



Social Science Students' Council Meeting  
UCC 37  
January 23rd ,2017  
5:30pm

1. USC Presidential Slate Introductions
  - Team DiBrina
    - Communication: what the student's needs are and what they want
      - Hearing the student voice, but not to the level we should be hearing it. Also see the results from the concerns; "you're the boss of USC", tell us what to do and hold us accountable
    - Transparency, Accountability and Fairness
      - Student Services (\$30mill.)
        - Controlled by 4 undergraduate (prez, vice presidents and students at large – no transparency before)
      - Making sure student feedback is shown, thoughts and opinions
        - Decide whether we should fund things more or not
      - Healthy food options in UCC; bringing more valuable options on campus
    - Questions:
      - Dollar figure put towards eating disorder support?
        - USC spends \$1000/year
        - They want to triple it to \$3000
        - Each executive gets \$4000 for what they would like; committed to use it for that
      - Already done these surveys where they have taken it into account? How do you plan to make this happen?
        - Platform addresses this as something they plan to invoke
          - Log onto USC website and tangible to voice concerns, looking to create an ARC

who looks at the question submitted and it is addressed

- One step further than online: reaching out to students more (not just during campaign, post campaign consultation, make face-to-face connection)
- Weekly video chats to establish connection; right now they feel the USC isn't fully open to questions without lashing out
- Close the purple store, recognizes they have been losing revenue. How would you accommodate students who work there?
  - Students do not see the value in the Purple Store
  - USC must constantly re-evaluate
  - In terms of students working now, healthy food option will be increasing employment (flexible schedules, longer hours)
  - It is unfortunate that it will be closed down short term
  - Western wants the space: guarantee interviews for people at the healthy food option or the bookstore
- Why is it an advantage that they are student politicians?
  - Good that we're already in the USC
  - Identified problems, see the problems and students not being able to speak their minds, culture established and he (David) wants to work towards changing this
  - All these changes are not just ideas, they are plans
  - Make sure that suggestions are put into action
- As a current purple store employee, you say that the purple store doesn't add value such as buss passes and renewals, how are you going to compensate when that space and lack of revenue... Giving that space to Western despite negotiations. What is the plan for Freshii? This brought in against competition
  - Talk with Freshii already, it is do-able, these aren't just ideas, these are result driven
  - USC putting the institution before its students
  - Put students first; students respond in feedback saying they don't use the purple store; more hours and beneficial for students
- Where is their profit going?

- USC can't open a Freshii on their own; Freshii operated by the University, University will pay the USC
- Team Tobi (Landon)
  - Why are you running? Thanks for asking
    - Currently see how the USC operates; see it as a square, need to draw more people into the USC circle
    - Proud of the Student Organization Union (Club leaders organized): when we go to the USC they look to regulate, stamp an approval, changing the relationship and bringing that new mindset to the USC
    - Time for something new; we're sophs, we volunteer in London, want students to be heard
    - Open community office hours: every week, 1 hour in the UCC, on the floor of the UCC, ask them how their week is going; we have a decision to make next week (also Social Science, Arts and Humanities and
    - We see candidates that come in and never see them again... That needs to change
      - 200 volunteers; at least 75% have not voted before
      - Cannot squander what faculty council and USC are doing; events run well; creating inter-faculty collaboration; cohesiveness and promoting one another's events
  - Mental Health... What's wrong with the system
    - Asked students, particularly who don't vote (76%)
    - Where do you go? Resources in place, over-crowded, need to change it
    - Visited resources, is this real? Do we need more money to solve the problem?
    - WEC launched as a triage system: fully prepared to take each students and direct them to where they need to go without misdirection
    - Need to add a level of comfort with these issues so every student feels comfortable lets go the UCC
  - Questions:
    - Problem with the triage system: didn't find everything that is overcrowded until having to see a psychiatrist; not necessary.
      - Went to student health services, waited 4 days to get an appointment and referred to a psychiatrist
      - Which waiting system is long?
      - Response: seeing backlog when meeting with people and having the misdirection

- Anxiety program created; Austin Berlet Campout for Mental Health started a conversation about mental health services (small business leaders); that money funded the USC/CMHA partnership
  - We can have another resource available without asking for more money
- I don't think you know about the system. The triage system would not work.
  - Trying to establish a partnership, being able to direct people
  - Not everyone knows where to go; WEC then Student Health Services
- Listen to these speeches, criticize what is done right now... what would you like to carry on?
  - Making themselves more approachable, talked about how USC councilors don't really know how to approach it
  - Had social groups with people, formed a relationship before a business relationship; feeling like you can talk to someone on executive is a great way
- As a mental health advocate, I wonder why you want to bring a new resource on campus when the main problem is that we have so many but we don't have enough people work in those. Why not train more people and get more employees, make the system work better.
  - There are a bunch of resources, what is important to understand is that it's a system and we need to make sure that students are being directed to the appropriate services; flow chart of where students need to go before putting money into it
  - Why would you bring another service on campus when they don't have enough employees in the current system?
    - Good next step; if the triage system works and there is still need for more people, then this will be the next step, looking for more resources
- Focus on the SOU, some 22 clubs in the SOU and over 100 in Western, not a single faculty club. If all clubs aren't included it seems like an incomplete approach

- Who was compiling it and talked, is this something you could see a need for? They said yes
  - If the SOU isn't accomplishing what they need, what other precautions are there? Still have formal office hours, community office hours, keeping an open line of communication; not paint every club with the same brush, make great strides.
2. Call to Order
    - 6:06
  3. Roll Call
  4. Adoption of the Agenda
    - No objections
  5. Members' Announcements
    - Austin SSC Councilor: Thursday W5 idea accelerator at 7:30 presidential slate Q&A about innovation; not reaching people in the business club
    - Michelle Psych: lecture series finding London Public Library, free parking, navigation, accessing mental health services, whole first week
    - Robert Geo Rep: 4:30-6:30 SSSC 3036, free food, talk with geo profs
    - Robyn Anthro rep: tour of the Ontario Museum of Archeology and tour of sustainability on Feb 3 from 2-5pm
    - Kate MOS rep: connect conference on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30, 3-hour conference at night; tickets purchased online \$15 members, \$25 non-member, massive dinner and opportunity to connect with alumni; do not have to walk up to them, you sit at tables and they rotate; sign up based on interests, talk with people who have the same interests; can buy merch at the kiosk if you'd like
    - Carolyn PSA dep rep: Princeton review, Mock LSAT Sat Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Room 37; also an LSAT sample class Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 3M room 3250 (on their group page)
    - Zach History Rep: history society offering internship panel Lawson hall 1227 Jan 30, 3:30-4:30; professional and former students, email Rebecca dashford(?) on the history department website if interested
  6. Executive Report
    - Presidential Report:
      - New Office:
        - Thanks for attending the opening
        - Monitor the space and ensure everyone is following the rules
        - Looking into getting a chalkboard/whiteboard as we are able to acquire it

- Performance Reviews for all AVPS, Commissioners, administrative officers anyone who performs a specific job and 6 department representatives for this
    - Passing grade, will not be contacted, if you do not, Rebecca will follow up
  - Nico: question about booking system:
    - Technology Services have been wrapped up with other projects; they will do it soon; library booking system will be used
    - Ean: likely up by the end of today
  - Coco: allowed to be there after 11?
    - Rebecca: unlikely that there will be 24 hour access, it is being looked into, would need to hire security guards
    - Council hours the same? Rebecca: 24 Hour access to use the office
  - Rob Geo Dep Rep: do we have to ask someone to leave if they are there after 11? Unsafe? Remove self from the situation otherwise call campus police.
  - Council Clothing:
    - Gave creative services colours and they didn't respond until a week later wanting to confirm again; have not gotten an email since, as of now they are being made; updates pending.
  - Member Recognition:
    - Trevor for his effort on the Academic conference
- Chantal VP Academic:
  - Conference
    - It was great! Yay!
  - Special Thanks to:
    - Cortney
    - Andreaa
    - Anastasia
    - Rebecca
    - Trevor
    - Sommer & Carolyn
    - Cassandra
    - Corrinne & Elazar
    - Alyssa
    - Paper Committee
    - Packing Committee
    - Conference Committee
  - Next up:
    - March Break Open House
      - Will be sending out volunteer list for MBOH soon
    - Intent to Register

- Mini version of fac day
  - Dep Rep Meet and Great
    - Meeting next Tuesday 5:30
- Cortney Events:
  - Winter Retreat (January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30-3)
    - Corporate Olympics
      - Bowling
      - Laser Tag
      - Trivia
        - Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Location
      - Palasad South
    - RSVP before 4:30 tomorrow (tell Matt or Cortney or they won't have you scored)
    - FOOD INCLUDED
    - Interfaculty Council Pub Night
      - Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>
      - 8:30-11:30 @ the Wave
  - Upcoming Events
    - Charity
      - Volunteering:
        - Boys and Girls Club
        - Friday, Jan.27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30
      - February Bar Night
    - Wellness
      - February: Dr. Carlen Costa, sexologist
    - Ideas?
      - Jacqueline, Annabel and Teigan
    - Any more info about the concert? Still working. Offered an artist that would be a solid choice
- Andreea Finance Update:
  - SDF Committee Reform:
    - Setting a guideline for transparency and accountability
    - Looking for committee members to help with the reform
    - Micah and Ean will be guiding it
    - Please message Andreea if interested (abejan@uwo.ca)
  - SDF Spending:
    - Conference was amazing (yay Chantal)
    - We cannot use it to fund any concerts this year because Dean Brody failed
    - Looking for new ideas for initiatives
  - Budget (sneak peek, more info to come)
  - Finance meeting next week, Tuesday 5:30

## 7. Senate Report

- 3 Hour Senate meeting Friday
  - Long debate on whether senate committees would be open to general public, senate members: 2/3 profs resisted (deals with transparency, student senators for it for institutional trust)
  - Report released by senate on increases/decreases on female prof tenure (12% in Engineering, 32% on women), 6 Year trend followed, really good analysis
  - Any questions or ambition to run, feel free to message Mitch.
8. USC Report
- Corrine: Meeting tomorrow, anyone interesting in getting involved in coordinator positions they are now open
  - Nico: CHRW hot topic tomorrow, anyone have any questions pass them along to Corrine
9. Council Business
- Mitch: London Rapid Transit look at senate agenda, decide whether route will run through campus to be more accessible
  - Chantal: selling Geo sweaters soon
10. Roll Call
11. Adjournment
- 6:43