



MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 28, 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 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, Faye Khan, Eliza Simon, Robert Belanger-Polak, Matthew McIntosh, Jessica Orchin, Nathan Szierer, Abi Ravibalan, Diana Boulton, Jesse O'Neill-Bains, Jack Stebbing

2. Attendees Not Present:

Shawn Dhue (proxy Tamara Kljakic), Elazar Ehrentru (proxy Rachel Bidulka), Chantal Francoeur, Eliza Mehr, Gabi Christie, Mike Williams, Savanna Gao, Donika Stonefish, Allie Zohorsky, Paige Preston, Eliza Simon, Robert Belanger-Polak, Matthew McIntosh, Nathan Szierer, Abi Ravibalan, Diana Boulton

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Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion to move Secret Santa to after roll call
 - Question called
 - Passes.
- Motion to move for discussion after new business
 - Question called
 - Passes.

Members' Announcements

1. Club or Department announcements

- Eric:
 - Geo department talent show this Friday
 - Bake sale on Monday
 - Exam season study room
- Matt:
 - Saturday 12pm-4pm AIR and WMUN hosting negotiation workshop
- Jessica:
 - Feminist mixer this Thursday
 - Collecting feminine hygiene products at the door
- Gabi:
 - Wellness education centre having a holiday bake sale next week
 - Open positions to work at wellness education centre front desk centre
- Calvin:
 - Bar night for Movember and men's health on Thursday
- Robyn:
 - Anthropology talk tomorrow
- Cassandra:
 - If you want events posted on the SSSC page send a message to the page facebook
- Chris:
 - Headshots next week

2. USC Announcements

- None.

3. Executive Announcements

- None.

Reports

1. Executive Report

Presidential Updates:

- Sophice Hours
 - Semester pilot test is up
 - Next semester Sophs will be able to fill in spare office hours that council haven't signed up for to create a more collaborative space
 - Contact Mitch for questions or concerns
- SSSC Bursary
 - \$100k from SDF
 - Money be put in a trust that would accumulate interest of 4% per year

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- Would be put out in 4 grants of \$1000 per year
- One time investment of \$100k that would invest itself
- Transition from a textbook fund to a scholarship fund and be needs based
 - Goal is having open textbooks online for all students
 - Open bursary is better for us as it is less defined and can last longer
 - Money is held by Alumni relations
 - People would apply through the financial assistance profile
 - Make a \$100k investment and then add to it every year to give out more or additional scholarships in the future
 - Purpose of the investment and the initial investment amount are more fixed but amount of scholarships can be changed
- Proposed name SSSC Student Fund Financial Bursary
- Bring this idea back next Semester
- Need SDF leftover at the end of the year for large projects like the reading room or bursaries
 - Setting aside a certain amount for projects rather than calling it carry over
- Semester Review
 - Will be preparing an end of semester review report
 - Will give insider info and everything we have done this semester
 - Add transparency to the way council is being conducted
 - Successes and failures alike
- Tri-Sci Concert
 - Will be an announcement at 5pm in the Spoke tomorrow
 - Event will be January 18, 2018
 - Promo with the USC
 - Mostly going to be selling tickets in the atrium
 - Will need extra support beyond events committee
 - Tickets are \$25 from Tri Sci and USC selling them online
 - Daniel: can buy on debit or credit? Yes.

Finance Updates:

- SOGS Updates
 - Rachel and Owen updated the website to create a deadline for the SOGS or DOGS to get those in asap
 - Finance Committee meeting just happened with many SOGS applications
 - Western Model UN
 - Conference held every year to get students to represent countries foreign policies, practice debate and get like-minded people together
 - Fashion and Lifestyle Society
 - Sold out event
 - All proceeds went to My Sister's Place
 - Funded 4 students to go to APEC conference

Communications Updates:

- Internal Council Feedback
 - Communications round table with other councils
 - Message the Facebook page to promote your events
 - Message Crystal to add events to the USC week in a glance Facebook

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Events Updates:

- Events Updates
 - Hot Chocolate 4 Charity
 - Next Wednesday in SSC atrium
 - Council de-stressor
 - 2 Wednesday's from now; drop in at the office
 - Purple frost 2018
 - Need volunteers
 - RSVP to the announcement event
- Promotion Schedules
 - Please change your cover photos
 - Mitch: there are a lot of events coming up and promotion is vital when we are selling tickets for events and it is a responsibility
- Feedback
 - LinkedIn Event
 - Mac: speaker was great and engaging and wasn't overly professional
 - Adam: need a larger room
 - Emily: good speaker but he didn't give as much information on tips
 - Chris: distribute a pamphlet of tangible tips
 - Mike (proxy): critique a LinkedIn of someone in the room
 - Mac: possibly not do headshots in November
 - Wellness Marathon
 - Drew: people didn't know where the Mustang Lounge was
 - Daniel: council members in the front of the UCC directing people
 - Anne: another event happening in the UCC at the same time that took away from the wellness event

Academics Updates

- Upcoming EPC Meeting
 - Last one is on December 1st
 - DAPS coming soon
 - Message if you have any concerns
- Academic Conference
 - Negotiation with speaker ended last minute
 - We are pivoting to have the best Conference we can
 - Suggestions for Speaker?

2. Senate Report

- Meeting with provost and VP Janice Deacon
- Send any concerns to Senators

3. USC Report

- Next meeting is tomorrow
- 18 motions for that meeting
 - Smoke free campus presentation
 - Presentation from Andrew Barton station manager of Radio Western
 - Amendments to bylaw 6, CHRW fee
 - Feasibility of textbook rental service
 - Electing people to new roles
 - Appeals board is being wiped out

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New Business

1. SDF Motion

- Sophie: Added a line in the constitution that says to refer to the latest version of the SDF contract
- Andreea: Purpose was to ensure that the contract was entrenched
- Motion passes.
- Owen: thank you for bringing this forward

2. Member at Large Formalization

- Nathan: nothing in the roles and responsibilities about this position so it should be laid out what the position entails
- Mitch: thank you Nathan for helping to draft this as a general member
- Andreea: in the constitution that they exist but nothing in the roles and responsibilities
- Zach: Friendly motion for amendment to the motion
 - Change to “at least 4”
- Calvin: changing the constitution so should this be sent to internal review committee?
 - Andreea: all motions are from internal review; created an actual definition because one wasn't present before
- Adam: motion to amend the fourth line
 - Add in “with speaking rights”
 - Andreea: actually, up to committee chair to determine the role of each general member
 - Mitch: discretion of chair to decide if they have speaking rights but if they don't have voting rights in council they don't in committees
 - Andreea: committees also don't have anything in the constitution so this might lead to changes in the future
- Chris: move to a moderated caucus
 - Failed.
- Chris: motion to table the motion and send it back to IRC
- Motion to called the question.
 - Passed
- Vote on the motion as it stands
 - Passes
- IRC brings something to council if it sees fit but the purpose of bringing it to the floor is to hear out debate on the council floor

3. International Student Commissioner

- Savanna: no representation of international students on council
- Andreea: if you have recommendations for internal review bring them forth
- Mitch: should ask how we can get engagement in the faculty by moving away from the traditional social circles in the faculty and brining in a new wave of students in the faculty
- Savanna: friendly amendment to change the number of commissioners to 5
- Zach: motion to amend point 1 to reflect VP Academics and VP Events
 - Motion to a 3-minute moderated discussion on the motion: passed.

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- Zach: in terms of the position, as it is an advocacy position and since part of it will be academic, the VP academics should be part of the selection committee as is the case with wellness commissioner
- Chris: this commissioner position should breach the role of being on one committee
- Kate: recruitments should always have 2 people there to limit bias and ensure that the most suitable person is selected
- Zach: subsection 3 is inherently academic and therefore advocating students in academic capacity makes it necessary to involve academics
- Mitch: position is new and so it is beneficial to have the academics portfolio involved to create a 2-dimensional role
- Zach: motion to vote on the amendment. Passed.
- Motion to add VP academics passed.
- Chris: motion to amend 4 to reflect academic roles of the position
- Zach: motion to enter into a 3-minute debate. Passes.
 - Zach: there is no “academic committee” but instead should be dealt with later and feel no need to add in academics specifically because of provision 3 which says advocate for international student needs
 - Mitch: it would be overbearing for the commissioner to have to attend multiple committee meetings
 - Mitch: call the question on the amendment
 - Amendment fails.
- Mitch: call the question.
 - Motion passes.

For Discussion

- Keaton: CHRW motion coming before USC council tomorrow; 2-minute presentation followed by 5 minute question and answer
 - Tomorrow in the USC meeting a motion will be held on the continued funding for CHRW
 - All 3 would linearly decrease every year until 2021
 - Want to have a ranked ballot system with 3 options: \$12.47, \$10.50, \$3.00
 - 12.47 = status quo
 - 10.50 = 2 years ago council put a motion to cut CHRW’s funding to nothing as the motion failed and there was another motion calling them to reduce their fees by 25% which failed and in the end the governance and finance committee was asked to pick a number between 12.47 and 10.50
 - 3.00 = would allow CHRW to continue functioning as it does while still giving opportunity to students. Major point of contention.
 - CHRW’s administrative fee was brought in 1979 at \$2.50 (\$7.98 adjusted rate and with increased student number)
 - Same real level of funding would be \$4.05/ student
 - Also have a cash reserve that they haven’t spent yet
 - 9-years operating like they did in 1979 at \$3.00 per student
- Tom, Zach: Motion to extend. Passes.
- Adam: motion for a straw poll. Fails.
- Mitch: motion to cut this matter short as it is an issue going to USC
- Zach: motion for a 3-minute question and answer period. Passes.

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- Zach: this motion is to put forward a referendum for western students to democratically decide how much money should be allocated and not USC unilaterally killing CHRW
 - Keaton: Yes.
- Chris: how did you arrive at \$3.00?
 - Keaton: calculated what the fee would have been today based on the revenue allocation scheme of 1978
 - Keaton: would drastically change how they currently operate but not how they have previously worked
- Calvin: are you happy to see people lose their jobs?
 - Keaton: Students would get to make that decision for themselves.
- Emily: what happens in 9 years?
 - Keaton: have a 3 year transition period and then \$3.00 is instituted
- Tom: send Keaton your actual feedback on this
- Adam: motion to end this presentation.
- Keaton: motion for a straw poll. Passed.
 - \$3.00 option included? Yes.

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Prospective General Members:

Andrew Martell, Rhiannon Wells

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Adjournment

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Council Secret Santa