



MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 31, 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:

Rav Datta for Allie Zohorsky

General Members:

Emily Boucher, David Firkins, Paige Preston, Michaela Wand, Effy Walsh, Kshitij Mather, Faye Khan, Eliza Simon, Robert Belanger-Polak

2. Attendees Not Present:

Tom Griffith, Angus Lai, Fran Coretti, Cassandra Bald, Chantal Francoeur, Daniel Sowinski, Donika Stonefish, David Firkins, Kshitij Mather, Faye Khan

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Adoption of the Agenda

Passed.

Spotify Presentation

- Running a student premium of \$4.99 / month for unlimited access
- Contest “Spotify guest list” www.thespotifyguestlist.com
 - Week-long trip for the Alps for you and a friend
 - All included airfare, accommodations
 - Concert
 - Only for Spotify premium members
- Spotify swag for all premium student holders

Members’ Announcements

1. *Club or Department announcements*
 - Shawn Due Political Science
 - PSA essay writing clinic on November 8th for 1st years
 - Eric Potts
 - GPS open meeting on Nov. 13 in SSC 1004
 - Robyn Wood
 - Lecture on smuggling mummies from Mexico on Nov. 30
 - Chris
 - DAN council is selling tickets for their event
 - Savanna
 - Economics society NAFTA panel talk next Wednesday
2. *USC Announcements*
 - Calvin
 - Pints and politics with the USC and city councillors Nov. 13
 - Adam
 - Criminal lawyer who represented Paul Bernardo coming to campus
3. *Executive Announcements*

Reports

1. *Executive Report*

Presidential Updates:

- Office Hours
 - Demerit points for missed signatures
 - Must send regrets for committee meetings as well; meetings are not optional
- Tri-Sci Concert Update
 - Collaborating with Health Sci and Science councils for the concert
 - Finalizing stages and hopefully ready to announce who is attending
 - Rap event in Mustang Lounge as well
- Academic Conference Update
 - Final stages of negotiations – hoping to make announcements next meeting

Finance Updates:

- Committee Update
 - Received 4 SOGS/ DOGS since our last council meeting
 - Funded 4 events this year

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- Western Economics Society NAFTA Panel event
- Geography Peoples' Society Pizza and Prof event
 - Huge success with 50-60 students attending
 - Even profs attended
 - Food was a huge success
- Nspire Western
 - For those who are interested into breaking into tech
 - Doing a big shout out to SSSC for funding them
- Western Anthropology Society
 - Gehman Lecture series happens every year
 - Community based side of anthropology
 - Talk with professors around and outside of Canada
- SDF Committee
 - 2 long meetings on who to fund
 - 1 more meeting on Friday to finalize the last 5 departments that haven't been evaluated yet
 - Response from department chairs on line items has been positive
 - Happy that there is more accessibility and transparency

Communications Updates:

- Communications Committee
 - Consists of:
 - VP Communications
 - AVP Communications and co-chair
 - Internet and graphics commissioner
 - 1 dep rep
 - 1 first year rep
 - Mandate: decide the direction and strategy of the SSSC brand and communicating in a profession and creative manner
 - Pilot year for this committee but hopefully it will be in the constitution next year with voting rights as well
- LinkedIn Promo
 - Graphic will be distributed soon

Events Updates:

- Blood Drive
 - Reached the quota 2 hours before the end
 - 85 units of blood – 118% of their target reached
 - Came back today as well
- Social Sci Merchandise
 - Sweaters
 - ¼ zip (likely \$40-45) – most votes (27)
 - Hoodies
 - Crewneck
 - Rugby sweaters (\$80) – few votes (7)
 - Will be a crest with your name in position on the side as option
 - Could also try to order both so you can choose
- LinkedIn Event
 - November 21st 6:30-8:30
 - Headshots
 - How to make your LinkedIn more desirable

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- Movember?
 - Poll on participating in Movember
 - Will be posted on council page
- Wellness Marathon
 - November 15
 - Free food, tea/ coffee, animals, working with Western Guitar club
 - Push from council to increase turnout
 - If anyone has connections for raffle prizes please let Tamara/ Gabi know

Academics Updates

- Fall Preview Day Sign Up
 - Sign-up sheet is on the Facebook group
 - Talk to people about what you love about Western to prospective 1st years
 - Food and coffee for all volunteers
 - Please wear council or Western wear
- Upcoming EPC Meeting
 - November 10th
 - DAPS are coming soon
- What's happening with academics?
 - Waiting on speaker for academic conference
 - Working to get Dep Rep information on department websites

2. Senate Report

- No report because no meeting since October 17 (last meeting)
- Syllabus database is up for students
- Town hall was today
 - How Western will generate revenue and maintain operating costs

3. USC Report

- Jared
 - Last meeting was October 25th
 - Keaton brought forth the bus pass motion to governance and finance committee
 - Ratified policy papers
 - Minor motions were passed
 - Student experience committee is starting review of peer support centre soon
- Adam
 - Surveys are floating around online/ Facebook
 - Important for when sitting in Committees
- Calvin
 - Advocacy committee discussed the policy paper to be advocated on behalf of students to the city in 2 weeks
 - Points included pedestrian safety, elections, sexual violence, homecoming, cycling infrastructure
- Keaton
 - Calvin passed a motion on adding an international student as a member and it was sent to governance and finance committee

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Western Student Senators Motion

Motion 001: Western Student Senators and Constituency Councils

- Preamble:
 - Passed by last year's student senators
 - Gives student senators autonomy on their faculty councils
 - Participate on council meetings when they can provide insight
 - Oral reports on council meetings
 - Take away senators voting rights on their councils
 - Point of the motion is to give senators more leeway on how much time they can put onto faculty council
 - Different councils operate differently so this is why it is a motion
 - Should bring this motion up for debate
 - Andreea
 - What happens with this motion if it passes/ fails
 - Shaha
 - Take it back to Senate but councils take priority
- Motion for Q and A on motion 001
 - Proceed to Q and A – passes
- Question and Answer period:
 - Adam: this goes through every council, so if we were to pass this, would SS senators still have voting rights?
 - Shaha: Science council passed this so now she can attend meetings as she sees relevant and doesn't have to sit on committees and not all councils have to pass this unanimously
 - Chris: would any amendment be considered unfriendly?
 - Shaha: unsure, because it has been passed in the Senate already so now it is pass or not pass in councils
 - Jared: everything pointed out in the memorandum is something that already exists and the only change is just voting rights
 - Shaha: voting rights is the biggest change, and as far as I can tell, we decide which meetings to sit on
 - Rav: coming to every meeting for senators doesn't really make sense, especially if there is nothing to report. However, our job for students at large is to advocate on behalf of students at meetings
 - Lauren: senators have monthly meetings
 - Shaha: sit as the entire senate once a month and as student senators once a month but sub-committees more frequently
 - Mitchell: senators would lose voting rights on all committees
 - Calvin: if the motion fails? Will you bring it about in the next meeting?
 - Shaha: we will retain our current roles and if it fails they will report back to Senate that the motion failed
 - Chris: point of order; in terms of autonomy on council, if you don't have to come to meetings would you no longer have council responsibilities, reducing your level of commitment?
 - Shaha: mostly just liaisons between SSSC and senate
 - Keaton: could this motion set a precedent for USC councillors to have a similar motion based on better use of their time/ role?
 - Shaha: it could yes
 - Rav: USC councillors attend meetings where there may be events etc that could be reported frequently whereas Senators are more often voting on policy

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- Keaton: that is like USC
 - Andreea: it is possible it might or might not create a precedent
- Motion to move to debate: passed
- Debate on motion:
 - Mitchell:
 - Brought forth by Senators last year
 - SSSC prefers Senators to be active full members acting on behalf of council
 - Matter of accountability – office hours, committees etc
 - In terms of constitution it could cause an issue for council
 - Adam:
 - Against this motion as it was mentioned that Senators could be doing something better but is this council not the best use of time since everyone in meetings are here representing all SS students. Any issues would be brought forth in these meetings and not having Senators would be problematic
 - Chris:
 - SS senators are an integral part of council and releasing them from council would be detrimental to council and this motion conflicts with the current constitution for SSC as such it would have to be an amendment. Senators role on council is more than just presenting what happened in past meetings.
 - Charles:
 - Mentioned that Senators have a role between senate meetings that they could report on at our more frequent meetings. They should attend even if they don't have anything to say.
 - Calvin:
 - This is just a motion that doesn't have legal binds so council could have further motions to prohibit taking away voting rights in the future and ignore the second half of the original motion
 - Zach:
 - If we pass this and then try to make a second motion, the senators don't have to recognize it, so they could ignore whatever we pass. As soon as we pass it, nothing passed after has to be recognized.
 - Rav:
 - Confusion on this motion. Not trying to remove senators from council. So, whenever there is something relevant, Senators have to come and still have to attend meetings once per month. Purpose is to give them more time to complete policy work which is their official role.
 - Jared:
 - What is the purpose of this motion? Is it an amendment or a vote on adoption of the motion.
 - Andreea:
 - Clarification on if we pass this motion what will council have to abide by?
 - Shaha:
 - Unsure if this is taken as a memo of understanding or not. As it was approved by Senators, if it passed it means that voting rights would be approved by senators.
 - Rav:
 - Drafted in consultation with previous SSSC president. Purposely left room for the decision on whether Senators retain voting rights.
 - Chris:

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- If not passed, does it have any effect on other councils or is this our memo exclusively. Would the passage on other councils have any effect on Senators?
- Shaha:
 - No, it is only binding on Senators representing their own councils who have passed this.
- Keaton:
 - Senators are not the same as council members as they could just not show up and rack up demerit points but not get kicked off council. So enforcing infractions would be up to councils and they probably wouldn't get kicked off council regardless.
- Mitchell:
 - Constitutionally it leaves SSSC in a tough spot, even though there is no actionable motion. Senators have knowledge that they have responsibilities to their facilities. They are accountable to students as a whole and SS students interest. In terms of council presence and accountability it is better to have them as full voting members and frequently attending council meetings.
- Motion to call motion to question: passed
- Voting directly on the motion as it stands:
 - Motion fails
 - Lauren abstained; all unanimously voted no

New Business

Motion to submit reformed constitution by internal review to council

- Andreea:
 - Usually they would slash out in red the changes, however as this was mostly capitalization and commas, it was decided that highlighting was more effective
- Charles:
 - Motion for 5-minute Q and A
- Motion for Q and A period: failed (tie)
- Motions on the table
 - Zach: motion for a 5-minute debate
- Motion for a 5-minute debate: passed
- Debate:
 - Zach:
 - I was involved in going through marking up changes to this document and any changes are shown here and there were no changes to the content of the constitution
 - Mitchell:
 - Adequate time to review and had internal review so we should move to calling the question
- Motion for calling the question: passed
- Vote on constitutional changes: passed

Motion on move to costume contest

- Motion to move to costume contest: passed
- Crystal:

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- Council members nominate themselves or others to enter the contest and then all council members will vote on the winner
- Mitchell:
 - If you have a costume please come to the front instead of a nomination process
 - 15 seconds to clarify their costumes
- Winner: Beenish

Apology from Councillor

- Skipped as councillor not present.

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Prospective General Members:

Matthew McIntosh, Jessica Orchin, Andrew Martell, Nathan Szierer, Dea Hamlon, Abi Ravi, Natalie Lawrence, Alisha Mullay

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Adjournment

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