS is looked after and feel prepared
 - Chris: for Sparling- mentioned dep reps on undergraduate affairs committees, their participation on the committee is often discretionary of each council, how do you see this conflict being resolved?
 - Matt Sparling:
 - Every department has discretion for who sits on those committees
 - Want to communicate if the departments would consider mandating that they include the dep rep on these committees just for the connection between the department and council
 - Don't want a conflict so, need to work with the departments
 - Zach: in regards to preview day, usually an ask a student panel, what would be your response to a parent asking is Western a party school?
 - Matt Sparling:
 - That's a myth, every school has a vibrant party culture and the reputation that isn't representative of the school as a whole
 - Have a very vibrant academic community and departments and the reputation is sometimes created by those who don't go here
 - Matt Reesor:
 - It is what you make it at Western
 - It is continuing to be one of top academic schools in the country
 - If your child is looking to party that option can be found, but there are so many other resources on campus and activities and academics that they can get involved in
 - Chantal: only have the AVP so how do you handle stressful times of the year?
 - Matt Reesor:
 - Competitive athlete in high school so I have experience with very packed schedules and when I have too much time available you don't get as much done
 - Will be a challenge but do feel very comfortable looking ahead at my own strengths and ability to achieve this
 - Matt Sparling:
 - Look for an AVP that is a good fit for you and someone who complements your weaknesses
 - Also need to share your workload with the AVP and delegate some tasks to them while working together collaboratively
- Closing statements:
 - Matt Sparling:
 - If you have a chance, look through my platform with ideas that I want to do for next year
 - Working with AIR for 3 years has given me a lot of experience with planning events for students
 - Major accomplishment was increasing attendance for trivia night from 40 students in year one to 80 students in year two
 - Have experience with working with students and planning academic events

- Matt Reesor:
 - SSSC is new to me but I have experience that I think will help me in this role
 - Worked at a tennis club and had to work with the team to plan events, communications, manage a team etc
 - To mitigate the lack of experience I have had on council, I would be open to leaning on AVP and other executives on council
 - Coming from an outside perspectives I can bring a fresh set of eyes to the portfolio

Executive Speeches (Jill and Crystal)

- Jill:
 - Stepped into the VP Events role mid summer this year but everyone has been so welcoming and open to me and I'm so grateful
 - Thank you for putting up with cover photo changes etc
 - Thank you to the events committee and anyone else who sat on the committee this year, you have all been incredible
 - Tamara your contributions to council as AVP should go unnoticed and no events would be possible without her
 - Executives: Mitch, thank you for all of your support in my transition into this position and for everyone else you are amazing and have collaborated so well
 - New council: council is what you make of it and I am so excited to see what you do next year, you have so much potential
 - 1st year reps, you guys have been amazing and it's been great to watch you grow
 - excited to see you all next year and I am just a message away if you need anything
- Crystal:
 - Always aspired to be the valedictorian of my class so this is the next best thing
 - Its been a wild ride this year and I have learned a lot despite initially feeling overwhelmed by never being on council before
 - This role is very much behind the scenes and it was a lot more work than I anticipated but it has been a great payoff
 - To the executive team thank you for you everything and long live the group chat
 - AVP Cass, thank you for your work and upkeeping facebook pages, getting everything kept up to date and helping me get things done
 - Eliza, thank you for all your work with photos, cover photos updates etc
 - Fran, thank you for taking the small amount of info I give you and turning it into something amazing
 - Rachel thank you for everything on the website esthetically pleasing and for being always ready to help me
 - To all of council, for commenting on posts, sharing events, updating cover photos etc thank you so much
 - 1st year reps I wish I was you and able to involved in everything so early on in your university career
 - This has been the cherry on top of my undergrad experience and I am excited to see what the new council does moving forward

Department Representative Candidates

DAN Management - Finance and Accounting:

- Zachary Bloch
 - Outgoing essex 1st year rep
 - When thinking about why I want this position:
 - Love for council
 - Able to plan events
 - Able to be part of internal review committee
 - Want to grow into council as much as I can
 - Love for BMOS
 - Amazing community and want to help current and incoming students as much as possible
 - Love for Western
 - Want to come into a school and leave it a better place in the future
 - Want to be able to represent all students in DAN regardless of streams
- Milana Kustovinova
 - 1st year student in MOS
 - I believe that MOS is a combination of highly unique students and ideas
 - Best representatives are those that are within the module
 - Can represent the people because of my numerous positions within the MOS community
 - Know the executives of the DMSA and can work well with them to represent the students
 - Have a lot of ideas and think that I can apply here
- Katherine Wroblewski
 - International student
 - Want to grow as a person and in them MOS module
 - See the participation and enthusiasm and bring in collaboration
 - I would love to be a liaison between DAN and council and show what council is all about
- Question period:
 - Owen: big supporter of MOS but not Ivey, so how would you convince people to stay in MOS over going to Ivey
 - Milana:
 - So many people in MOS try to go to Ivey but they are essentially the same thing
 - Ivey seems better because of the networking opportunities so want to increase the networking events to give students the same benefits
 - Katherine:
 - Ivey is different than MOS because MOS is more concentrated
 - Want to ask them what they want out of their degree
 - Want to be an accountant so going into MOS accounting and so the concentration is more important
 - Zachary:
 - Don't want to go to Ivey at all either
 - MOS has such a diverse personality with so many new streams

- Reach out to students to let them know about all the opportunities available within MOS
 - It comes down to the different opportunities and resources that are available for MOS students and want to ensure that all students know about them
 - Chris: representing the most diverse set of SS students, so how will you grapple with the differing interests of these students?
 - Katherine:
 - A challenge as there are so many students
 - Talking to people and making connections between council and students and department can help students understand what they like
 - Help to understand their visions and see where they want MOS to go
 - Use my voice as an effective change through speaking with students
 - Zach:
 - Represented a residence of a few hundred people and realized it came to resources and outreach
 - During o-week we got resources from SSSC but it didn't tell us about life tips for students about students
 - Milana:
 - Events are a way to bring together diverse ideas and increase communication
 - Bringing everyone in the same room can make the program a better module
 - Chris: a large part of being a DAN dep rep is being part of DMSA, what collaborative event would you run?
 - Zach:
 - LinkedIn event, merger with DMSA and professional development event could bring people who are interested in professional development and business networking
 - Milana:
 - Workshops and speakers that allow for collaboration and applicable skills for the degree you are getting
 - Katherine:
 - Combination between professionalism and fun
 - Women's leadership event with career speakers and get to know people's interests and build connections through fun events as well
 - Variety of events that promote activities to get to know people and get to know them
 - Connecting the two in more professional ways through workshops
- Closing statements:
 - Milana:
 - I can connect to the people and I already know a lot of the people I will be working with
 - Can implement changes by harnessing these connections and bringing a new outlook and voice
 - Katherine:
 - Seen how amazing this council is, use my past experience to bring some new skills and perspectives to council
 - Zachary:
 - New I wanted to do something on council and this position stood out to me

- Watched Chris do this position this year and it really seemed like something I could do

DAN Management – Human Resources and OB

- Allison Coutinho
 - Council has given me so much, a place where I play an active role at western and try to make a change and difference
 - Played a passive role this past year and watching him in the position I was able to learn about what it takes to be in a more active role on council
- Question period:
 - Zach: Motion for a vote of confidence
- Vote of confidence:
 - Passed

Psychology

- Devan Anderson
 - Motivated to run for this position because I've been very involved with residence and orientation
 - Being on a faculty council would be something that I would like to add to my experience
 - Being a head soph and events committees and would be able to build strong relationships with other on council and the department
 - Interested in ensuring that students feel connected to their faculty and departments
- Vote of confidence:
 - Passed.

Geography

- Abby Litchfield
 - Passionate about geography and have experience on GPS council
 - Love how close knit everyone in Geography is and want to continue building these types of connections
 - Good fit for this because of my position on GPS and others on campus that have given me the skills necessary to manage this position
- Joshua Swift
 - First year in geography and 3rd year at western
 - In past held positions on student council and school board, MPPs and UN delegate at youth assembly and held two positions on health science students council
- Brian Yao
 - Second year geography student
 - In GPS and part of the department club and have very close connections and can help connect the council with the small department
 - Was leading of past teams and VP of the student council that help me to communicate well with other and be on a team
 - International student so I can represent international students
- Question period:
 - Eric: how would you describe geography to someone?
 - Joshua:
 - Huge fan of maps and I would pull out some maps and globe and show them what I've learned about geography
 - How physical processes work and the peoples side of geography of which there's a huge variety but I could sum it up well

- Brian:
 - For physical geography it's about breaking down the earth into a graphic but human geography is a mix of sociology and geography
 - Abby:
 - Geography is a guide to the world and I would explain the place that they're in geographically and the people they are in the country of and how they can interact with the world
- Owen: what is your second favourite department in SS?
 - Brian: sociology
 - Abby: sociology
 - Joshua: political science
- Chantal: how do you plan on working with GPS to promote geography events in social science students council?
 - Abby:
 - Important to integrate geography community into larger social science community
 - As a dep rep I'd want to bring both into classes and promote events and opportunities as a liaison
 - Joshua:
 - Have experience about engagement in past experiences and want to amp people up about events
 - So I would work to help to ensure that students are informed on events and maintain constant communication
 - GPS community events and opinions are shared with council
 - Brian:
 - Already a representative of the GPS so I can use those same skills to promote SSSC in GPS and vice versa
- Chantal: what is your favourite map projection?
 - Joshua:
 - I prefer the globe because there's no distortions
 - Brian:
 - Mercator is my favourite because history is important to map making and projections
 - Abby:
 - Mercator is my favourite as it is generally recognizable
- Closing statements:
 - Brian:
 - Want to run for GPS positions to help SSSC connect with GPS and promote events and communications
 - Abby:
 - Also want to go for a GPS communications team and this council is a force to be reckoned with and selecting me will be a person who will add a lot to this community
 - Joshua:
 - Have been involved on faculty councils and I want to stay involved and continue to promote geography at Western

History

- Trisha Kershaw
 - I want to be the history rep because I am passionate at representing my community
 - Past experience as the VP of multiple committees

- I am part of a lot of IR related communities (AIR, UN) and I can communicate with and advocate for these students
- I work really hard and I care a lot about advocacy, policy and getting things done
- Questions:
 - Anne: If you could go back in any point of history where would you go and why?
 - Trisha: Go back to Greek or Roman civilization era to learn more about the creation of democracy
 - Jack: what school of IR theory do you subscribe to?
 - Trisha: liberal internationalist but still learning
 - Zach: if you could direct your ideal play what would it be?
 - Trisha: A Doll's House
 - Matt: you have to represent all history students so how will you do this as an IR student?
 - Trisha:
 - Important to reach out and branch out and meet with all the societies and clubs and being present for all those events
 - Go to classes at the beginning of the year
 - Owen: what event would you run for history students with an unlimited budget?
 - Trisha:
 - Would want to use the unlimited budget to send students on a field trip somewhere in the world
- Closing statement:
 - Trisha:
 - Very interested in talking to and communicating with students but I also want to listen to students
 - Want to be an advocate and get things done on their behalf

Political Science

- Matt Curgin
 - Have a love of politics that fascinates me and keeps me hooked
 - Have been involved in volunteering for political candidates
 - Want to have a positive impact on people and students and want to be involved in advocating for students
- Questions:
 - Mitch: if you could have dinner with one political figure who would it be?
 - Matt: Donald Trump to see what makes him tick and see what his views are
 - Anne: as a 1st year student how do you hope to engage first year students in such a large class and with all the PSA events?
 - Matt:
 - Need to improve the PSA events because they heard that it was too basic and not that helpful
 - Promotion is a big thing and getting more speakers and events for students who are engaged in politics
 - Drew: how do you think you'd want to improve the essay clinics?
 - Matt:
 - feel like more information on the more micro details for essay writing, fitting in the word count idea and teaching people how to write stronger essays
 - Calvin: between Seth Rogan and Mitch Pratt who would you vote for as PM?
 - Matt: Mitch for sure

Anthropology

- Adrianna Wiley
 - First year was so excited to be involved in Anthropology society and wanted to be more involved in second year as the rep
 - Had a good time getting to know all the faculty and students really well through event planning
 - Excited to become even more involved with the SSSC
- Questions:
 - Mitch: how would you explain anthropology to someone?
 - Adrianna:
 - Official definition is the study humans but there are so many subfields but look at sociocultural, archeology, linguistic anthropology, and physical anthropology
 - Owen: if you could recommend an anthro course to a non-anthro student what would it be?
 - Adrianna: human ageing with Professor Walsh but my favourite course was culture and society

Women's Studies

- Oliva Andrade
 - Currently a soph and have experience working with Spur fashion show
 - Very passionate with the department and faculty and have close communication
 - Part of a feminist society on campus
- Questions:
 - Who is your favourite woman?
 - Oliva: my mom
 - Women's studies is a collaborative program, so how will you ensure that students from both faculties feel represented?
 - Olivia: Events that post the same ideas have happened a lot this year so working with both would be important

Sociology

- Maeve McDonald
 - Very passionate about social science in general
 - Excellent communicator and has a presence when speaking on anything and will be a good addition to the social science community
- Questions:
 - What is her best and worse quality?
 - Her best quality is that she smells good and has a firm stance on everything that she does but is very open minded
 - Her worst quality is that she is not in another department and is in sociology

Executive Speeches (Mitch)

- This speech is more about the people in the room
- Executive: you are free!
 - Zach: who'd know we'd go from 2nd year IR to rants in the student council office thank you for all your hard work and I've loved watching you grow this year
 - Crystal: you took on this challenged and represented council in your own way, thank you for being available to for every member of exec for any issue, you made it a successful lifestyle

- Owen: the finance portfolio is the quiet driver of council and student experience and your dedication to ensuring that every dollar went towards great student experience
- Jill: reassuring to ask you for an update but to have so many new initiatives in addition for what I asked, you are an extraordinary leader on this campus
- You all had so much influence over me and I can never thank you enough
- Council: you have chosen to make differences every day and that is what counts
 - You apply so much passion to all these positions and as a council you care so much which is what legitimizes us all
 - Thank you for all your hard work and dedication you put into this position
- New council: challenge the status quo and never estimate the power of your voice
- Jared: never forget what drove you to run for this position in the first place
- My experience on this council:
 - This council has been the largest growing experience for me
 - So many ups and downs but council will always have a place in my heart
 - You may miss me but I will miss all of you and I will look back on my experience on this council always
 - My door on the 4th floor of the UCC is always open

Reports

1. *Senate Report*
 - Daniel:
 - Discovery credit passed
2. *USC Report*
 - No business to report.

New Business

- Hiring the panel that will select VP finance and communications
 - Zach: motion to add this to new business
 - VP Finance Hiring Committee:
 - Councillors: Charles (decline), Nikol (decline), Sam (decline), Ryan (accept)
 - Dep Rep: Chris (accept)
 - 1st year rep: Ana (accept), Charles (decline), Anne (decline)
 - VP Communications Hiring Committee:
 - Councillors: Charles (accept)
 - Dep Rep: Allison (accept)
 - 1st year rep: Drew (accept)
- Motion to announce election results:
 - VP Events: Mac Grenier
 - VP Academics: Matt Sparling
 - DAN Finance and Accounting: Zach Bloch
 - Geography: Abby Litchfield

Roll Call

1. Attendee Names:

Executives:

Mitchell Pratt, Owen Parker, Zach Johnson, Jill Malcolm, Crystal Mak

Associate Vice Presidents:

Kate Holmes, Sommer Knight, Tamara Kljakic, Cassandra Bald

Administrative Officers:

Mikaela Harrison, Angus Lai, Chantal Francoeur, Meaghan Irons, Andreea Bejan

Commissioners:

Gabi Christie, Hannah Tobias-Murray, Daniel Sowinski, Kait Abma, Amira Gariba, Fran Coretti, Rachel Bidulka, Eliza Mehr, Gabby Davis

Department Representatives:

Elazar Ehrentu, Shawn Dhue, Christopher Harasym, Allison Coutinho, Mike Williams, Savanna Gao, Eric Potts, Jessica Ip, Matthew Sparling, Robyn Wood, Donika Stonefish

USC Councillors:

Mac Grenier, Keaton Olsen, Adam Khimji, Calvin Chao, Avnashi Dhillon, Jared Forman, Ayesha Zaman, Keegan Smart, Sophie Delombre, Tom Griffith

Senators:

Shaha Yousafzai, Lauren Kim

First Year Representatives:

Charles Ma, Nikol Kamenetsky, Anne Campbell, Anandita Heer, Drew Pertson, Zachary Bloch, Beenish Khan

Soph Team Representative:

Allie Zohorsky

General Members:

Emily Boucher, David Firkins, Paige Preston, Michaela Wand, Effy Walsh, Kshitij Mather, Fayez Khan, Eliza Simon, Andrew Martell, Ben Bloomberg, Alexandria Kioussis, Anastasia Lemon, Matthew McIntosh, Jessica Orchin, Nathan Szierer, Abi Ravibalan, Diana Boulton, Jesse O'Neill-Bains, Jack Stebbing, Rhiannon Wells

Prospective General Members:

2. Attendees Not Present:

Robyn Wood, Cassandra Bald, Adam Khimiji, Avnashi Dhillon, Matthew McIntosh, Sommer Knight, Angus Lai, Gabi Christie, Eliza Mehr, Gabby Davis, Mike Williams, Elazar Ehrentu, Robyn Wood, Lauren Kim, Emily Boucher, David Firkins, Paige Preston, Michaela Wand, Eliza Simon, Andrew Martell, Ben Bloomberg, Alexandria Kioussis, Anastasia Lemon, Nathan Szierer, Abi Ravibalan, Diana Boulton, Rhiannon Wells

Incoming President Speech (Jared)

- Thank you for coming out today with all the procedural matters and the length of time
- This past year has been an experience like none other
- A year ago would never have believed that I would be addressing council today as the incoming President
 - Jill: her positive attitude and clear dedication to this faculty is so ambitious
 - Owen: one of the funniest people I've ever met and laid back VP finance
 - Crystal: you have been so helpful to me this past year and for communicating with council
 - Zach: you are a role model to me and I would love to be as successful as you
 - Mitch: following you as SSSC president is a scary thought but I will give it my all and there is nobody better fit for USC president
- Best of luck for all of you in the future

Ratification of New Council 2018-2019

- Vote for ratification of new council.
 - Passed.

Dissolution of Council 2017-2018

- Committees are not de-ratified until end of the semester
- Vote for de-ratification of current council.
 - Passed.

Adjournment

Time: 3:57 pm