



MEETING MINUTES

2018/2019 Academic School Year

Date: November 13, 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 (late), Matt Sparling, Mac Grenier (proxy), Camellia Wong

Associate Vice Presidents:

Cat Dunne, Darlene Seong

Administrative Officers:

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

Commissioners:

Steven Lee, Matt Reesor, Lauren Adams, Beenish Khan (proxy), Drew Pertson (proxy), Kristen Coenen, Laura Bot, Abi Ravibalan (proxy), Nadine Alaloul

Department Representatives:

Maeve Macdonald, Matt Curgin, Zack Block, Allison Coutinho, Devon Anderson, Jake Anderson, Abby Litchfield, Trisha Kershaw (proxy), Adrianna Wiley, Serena Mendizabal

USC Councillors:

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

Senators:

Jill Malcolm (proxy)

Soph Team Representative:

Jill Malcolm

First Year Representatives:

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

General Members:

Niya Mathew, Rhiannon Wells, Liam Deschamps, Alex Ha

2. Attendees Excused:

Anandita Heer, Hannah Tobias-Murray, Grace Young, Daniel Sowinski

Adoption of the Agenda

- All in favour; passes.

Members' Announcements

- Serena M: November 24 kicks off Indigenous Awareness Week. In addition, the USC is looking to hire an Indigenous Relations Committee. Apps are in the Facebook group and due on November 20th at 11:59 PM.
- Zack B: DMSA is hosting a resume workshop on November 20 in SSSC 3028.
- Devon A: The Psychology Students' Association is hosting a Networking Night on November 19th from 6:30-9:00 PM at The Wave.
- Abby L: GPS is holding three upcoming events: GIS Day (tomorrow), Geography Trivia Night (Thursday at 11:30 AM in SSC 1004), and the Geography Grad Fair.
- Maeve M: There is a Sociology Grad School Session on November 3rd at 12:30 PM in SSC. Also upcoming is the Pizza and Profs event.
- Anne C: Active Minds is having a Coffee House tonight from 7-9 PM.
- Serena M: there is a Feminist Mixer tonight at 7 PM at The Wave.
- Jordyn O: Western's Continuing Studies Program is having Grad Fair for post-diploma programs on November 20 in The Wave.
- Jake A: the Economics Society is having a panel discussion on the Next Financial Crisis on Thursday at 5:30 PM in UC.
- Adriana W: The Anthropology Department has two upcoming events:
 - Grad School Open House in SSC 2257 on December 1st, and

- The Spence Lecture regarding Bioarcheology (with a reception at The Wave after) on Friday the 23rd.

Executive Report

Presidential Update (Jared Forman)

Done

- Head Soph Hiring
 - Matt Reesor, Wellness Commissioner, has been hired!
- Grad Program Fair Planning
 - Nov 28
 - Event page up now - share it!

Doing

- PA Hiring
 - Working with Matt and Joan from Deans Office and OSTAFF to hiring PA team
- Purple Frost
 - Artists should be assigned this week

To-Do

- Academic Counselling Survey
- Dean's Meeting
- Joint Office hours w/ USC
 - Dec 5 in Social Sci Atrium

- Council engagement must improve.

Communications Update (Camellie Wong)

Done

- October Event Promotions
 - Ceeps Bar Night
- Merch
 - Dar has posted a size form. Submit asap!!
- This Week at a Glance
 - First post rolled out this week! If you have event to submit @ Dep Reps, submit them to CAM by Sunday so it's on Monday post!

Doing

- Graduate Program Fair Promotions
 - SHARE!
 - Cover photo blast early next week

- Interactive Booth for Fall Preview Day
 - Working with Academics Portfolio to figure out
- Sponsorship Package

To-Do

- LinkedIn Event Promotions
- Communications Committee Meeting
 - This week
- Academic Conference Comms Plans
 - Still securing speaker
 - November promo to be sorted out.
- Council Promo Videos
 - Re: what SSC does

Academics Update (Matt Sparling)

Done

- Draft MOU
 - Feedback from Dep Reps are in
- Offer to Speaker for Conference
 - The bag has been secured.
- Fall Preview Day Volunteer Recruitment
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Doing

- Revising MOU
 - After feedback is in
- Conference Promo Plan
- Fall Preview Day Prep

To-Do

- Finalize Name for Conference
 - 3 options right now
- Send MOU to clubs for feedback

- POI Jared: Mac's updates will be via e-mail

Finance Update (Nick Bottger)

Done

- Department SDF Revised Requests
 - Most of what has been requested has been granted

Doing

- Organizational grant requests

- Securing funds for large social sci events

To-Do

- Infographics
 - Re: how SDF is being spent and how students get use out of it
- Providing grants
- Transparency policy

Senate Report

- Daniel S: Updates in Facebook group
- Jared F: due to the newly implemented Reading Week, exam schedules could be changed. Sunday exams are being considered.
- Daniel S:
 - Counter Proposal: open Sunday exams only for particular exams.
 - The final draft has not been completed so there are no further details.
- Daniel S: 3-in-24 strategy instead of 3-in-23 policy also being pushed.
- Senate will likely vote against Sunday exams.

USC Report

- Jack S: to anyone sitting on the USC: Governance and Finance passed a motion coming to the floor at the 28th meeting regarding health and dental plan fees. The motion has passed a working group including myself and Ryan.
 - Gist of the motion: fees increase every year but capped by an act of council by 5% each year. Desire is to exceed this percentage to get fees where they need to be.
- Charles: last year's Council passed a motion democratically which isn't in effect due to a small technicality regarding SPO ballots. Governance and Finance wants to send it through again, and if does not pass, it will lead to a constitutional crisis as it will undermine past decisions.
- Rules for council proxies and other procedural things to be discussed.
- Anne: if anyone wants to learn more, we can post agendas in the group so you can raise questions.

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Adjournment

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