



Social Science Students' Council Meeting
UCC 37
February 7th, 2017
5:30pm

1. Call to Order
 - 5:32
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
 - Agenda passes
4. Members' Announcements
 - Econ Dep Rep: Feb 9th McKellar Room event
 - Commercial Aviation: Networking event this Sunday 12-4 this Sunday; open to other social science students networking event for those interested
 - Michelle Psych Rep: PSA holding GRE and Honours Thesis Thursday 5:30-7:30 room 7405; grad school or honour thesis questions
 - Chris Elgin Rep: DMSA holding Feasibility on golden barrel on Thursday; go to the main page and ask for an invite; cheaper food
 - Robert Geo Dep Rep: Pasta and Prof event in 3036 for over 100 people, talk to profs and friends 6-8
 - Carolyn Poli Sci Rep: 1020 Essay Clinic March 15 (two days before due date) at Saugeen Caf (Time TBA) snacks and food provided
5. Executive Report
 - Rebecca President's Report:
 - Diversity Project
 - Mon Feb 27, 7pm in the Spoke: Live recording, podcast
 - Call for submissions; share experiences with identity, racism and discrimination, artistic expression (spoken word, singing, etc.)
 - Department Reps: prof involvement?
 - Working with Western TV, ethnocultural support services
 - Still in talks with Gazette
 - Collaboration with BSA; volunteers in assembling kits the day before their closing ceremonies
 - Sweater Re-Order

- Too large
 - Going to re-order at no cost; no change in price
 - Owen: Does this mean we get two sweaters? No.
 - Kate: Changing colours? Maybe, encouraged a more 'speckled grey'
 - Cortney: shortening names? Shortening names is good?
 - Textbook Endowment:
 - Infrastructure to be able to offer discounts to students linked to their student numbers (student cards); they do this for international students who have subsidies for this purpose
 - General FAQs
 - Re-upholstery on track for completion by the end of the year; plugs that are not working on 2nd floor will also be fixed
 - AGM March 19th, Sunday
 - Vps (except finance), Dep Reps elected at AGM
 - Commissioners/AVPs selected after
 - Congratulations to Mitch, will be incoming SSSC President
- Academics Report
 - Virtual Meeting:
 - Only 10 people filled it out
 - Feedback on Dep Rep meet & greet 2.0
 - Lots said not to do it again; advertise office hours and keep posting it so people
 - ITR: March 15th 10-3 (tentatively)
 - Ask department clubs to participate and ask departments for materials; your booths are your responsibility
 - Chantal will organize booths but that's all!
 - EPC: meeting this Friday; agenda not sent out yet
 - Send feedback from all departments
 - March Break Open House
 - Volunteer Schedule released this weekend
 - March 11: clear your calendars
 - Career Event
 - 3 Workshops
 - Post graduate schools (grad programs)
 - Pertaining to writing statement of interests; grad students, professors who have gone to grad schools, people on admission boards
 - Professionals – qualitative to quantitative aspect of careers
 - Liberal Arts style degree: how do we work in a business environment mostly about numbers and trends

- International Experience
 - Opportunities available for those who want to work abroad when they graduate
 - Dates
 - March 16, 22, 30
 - Location: TBD
 - Events Report
 - Winter Retreat
 - Interfaculty Council Pub Night (March 4th 8:30-11:30 @ the Wave)
 - Wellness
 - Under the Covers with SSSC and WSSC; Feb 13, 4-6pm, Western Film
 - Charity
 - February Bar Night (TBA)
 - More Volunteering
 - Jacq: super fun, make paintings, 1/2 hours, COME!
 - Events Meeting:
 - Reading Room 1051B on Jan 31
 - Communications
 - Wellness Event
 - Share event, invite friends
 - Creative marketing ideas?
 - Quick teaser video?
 - Exciting Project
 - Inspiration...
 - Focus
 - Racism, discrimination and oppression within Western community
 - Western TV, USC, Ethnocultural Support Services, BSA still looking for more collaborations
 - Looking for people to join a temporary committee
 - Finance
 - Academic Conference
 - Speaker Fee (\$30,000. \$3,000 for transit)
 - Ticket Sales (Sold 115 Full Day, Keynote 96, More at the door, made \$2,275)
 - Wave (\$3,108)
 - Promo Materials (\$2,055) – higher this year, needed to order all new things, ordered for more than one year
 - (See Budget for More Info, under budget)
 - Projected Income Statement
 - See Operation Budget 2016-2017
 - Lockers: sold 85 lockers
 - Formal: venue cost (3,390)

- Left with a lower amount of money this year (started with approximately \$9,000 – goal is to leave \$10,000)
 - SDF Fund Reform:
 - Anyone wants to be apart of it, let Chantal/Andreea know!
- 6. Senate Report
 - Meeting with Janice Deacon on Thursday (VP Academics at Western)
 - Student Senators circulating a survey; fill it out
 - Campaigning ends on Sunday; 5 or 6 candidates for Social Science Senators
 - Increase in Senate doubled (almost tripled); 20 people running for 4 spots
 - Mental Health Strategic plan any questions reach out to Mitch
 - Taking student senator concerns; looking to streamline the services
 - Western has many services, make it easier for students and make access easier (after talking to students)
 - Anastasia: still no students other than the Senators? Mitch: unsure, talk to me after.
 - Meeting the Friday before reading week, let them know!
 - Question: How many people can we vote for, 2 positions, Senator at Large, 4 positions.
- 7. USC Report
 - Lauren: fun meeting (until 1am)
 - Went over O-Week strategic plan
 - Referendum to lower funding for CHRW
 - Positions: volunteer intern/coordinator positions due Feb 17
 - Next meeting is next Wednesday if you'd like to attend
- 8. Council Business
 - Adam Internet Commissioner: Motion to allow for council members to hold non-voting positions on council in extenuating circumstances
 - Anastasia moved the motion
 - Anastasia completes everything beyond expectations
 - Chantal backs the motion, works efficiently and quickly
 - Austin: question, does this mean a council member can also be a AVP? Restrictions need to be put in place
 - POI: Cortney, did we not remove this last year?
 - Rebecca: offer additional opportunities to students, fair and equitable positon; fulfill one role
 - Mitch: main concern is that its ambiguous in terms of non-voting members in general; instances in the past where voting members were also non-voting members (especially in terms of honorarium); more discretion needed to distinguish that there will not be difficulty in fulfilling duties
 - Zach History Dep Rep: this is for vacant, not voting positions that this will apply to

- Rebecca: additional recruitment outside until September
 - Anastasia: creative positions usually
- Austin: no problem with voting member holding a commissioner member position
- Mitch: concern is conflict of interest, if a person has a specific skillset then sure; needs to be amended for executive oversight to determine in two positions could come into conflict in terms of their ability to fulfill their position
- Anastasia: more appropriate to be four positions under creative team that are usually difficult to fill? Is this okay to amend?
 - Mitch seconds this amendment
 - “non-voting commissioners under the communications portfolio (Excluding AVP, but including: photographer, videographer, graphic designer, internet commissioner)”
 - call to question: in favour of amendment, amendment passes
- Kate: disagree with the whole motion; you should not hold two positions on council, since its such a big faculty
 - Go to every length to make sure that someone else is given the opportunity
 - Easy for this to be nepotism
- Chantal: problems because
- Anastasia: in the summer these positions were not filled, does not stop issue
- Kate: make sure its really well know, as of April 30th someone else can be found
- Zach: important amendment to set criteria that indicates not suitable applicants have not been found; at that point (because it is fair to give people in the faculty a chance) then we can move on for the need for work to be done
 - Chris seconds this motion
 - Rebecca: friendly motion, indicating by extenuating circumstances; confirmed with Adam
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- Zach: feasible to have a second call and if no-one is filled by April 30th; stipulate this procedure to say that this was pursued instead of giving it to another councilor (methods of finding someone to fill this position exhausted)
 - “whereas, a second round of applications have been released and the position is unfulfilled by April 30th)
 - Amendment passed
- Mitch: motion to moderate for 5 minute moderating caucus (quick way to get points out, 30 seconds to speak)
 - Austin: speak for motion; conflicts of interest is not the case here; he took headshots when he is not in that position

- Moderating Caucus:
 - Zach: speaking in favour with amendments ensures that due diligence will have; motion as currently presented addresses issues, will vote in favour
 - Mitch: speaking for this motion; comprehensively stipulates that those with these skills are in short-supply, takes a certain skill-set to fulfill; still up to executive to determine if they can fulfill it
- Call to Question: Rebecca
 - Motion passes
- Andreea: motion to suspend the roles
 - Secunder: Rebecca
 - Passed
 - Crystal Mak (running for Student Senator): polls open next Monday (8am) close valentines day (8pm)
 - 18 students on senate; 2 social sci students
 - One of the biggest elections yet
 - Check out what social sci wants to see from senate

9. Roll Call

10. Adjournment

- 6:56pm