



Social Science Students' Council Meeting
UCC 37
October 4th, 2016
5:30pm

Call to Order

- 5:36

Roll Call

Adoption of the Agenda

- Adopted, no objections

Members' Announcements

- Austin: photos, if you didn't get one stay after
- Sommer: psych journal looking for editors, wupj.ca
- Amir: econ dep rep 3014 UCC for grad school info 5pm
- Carolyn Rae: PSA having essay clinic Nov 9 for first years
- Sebastian: PSA: American election panels tentative for 24/25 and the 3rd
- Mitchell: point of information, technological difficulties in printing for placards
 - Rebecca: unsuccessful will be creating a permanent solution as soon as possible
- Anastasia: clarifying that headshots were done last week, headshot with Austin after the meeting and anyone who missed it
- Kate: DAN rep, applications for JBCC largest case comp in Canada, posted on the FB page

Ratification of First Year Representatives

- First years raised hands to demonstrate presence (all here)
- Introduction
 - Daniel: 1st year rep for Saugeen, make a lasting impression
 - Chris: Elgin hall, change in lives of SSS and organizational skills
 - Mackenzie: Perth hall, help shake SSSC

- Hanna: Delaware hall, get involved in faculty and connect peers
- Paige: Med-Syd, make first year the best possible (did a rap)
- Omar: off-campus rep, get involved with students, cool and fun
- Yomi: Essex, make a difference in peoples lives and a focal point for people in Essex
- Michael: Ontario (absent today)
- Any opposition to ratification? No abstentions, welcomed members

Executive Report

Wellness Presentation: Teigan

- Large scale event on Oct 19
- Clarifying: role is a Wellness Coordinator not just a mental health coordinator
- What is wellness? More than mental health: emotional, financial, social, spiritual, occupational, physical, intellectual, environmental
- Wellness Marathon: Oct 19th
 - 10 am -11:30: coffee tea, wellness chats, therapy dogs
 - alternative health remedies, aromatherapy etc
 - 1-2 food related, grocery checkout food prep, dietitians, nutritionists, farm boy potentially with
 - mindfulness meditation
 - science council
 - art related
- Campus Resources
 - stress – lack of resource knowledge – adjusting – academics – homesickness – mental health concerns – housing issues – relationship issues – financial issues – loneliness – discrimination – time management – learning skills – career directions – accessibility – addiction – spirituality
 - student health services – Foweler Kennedy – psychological services – learning skills – residence counselling – student success center – financial aid services – ombudperson – wellness education center – international and exchange student center – indigenous services – peer support center – university student union – pride library – ally western – the writing center – LAMP – places of worship – western chaplains – equity and human rights services
- Peer Support Centre
- Wellness Education Centre
 - Any questions about wellness? Two great places to go
- USC has wellness week right now: care packages, therapy dogs, exercise classes, speakers, etc. Teigan is posting the events in the group
- Tchorny@uwo.ca

President's Report: Rebecca

- Social Science Textbook Endowment:
 - Owen: Clarify who gets textbooks
 - first indicator financial need by Dean's office
 - second indicator academics
 - third extra-curricular involvement and part-time job
 - Michelle: anyway to make sure they are only purchasing textbooks from their textbook list? Rebecca: Yes, Noted
 - Rebecca: \$96,000 carry over plus \$4,000 investment as part of the request, and decision of allocation of funds; at this time we are approving
- Reading Room Usage Policy:
- Questions?
 - Chantal: Should we have a key for usage?
 - Alex: chief of staff can we take off the old one and put it on the new one? Rebecca: 4 rooms, we are supposed to receive bookings and just monitor them, over time? Ask them politely to leave
 - New reading room across from eatery in basement of SSSC: bar stools, tables, collaborative spaces, and our new office and in the back is a board room
 - Alex: how are we going to kick people out? Rebecca: "you've exceeded your voting time, please leave, thank you" call campus police if they are causing a disturbance, 11pm closed time? Appropriate signage, students will leave, does not present an issue
 - Corrine: clarifying hours 7am-11pm, Rebecca: office hours 9-4 (coincide with use for collaborative spaces, after that time they will be locked)
 - Sebastian: allowed non social science students passed 11? Rebecca: For what? Council members have 24 hr access to space, cannot abuse the privilege, everyone use the
 - Elazar: any outlets close by? Rebecca: yes, no detailed breakdown about outlets, operating under the assumption that there are adequate plugs, she will confirm
 - Student Donation Fund Reform:
 - Rebecca: Thank you, Congratulate Ean, Micah, Andrea for responding to questions, Josh Wex for interrogating Rebecca well,
 - Four prong feedback strategy: final survey released at 1pm, to incentivize respondents, one person will receive a platinum card for receiving the most responses (Courtney's idea) is an all access pass (free admission to bar night, concert and bar night), promote as much as possible

- Focus groups with club presidents on Friday: will work on the final SDF
 - Member recognition:
 - 2 individuals who have hosted exceptional leadership
 - Congratulations Annabel and Jacqueline,
 - Can put on resume as: "Social Science Students' Council Aware of Recognition (month) 2016"
 - Nominate team members via the blue box in council
 - Any questions? No

Academic's Report: Rebecca

- Dep rep meet and greet: supposed to be today, pushed it back until next Tuesday Oct 11th, 1-3
 - Give council a break for more time to advertise
- President Round table:
 - Only a few dep reps have responded
 - Please send at least one member of club to act as a representative
 - Does not have to be prez, cool to have all depts
 - 1004 or 1224 (Will send out an email)
- Conference
 - meeting last week (yay trevor)
 - tagline poll
 - Breakout rooms led by profs from each department would be good due to globalization conference theme
 - Decided on food type
- Dep rep meeting:
 - SSC 1004, 5:30 next Tuesday
 - All dep reps should be there
 - 18 of everyone
 - Sommer: thank you for going to EPC for Chantal, and dep reps for sending opinions on DAPS while Chantal was in Kentucky
 - Trevor: thank you for running conference meeting and booking space and ordering coffee for the round table
- Conference Time:
 - CONNECTIVITY IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD
 - Poll was great, suggestions were amazing

Student Events: Courtney

- **Charity**
 - Charity programming alternates every other month with Wellness programming making October a wellness month.
 - Teigan will be presenting more information with regards to our Wellness Marathon on Wednesday October 19th, 2016.
 - October is a volunteering event for SSSC, keep updated for opportunities to volunteer through SSSC social media accounts.

- Suggestions for Charity programming initiatives can be directed towards our charity commissioners Teigan, Annabel or Jacqueline.
- **Concert**
 - After months of planning and negotiations SSSC will be uniting with King's to bring the best end of the year concert SSSC has seen in years.
 - Through our partnership with London Music Hall we will be pursuing an open to the public hip-hop concert, as based on our survey results, to take place in early to mid February.
 - New school: chance, childish Gambino family
 - Old school: nelly, Ludacris family
 - Concert Survey Response (Matt)
 - In total we received 365 survey responses in a little over a week.
 - This survey played a critical role in our meeting with London Music Hall and our concert genre selection.
 - From the survey we found that the majority of respondents had a preference towards rap or hip-hop artists, with 48% indicating they have attended that genre of concert within the last 6 months.
 - Top results: Drake, Kanye, Florida Georgia Line, Grimes, Childish Gambino
 - 46.6% of people wanted hip hop
 - Top Referrals: Lauren, Chelsea (12), Rebecca (29), Matt (42) Ean won gold card (exclusive access to all events)
 - Early to mid February 9/10 or the weekend before reading week
 - Kate: will this be open to public? Events received less funding, Rebecca: to provide high level programming with a small fraction of cost, funding through operating account
 - London Music Hall: selling 600 to general public
 - Kings/SSSC: 600 for western students
 - Cassandra: will we be selling tickets for the same price as London Music Hall? Yes, maybe a reduced rate, not for more than LMH
 - Ean: because we are spending SSSC money, is it social science only or immediately to everyone? Rebecca: clarifying that this is coming from our operating account, not student dollars Courtney: we will discuss this further
 - Formal:
 - Formal Planning is in full effect.
 - most likely at a bar

- The 2016/17 Social Science Formal will take place on Friday November 25th, mark your calendars NOW
- As per traditions if council member sell 10 tickets they will receive a free ticket.
- Tickets will be sold for \$10, with \$5 going towards our charity partner the Children's Health Foundation.
- In addition to moving formal off-campus SSSC will be implementing transportation for first years and upper years from various locations around campus, featuring a signature drink and much more.
- If you are interested in planning formal you can attend bi-monthly Events meetings on Tuesdays at 5:30pm the next to take place on Tuesday October 11th.
- Any questions can be directed towards Cortney, VP of Student Events or Matt, Associate VP Student Events.
 - Nico: Wet/Dry? Courtney: yes wet/dry

Finance Update: Andrea

- SDF Forum
 - huge success, thank you to everyone
- Budget Update
 - doing well for the year, getting healthy revenue stream, thank you for selling them
- Finance Elections
 - Finance Committee Elections shortly after this meeting
 - Review applications, 1 first year rep on committee, keep this in mind, can nominate any first year representative to run
- Coming soon:
 - SDF Reform Document:
 - set guideline for future years
 - Financial Statement Overhaul
 - update documents
 - Website Update
 - including fun finance facts
 - Textbook Endowment
 - creating application
- Malcom: requirement to join a committee, he's one of them, chat later

Communications Update: Anastasia

- Office hours
 - Who: ALL council members
 - What: 1 hour each week
 - How: By sitting in the FRONT ROOM of the office
 - Where: SSC 1124
 - When: Same time each & every week this semester**
 - Why: To be available as a resource for social science students and to SELL LOCKERS
 - We will be tracking attendance using the lime green binder in the office
 - Please fill out your name, sign, and write # of people who visited
 - The attendance date (e.g. Tuesday) with the BEST attendance will win a pizza party
 - Will be tracked on a board in the council room with STICKERS
 - Rebecca clarifies: you will get demerit points if you are not there
- Applications for Campus Ambassador due Friday
 - Represent SSSC brand
 - Promote events
 - Curate creative materials
 - Flexible/fluctuating time commitment
 - Not required to attend all council meetings
 - Skills:
 - Photography, graphic design, event decorating, promotions, modeling, etc.
 - Found under opportunities
- Like/Follow/Etc.
 - consistently liking it
 - invite friends/floor/classmates
 - Point of information: Mitch, like to like basis? last insta was fire
 - Snapchat geotag design contest: open it up to everyone, encourage everyone to come
 - Mitch: is there a social science geo filter? Rebecca: thought about it,

Senate Report

- Mitch and Chelsea: academic policy, western senate deals with academic policy
- Chakma is the chair
- MTP struck down as a program

USC Report

- Nico: another marathon meeting, last Wednesday
- Jamie Cleary (president of OUSA, VP): talked about strategic plan for the year,
- fall GA which is coming up
- presentation from Dr. Doorskin(?)
- online evaluations
- indigenous services presentation (going to recognize indigenous land)
- CHRW talked about strategic plan (additional podcast and more relevant broadcasting)
- elected 8 GA reps for OUSA (2 People from SSSC),
- CHRW for representatives (not allowed to due to committee rules)

Elections

Finance Committee

- Andrea interested? uphold three pillars of SSSC
- qualitative, fund fashion shows, trips etc.
- Rebecca Nominate: Yomi, he accepts
- Courtney Nominate: Omer, he respectfully declines
- Rebecca Nominates: Chris, he accepts
- Speeches:
 - Chris: would like to have impact on where our funding goes, lots of fantastic initiatives
 - Yomi: way for him to get a background of finance at western, find the right groups who should receive funding
 - Question period:
 - Andrea: In order to determine funding, last pillar is to put social science on the map, how would you do this?
 - Chris: inclined to give funding to events that include all students
 - Yomi: skips question
 - Kate question: an event that you would run
 - Chris: participated in case competition, team prepared for case study, put on display for all students
 - Yomi: more about business related events to help students better understand (finance, accounting)
 - Courtney extending question times: 2 minutes

- Mitchell: if money were no option, who would you bring to concert
 - Chris: given data, Drake
 - Yomi: chance, John Mayer
- Andrea: would you say finance is fun?
 - Chris: choosing where funding goes? does seem enjoyable, reading proposal, hate to deny people
 - Yomi: yes, helping people
- Ballots distributed
 - 50% proportional: Chris won the election

Internal Review

- review representations of integrated programs
- how much money is allotted to council?
- review how we do elections
- good if you like to eat free food, cool people
- Rebecca Nominates Hanna: she accepts
 - student trustee for school board to review policies in governance, finance, human resources, has experience with student governance
 - Any abstentions? Nope

Questions?

- Chris: when? Malcolm: now
- Omer: what do they do on events and academics
 - events programming: charity, formal
 - academics: planning conference

Council Business

Approval of Social Science Center Reading Room Proposal

- Rebecca: approving terms of use, booking system, set up for office and overall policies for respectful studying
- vote in favour if you approve this; Courtney is the seconder
- speak any further? Courtney: Rebecca said it all
- any questions or oppositions? no.
- motion to vote on reading room terms of use? Chantal seconder
 - motion passes, no abstentions

Approval of Social Science Students' Council Textbook Endowment

- lengthy discussion about the spirit of this motion, provide students with equal chance at success, provide them with academic resources; seconder sam
 - speak any further
 - any opposition/questions?
 - looking to motion to vote: zach seconds
 - motion passes, no abstentions

Roll Call

Adjournment

- 7:13