



MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 14, 2017

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: UCC 37

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

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, Robert Belanger-Polak, Matthew McIntosh, Jessica Orchin, Nathan Szierer, Abi Ravibalan

2. Attendees Not Present:

Amira Gariba, Avnashi Dhillon (proxy Rachel Bidulka), Calvin Chao (proxy Marc Watson), Lauren Kim (proxy Robert Belanger-Polak), Sophie Delombre, Chantal Francoeur, Savanna Gao, Donika Stonefish, Eliza Simon

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Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion to change the order of council secret Santa and apology from councillor
 - Motion passes.
- Motion to move the order of the items under new business of media kit motion and internal review motions
 - Motion passes.
- Agenda approved.

Members' Announcements

1. Club or Department announcements

- Mike, Psychology
 - Annual networking night this Monday at the Wave from 6-9pm
 - Great chance to network with profs, grad students and members of the community
- Eric, Geography
 - Geography graduate info session next Tuesday at 1:30pm
 - Professors and students in grad school will help you figure out what to do with your degree
- Chris, DAN
 - Quick sale on merchandise at the social science kiosk

2. USC Announcements

- Mac:
 - USC Charity running Dine in the Dark tickets this week
 - Cocktail hour and art before the dinner

Reports

1. Executive Report

Presidential Updates:

- Seating plan
 - Make new friends!
 - This will continue going forward
- Getting in contact with Mitch
 - Backlogged with Facebook messages and emails
 - Contact Chantal over Facebook with time sensitive related issues
 - Contact Chantal to book meetings
- Academic Speaker Update
 - Want to tell you but if he does he will be sued
 - Speaker has been confirmed but can't be named
- Purple Frost
 - Announcement will be coming soon
 - Tri Sci concert will be January 18, 2018
- Wellness Wednesay
 - All office hours will be held at the event
 - Event is in the Mustang Lounge
- Wellness Commissioner Apps
 - Apps are up and due Thursday at 4pm
 - Drop off at the SSSC drop box or council office

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- Encourage friends to get involved
- Direct questions to Gabi

Wellness Updates:

- Resources on campus:
 - Counselling – SHS, SDC, Residence
 - Peer support centre
 - Stress Management
 - Wellness Education Centre between 10am-6pm
 - Psychological Services for people in crisis
 - Student health services
- Helplines/ After hours
 - Reach Out 519-433-2023
 - Good 2 Talk 1-866-925-5454
 - The support line 519-601-8055
 - First Nations and Inuit Help Line 1-855-242-3310

Finance Updates:

- Finance Committee
 - New member David Firkins
 - New members welcome!
 - Will be having a meeting this week
 - SOGS requests
- SDF Update
 - Meeting with the Dean today
 - Department allocations very soon
 - Fund the economics tutoring room 3rd floor social science

Communications Updates:

- Wellness Marathon and LinkedIn Promo
 - Promotion schedule
 - Share the posts you are tagged in, it's your job!
- Member Appreciation
 - Make this a thing again!
 - Message Crystal or Cass for nominations
- Council Promotion
 - Contest promotion
 - Social Science at Rick's
- Council Headshots and Bios
 - General members take your photos after the meeting today
 - All bios should be out by December

Events Updates:

- Wellness and Chill
 - This event will be great
 - Invite ALL your friends
 - Gabi and Tamara will speak to programming
 - 10:00-11:30 breakfast, nutritionist and breakfast options on campus comparison
 - 11:30-1:30 coffee house and creative session with wellness kits
 - Wellness kits: resources, discount cards, free yoga class, halls, gum, bubble wrap, condoms etc

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- Wellness wheel all day to win prizes
- 1:30-3:00 alternative approaches to wellness
- 3:00 self-love is self-care with raffle prizes
- 4-5:00 raffle and dance off
- Over \$250 in raffle prizes
- LinkedIn workshop November 21st 6:30-8:30
 - Will be taking headshots
- Food and Item drive for SSSC
 - More to come for this

Academics Updates

- Fall Preview Day wrap up
 - Thank you to all volunteers
 - Academic counselling was thrilled with how the day went
 - Any questions or comments on the day?
 - More signage in the buildings for rooms with events in them
 - Feedback for potential students (i.e. blue lights on campus)
 - Blue lights are in less traffic areas where there is less lighting or fewer people
 - If you have recommendations for the blue light locations or if you want more locations
 - Know where information booths are on campus for general campus questions i.e. safety, residences etc
 - Bags in social science for people to put stuff in
 - Google doc before March preview day for more tips and questions
 - Scholarships and financial aid
 - March Break open house next semester too!
 - Thank you for all those who participated on the ask a student/ ask a counsellor panel
- Academic Conference Committee
 - Meeting this Thursday at 5:30pm
 - Think of professors who would be good speakers
 - Student paper emails will be going out soon
 - Submit papers and tell your friends
- Past EPC meeting
 - Only anthropology DAPS
 - Amalgamating upper year courses and now intro to anthropology is non-essay
 - Medical Notes
 - Academic counselling is concerned about massive amount of medical notes
 - Changes likely coming
 - Feedback?
 - Shaha: working group on Senate to address missed work and have talked to Dean of Social Science but tackling the issue has been difficult
 - Zach: what would be the form of alternatives/ deterrents
 - Kate: if you miss any class you need a medical note but this is a bit restrictive so they should have a system where you can miss 1 class without a note

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- Anne: not clear when you need a note and didn't know that there was professor discretion
- Chris: yet to hear of any professor giving any discretion for missed classes as they either don't understand the rules or are hesitant to give any accommodation without documentation

2. Senate Report

- Shaha:
 - Meeting on Friday for all Senators
 - Open meeting for all people
 - Agenda posted on the senator's website
 - Missed work relief working group
 - 5 members doing research and advocacy
 - Meeting with either the provost or vice provost soon
 - Really big issue because it has so many moving parts and impacts so many areas on campus
 - Will report back any updates
 - Pass/ Fail credit system
 - Waiting for meeting with the provost
 - November 20 UCC Atrium is the Senators outreach event
 - Candy canes and chill with senators
 - UCC atrium at 10am
 - Suggestion box available

3. USC Report

- Jared:
 - Have not met since last SSSC meeting
 - Next meeting is November 29
 - Student experience committee
 - Recommendations for peer support centre review, textbook rental service motion to go through to council, delegated committee for review of disability service, chose town hall topics, approved a purple bikes review
- Keaton:
 - Governance and Finance Committee
 - Made the elections more open and easy
 - Formalized the role of resource members
 - Struck the bus pass subcommittee to review the fee schedule
 - Discussed 1st year and international student caucus and tabled them indefinitely
 - CHRW motion from last year to decide on an amount of \$10-11.50 per student and decided on \$10.50 per student

New Business

1. Media Kit Motion

- Adam:
 - Logo was very low resolution so it was time for a high resolution version
 - Went to an event and our logo was illegible
 - Remastered the entire logo
 - Png 2000x2000 resolution

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- Scalable vector graphic
 - Motion passes.
2. *Internal Review Motions*
1. Motion to formalize maintenance of the constitution
 - Puts all the onus to formalize the constitution to the Communications portfolio
 - VP Comms puts motions into the entire constitution
 - Cannot make any material changes or change the spirit of the amendments
 - Brings this back to council floor for 2/3s approval
 - Voting on 5-minute question period - fails
 - Motion to call the question - passes
 - Voting on overall motion - passes
 2. Motion to change membership section of constitution
 - Motion to call the question - passes
 - Voting on overall motion – passes
 3. Motion to amend procedure for removing voting members of council
 - All members could be unilaterally removed from council by the executive
 - For voting members, the amendment would allow for there to be a meeting with the executive and then brought to the council floor to discuss their impeachment
 - Motion for 3 minute question period – passes
 - Mitchell: rationale for publicly ousting someone on the council floor? Isn't there a need for sensitivity surrounding possible issues
 - Andreea: if executive did want to impeach someone they could and the councillor could choose to voluntarily leave without using this process, this is just to provide them with a process to provide a defence
 - Shaha: would there be consideration for member personal issues so that you wouldn't have to bring this up publicly?
 - Keaton: first there is an interview with the executive, and this system would give them with another opportunity to defend themselves
 - Andreea: using this amendment is up to them, they would have the option to bring this back to council, but they could just accept the impeachment
 - Keaton: change the wording from “must be brought to council” to “may be brought to council”
 - Motion to enter 5-minute moderated caucus – fails
 - Friendly amendment to change the wording from “must be adhered to” to “at the request of the councillor” in 11.3.4
 - Friendly amendment to change the wording from “can” to “must” in 11.3.4
 - Motion to enter 5-minute moderated caucus - fails
 - Voting on the overall motion – passes
 4. Motion to create a policy manual
 - VP Comms would take any policy adopted by council, add it to the manual and bring it to a vote on council floor
 - Motion for a 3:30 minute question period – passes
 - Mitchell: can we get this in more layman's terms? Sell this to us
 - Keaton: all policies and procedures are scattered in many documents and there have been problems with losing them entirely. Dream would be to hold the constitution in one hand and the policy manual in

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- the other and understand everything the SSSC does and how they can do it
- Andreea: a lot of how council operates isn't written down and this would help reduce the learning curve each year
- Zach: is this all policies passed by council or just procedural?
- Keaton: would include all policies, even those that have a deadline to ensure that all policies from previous years would be followed up on
- Adam: why is the speaker not fulfilling this role?
- Keaton: purely administrative job to take it from the council floor and then put it in the manual
- Amendment to change VP Comms to President in all orders
 - Mitchell: VP Comms portfolio itself is scattered and is hard to understand the role and the presidential portfolio is more well suited to care for the policy manual and work on its maintenance
 - Andreea: are you volunteering to write it
 - Mitchell: volunteering to delegate it
 - Keaton: constitution maintenance policy passed with the VP Comms doing it and it would be more consistent to have the same person working on both of these
 - Zach: motion to have an amendment that stipulates that the President is the primary creator of the first iteration while future updates are made by the VP Comms
 - Zach: motion for debate on the amendment - passes
 - Zach: agree with reasoning of VP Comms updating the constitution but in terms of creating the first version, the president and chief of staff and speaker working in tandem would be more well suited for creating the first document
 - Mitchell: presidential portfolio is much more well suited for this and the Comms portfolio should be more well suited for publicizing council events and then they can have control over maintenance
- Motion to call the question on the unfriendly amendment – passes
 - Motion to approve the president writing the 1st draft and VP Comms in charge of maintenance – passes
- Motion to vote on the overall motion with the passed amendments – passed

Apology from Councilor

- Tom:
 - Referencing the 2nd meeting of council
 - Acted inappropriately and in a way that was not welcoming
 - Willing to speak with and hear from any members on council about USC

Council Secret Santa

- Mitchell:
 - Straw poll on who is interested in this - passed
 - Will be for the last meeting of the year
 - Will also include a potluck
 - Motion for a \$10 gift limit
- Chantal will post info in the Facebook group

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Prospective General Members:

Diana Boutlbee, Jesse O'Neil Bains, Jack Stebbing, Nicholas Semenak, Rhiannon Wells

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Adjournment

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