



Social Science Students' Council Meeting  
UCC 37  
October 18th, 2016  
5:30pm

1. Call to Order
  - 5:35
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
  - any objections? no objections
  - amended to include a rap by first year rep, paige (med-syd)
4. Rap
  - paige requests a beat
  - moved to next meeting
5. Members' Announcements
  - Sommer Psych Dep Rep: Careers night Oct 20 5:30-7
    - clinical psychologist, audiologist and neuro defact(?) therapist for information on what you can
  - Kate Dan management: resume builder workshop
  - Selina Geo dep rep: tmrw wellness breakfast sssc 1004 8-10:30
    - geo puns, bagels, fruit
    - why is the Czech Republic so responsible? cause they're so pragmatic
  - Robyn wood antrho: society having horror stories from the field oct 21 2-3
  - Kaitlyn first nation studies: indigenous students association is partnering with, my culture is not a costume all week in the UCC
    - oct 25 – k106 my identity your punchline
  - Sebastian poli sci: PSA and King's PSA 2 panels; oct 24 council chambers (Mustafa, ferguson, and IR/American Studies), Nov 3 in the Mustang Lounge (3 American Profs)
  - Carolyn poli sci: Essay clinic for 1<sup>st</sup> years in Poli Sci Talbot college 204 5-9
6. Executive Report

- Rebecca, President's Report
  - Student Donation Fund Survey
    - 113 Responses in 2 weeks
    - Importance of promoting initiatives
    - Quick Overview:
      - 4/5 alignment
      - interests in scholarships and social programming
      - Most said \$50 was an appropriate fee
      - Opt out process does meet their needs
      - suggestion to work on webpage
      - education: efforts to communicate, advertise, improving opt out, sending out emails (2 or 3 per semester), class presentation
      - benefits from SOGS and DOGS: different groups, assessing for continuity or new groups
      - Corinne: how long will it remain open? at least another week, next Tuesday it will close
      - Carolyn: any dramatic changes? do not have a framework, not binding, looking to create that framework
  - SSSC Beautification Project
    - meeting with dean and assistant dean
    - construction in geography classroom, widening entry
    - moving the glass that surrounds the glass and creating a nice entryway
    - proposing moving lockers to the geography hallway (where half the lockers are now)
      - a little disclosure
      - less accessibility, not seen might not be readily available
      - fewer lockers
      - feedback?
      - Cassandra: are we using 120 lockers? Rebecca: Not that big of a deal, to her knowledge we have never sold out
      - Chris: geography hallway more or less accessible? Chantal: can still get into from both sides
      - Sommer: prices the same? size the same? Rebecca: price depends on incoming executive
      - : thinks this is a great initiative, SSC known as ugliest building on campus
  - Scholarships and Awards
    - 2 types of involvement, gazette, USC, varsity clubs, 70% average

- 80% average, board of governors, political clubs etc.
  - advertising leadership awards Nov 30<sup>th</sup>
- council clothing:
  - ¾ zip, hoodies, long sleeve shirts, tshirts,
- first year bonding activities:
  - respond in poll
- office access:
  - card doesn't work or access? let Rebecca know
- general members who have attended will get them as of Nov. 1
- Chantal, Academics report:
  - Conference
    - checking availability of a couple speakers
    - design of spaces figured out
    - dep reps starting to contact profs for breakout rooms
  - Coming soon:
    - fall preview day (Nov 13)
      - directing people, answer questions etc.
    - MARK YOUR CALENDARS
    - Kate: Voting, next week
- Malcolm:
  - wellness marathon tomorrow
  - he is participating, so should everyone
  - see you all tomorrow
- Anastasia, Communications
  - Wellness Marathon:
    - office hours? manning a booth in UCC
    - no office hours? pick a timeslot
    - announcing winners tomorrow and more freebies each hour
    - activity passes, farm boy gift cards
  - Formal Lookbook
    - Google form on our FB page post fall study break
    - Tentative shoot date: Nov 6<sup>th</sup> @ golden hour
    - Promotional photos and video
    - more info coming soon
    - question: hours for wellness week, leaving sign in sheet at the booth
- Courtney, Student Events
  - Charity
    - Bottle Drive: Sunday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> @10am
      - promo released Wednesday night
      - residences and broughdale
    - Volunteering event to be held in late October or early November

- Marcela: Four places we need more than 20 volunteers for, Courtney noted: can she send this info to Matt
- Formal
  - looking for feedback: Friday/Saturday to a weekday
  - Carolyn: two reasons no, 1) school (night class) and 2) work
  - Chelsea: process of getting ready, night class
  - looking at having it at a bar: under-agers reaction?
    - Daniel: mark hands? instead of sectioning it off?
      - concerned with liability, easier to monitor section
    - segregation of people, might leave or not come back if they're stuck in one area
    - keep people who can drink in one area
  - Chelsea: people who can't drink might not come
  - Daniel: not many people underage on one floor,
  - Hanna: 19+ event, first years not allowed to come
  - Not officially 19+ might send the message that there
- wellness marathon
  - tomorrow:
    - 10-5:30 UCC community centre (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)
      - set up @9:30
      - take down until 6pm
      - Share the event and contests
    - Coffee Cuddles and Chats, Alternative Health Remedies, Food prep demo, mindfulness, drop in massage, making a mandala
  - office hours: take place in UCC basement
  - winners posted in the morning, must come to the event to pick up a certificate, direct to Courtney, Annabel, Jacqueline, Matt
  - 30 certificates to give out throughout the day
  - alternative health? acupuncture? no.
  - beside fireplace lounge close to overhead lounge
  - how old are the dogs: 4 different dogs, breeds, sizes
- events meeting
  - Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, ucc rm 370
  - let anyone on events know
- Andrea, Finance Report
  - council budget
    - things are looking good
    - first budget next meeting
    - vote on preliminary budget, please come with questions
  - committees
    - SDF meeting: oct 23<sup>rd</sup> first meeting

- finance meeting: Tuesday oct 25<sup>th</sup>

## 7. Senate Report

- Mitch: senate meeting Friday
- Chelsea:
  - MTP programming being cut, please come and support students
  - FIMS admin without notifying anyone cut MTP Program and cutting enrolment, senate voting on this
  - meeting on Monday, Harry brought forward an issue: people serve yearly terms and nothing continues, policy database that incoming executives can look at
    - 15% mark minimum before course drop deadline
    - database of all syllabi, see if the prof has changed the
      - on academic calendar with the syllabi
    - early exam schedule release: need to treat students better for booking flights, out of province and international students, reducing costs, long term goals
    - mandatory midterm makeup option: legitimate excuse? need a makeup date, some move percentages
      - missed midterm had documentation, only one who didn't write it, universal makeup policy may not be appropriate, explore other options
      - Chelsea: science senator brought it up, just because it doesn't work for social science doesn't mean it shouldn't be
    - contact Chelsea/Mitch even about small concerns
    - Austin: international students had to write 2 exams on Chinese New Year, Chelsea: send fb message
    - Kate: 5 midterms in 1 week, 15%, Mitch: trying to create a better solution, trying to work on a fall reading week and bring it forward, Chelsea: asking for two more days, western has two extra, bringing this up later
    - Austin: EPP cut? MTP cut? Policy that there is not a lot of communication

## 8. USC Report

## 9. Council Business

- By-election of Department Representatives
- 3 empty spots: geography, dan and first nations
- geo rep: 1 applicant
  - Robert Sellic(? Spelling), 3<sup>rd</sup> year geo, switched from med sci
    - small class sizes, looking forward to joining council
    - Chantal: favourite GPS event, Robert: GIS, presentations and showing data

- Chantal: new event, what would it be/change? Robert: more events, online discussion boards to
- Carolyn: switch your programs around, what initiatives do you plan on doing, Robert: knows faculty, angelica from geo dep, a lot more to learn
- Corrine: how would you describe the program? Robert: out of high school hated it, environmental science, how humans interact, how to serve parks and rec, so diverse
- Austin: in first year geo, any more information about the program Robert: name doesn't do justice, needs to be interactive, not just bullet points
- Selina: strengths/weaknesses of western geo student experience? Robert: a lot of events and opportunities, grad events on Fridays, for undergrads not as much opportunities for what you can do post grad or research wise, connecting with department
- Vote: no abstentions.
- Malcolm: no motions?

#### 10. Roll Call

#### 11. Adjournment

- 6:44