

SSC Meeting Minutes: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
UCC Room 41 – 3:30 p.m.



**Absent:** Beth Adair, Firmino Goncalves, Savio Joseph, Evina Kapur, Naressa Karmali, Keelan Kells, Manraj Khurana, Aileen Liang, Suvarna Moharir, Dan Sequeira, Parker Thomlinson, Riley Young

Motion to call to order by Frank, seconded by Bahar

Motion to approve the agenda by Montana, seconded by Elliot: Motion carries.

Motion to ratify the minutes by Bahar, seconded by Victoria B: Motion carries.

**1. Governance Announcements**

a) Motion 1: Motion to Approve Council Speaker

- Motion to approve Karnig Kazazian as council speaker because speaker Manraj Khurana could not be at this meeting.
  - o Motion moved by Frank, seconded by Bahar. Automatic call to question – motion passes.

b) Motion 2: Motion to Livestream Science Students' Council Meetings

- Motion moved by Frank, seconded by Alex
  - o Mover: The purpose of the motion is to increase transparency and give students insight on how decisions made by SSC come to be. With that being said, we want everyone on council to feel comfortable with this.
- Not everyone was comfortable with livestreaming on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Seconded: Livestreaming will not occur today because council is still learning Robert's rules. It would be better to amend this motion, so we begin livestreaming the meetings in September.
- Question and Answer Period:
  - o Peter: Have you given thought to audio?
    - Alex: Tristan knows how to do audio.
  - o Max: Meeting minutes are the only official records of the council meeting; will the livestream replace the legitimacy of the meeting minutes?
    - Frank: The meeting is audio recorded by the secretary, and she listens to it after the meeting to ensure that there are no discrepancies between what is said and what is in the minutes. If anything, live streaming will help us to minimize discrepancies and make sure that our minutes are as accurate as possible.
  - o Victoria B: In the event that we use a USC sanctioned space like we did last year, have we considered potentially using the people who stream the USC meetings?
    - Frank: If we use them, we would incur a cost of \$1000/meeting. That would not be a viable option.
  - o Bahar: What is the point of livestreaming, if we already have the meeting recorded in minutes?
    - Frank: The minutes are not 100%, the point is that livestream gives people the opportunity to see everything play during meetings rather than just written words.
  - o Bahar: If meetings are open to students-at-large, so if they are interested in the meeting then why not just come?

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- Frank: There is a difference between coming to a meeting and just watching online. USC does do it, so we could learn from their procedures. Some students may come but for those who do not, we still want them to be able to see what happens.
- Alex: Some people do not know that they can come to meetings and may find it difficult to get here.
- Daniel: Can we get an official copy not on Facebook just for our records?
  - Alex: Can't answer right now.
- Jeremiah: From a videography point of view, who would the camera be facing?
  - Frank: The angle that best captures people and the presentation space. I can't give a definite answer.
- Victoria B: Have you considered what people might say, as people have the ability to comment on Facebook videos (possibly, negative comments)? Would this affect the meeting, since we can see what people are talking about?
  - Frank: People are already leaving negative comments about us online. If you are doing something like student council where you are in the public eye already, comments will be made. It may be unfortunate if someone attacks us on the livestream, but the trade-off is that we are being as transparent as we can be.
- Amar: Is there a plan to keep a permanent record available to the public after filming?
  - Alex: Facebook saves livestreams to a video automatically, so it will be posted on the SSC page. There would be a permanent record.
- Hasan: Can we have a one-page infographic posted after the meeting?
  - Alex: That is basically what the minutes are.
- Amar: Are there considerations to make the livestream available on platforms other than Facebook?
  - Alex: As of now because of ease of uploading, we could possibly use YouTube.
- Amar: In the case that there was a discrepancy between the minutes and the video, what would we do?
  - Frank: If there was a discrepancy found after council had already ratified the minutes, then the logical thing to do would be the motion to amend the ratified minutes.
- Debate Period about the Motion:
  - Cheryl: This is a good idea because it helps with transparency but after the first couple of meetings we should evaluate it. This is because the USC meetings do get posted on YouTube but do not get a lot of views.
- Peter: Motion to table this.
  - Motion moved by Alex. Seconded by Cheryl.

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- Debate Period about Tabling the Motion:
  - o Elliot: Can we motion to table this until after the first-year elections? So, we can focus on this.
  - o Peter: To clarify, I motion to table this until September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Bahar: I do not think we should table this. We should figure this out now, so we can set a date to begin livestreaming.
  - o Max: It is more logical to figure this out now because we have relatively more time now than in our other meetings.
  - o Frank: We should deal with it now, so we can amend the motion if necessary, as we are all together. Also, I want to let the elected first years know before they run that meetings will be livestreamed.
  - o Victoria: In the event that someone is uncomfortable, are we going to let them know that they cannot be elected/in the meeting?
    - Frank: In the “be it further resolved” part of the motion, it indicates that we can have an in-camera session anytime during the meeting if necessary
  - o Victoria: What if it is a permanent member of council who is uncomfortable?
    - Frank: If you are a public representative of 1000 students, it comes with the role.
  - o Victoria: How do we plan to publicize in-camera things?
    - Frank: In-camera sessions will be cut from the minutes as well.
  - o Seth: We should make a priority for people to be recorded because what they say in these meetings is important. Livestreaming might not be necessary because they are not exciting, more bureaucratic as they should be. We should figure out a way to make it transparent, even if not through a livestream. There is a lot to consider, this should be tabled.
  - o Peter: We should approve how the livestream works before approving it. We need more details. This should be tabled so we get a chance to do so.
- Call to question on the motion to table by Elliot. Seconded by Montana.
  - o Motion to table this motion. Motion to table has failed.
- Debate Period about the Original Motion:
  - o Amar: There is a certain consideration of privacy. For members elected for the 2018-2019, there were given no warning originally. That is problematic.
  - o Daniel: Regarding legitimacy for a legislative point of view, we need to decide on if the video or the minutes are going to be accepted. A recommendation is that the livestream should be viewed when creating the minutes, then only will they be ratified. If someone agrees with me, can we amend this motion?
  - o Montana: I would like to propose an amendment to the motion. Be it further resolved that the livestream starts on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Seconded by Mark.
- Question Period on The Proposed Amendment:
  - o Peter: Is approving the livestream going to come back to council during the first two elections or are we going to assume it is already figured out for the 17<sup>th</sup>?

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- Alex: We are going to assume we are ready for September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Debate Period on The Amendment:
  - Elliot: Can we amend the amendment to say that we task VP Communications to investigate this and come back with a report afterwards? So, we can see that this can properly be done. So, be it further resolved that Communications investigate the feasibility of livestreaming and report back on September 17<sup>th</sup>?
    - Motion seconded by Peter.
  - Michael: Would this be a referral to the committees?
    - Elliot: Yes.
  - Alex: Not in favour of the motion because we can figure out all the details as a council.
  - Bahar: Agree with Alex. We have not had a chance to even talk about the motion, since we are fixating on details. VP Communications has already said it has been figured out.
  - Frank: Instead of tabling it, what are amendments that people want so we can get this done for the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting?
  - Elliot: I would like to withdraw my amendment.
  - Max: I support any efforts to maximize the transparency, the only concern I have is that the motion does not override the legitimacy of the meeting.
  - Montana: I would like to withdraw my amendment.
- Debate Period about the Original Motion:
  - Mark: When we go off camera, will an explanation be given to the audience?
    - Frank: The purpose of going off camera would be something like surprise performers that cannot be released to the public.
  - Frank: I am amending this motion to cut out all current action clauses. Motion seconded by Montana.
  - Frank: Be it resolved that council records all meetings and releases a video following every meeting. Be it further resolved that the director of videography is responsible for filming and editing the footage. Be it resolved that these recordings will not override the legitimacy of the meeting minutes. Be it resolved that the first meeting to be filmed would be the first meeting of 2018-2019.
- Question Period on the Amendment
  - Michael: No camera can record over 30 minutes consecutively, how would we record this?
  - Frank: How were we planning to livestream it then?
    - Alex: We were going to do it by Facebook over a computer
    - Karnig: To clarify, to livestream you are not recording just projecting a live stream of what is happening.
    - Ayma: If we need more equipment, we have to look at the budget again.

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- Michael: We could get a webcam which is not as expensive as a professional video camera.
  - Jeremiah: In terms of editing, do you want us to put subtitles?
    - Frank: No, it is very basic.
- Debate on the Amendment
  - Amar: One issue I have regarding this amendment is the clause that these recordings to not override the legitimacy of the meeting minutes. It seems to me that it is a little bit vague. I would move to amend this amendment which is that there should be a limit on the changes to the minutes at the ratification of the next meeting. Once ratified, the minutes override the video. Be it further resolved that following the ratification of the minutes, the minutes take full legitimacy over the video.
  - Amendment accepted by Frank.
  - Victoria: Are you saying that the videos are the official record until the minutes are posted?
    - Frank: Yes
  - Daniel: The meeting minutes should be accepted only after they are ratified, but until then the video should remain the official record.
  - Max: Before the minutes are released, there is not an official record of the meeting. Shall we remain the state of vacancy until the minutes are uploaded or shall we let the video take that role until the minutes are up? This is a general thought.
  - Frank: I would like to propose an amendment to move this to the end of council business. Seconded by Montana.
- Debate Period on Frank's Amendment
  - Victoria B: I don't think we should put this off. It is getting way too complicated. I am against this motion.
    - Frank: I am just giving communications some time to give more of a strategy.
  - Elliot: I think we are going in circles
  - Frank: I am withdrawing this amendment. Proposing a new amendment. Be it resolved that council provides an audio recording of all meetings. Seconded by Elliot.
  - Frank: I would like to add that we can turn off the audio recording when we deem it necessary.
- Question Period on Frank's Amendment
  - Matt: Would we also have the option of taking audio out before posting it? If so, can we add that?
  - Femi: Who is responsible for the audio recording?
- Debate Period on Frank's Amendment
  - Max: Add that the audio is the official record until the minutes are ratified.
  - Frank: Mark it as friendly.

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Automatic call to question on the amendment. Amendment passes.

Automatic call to question on the motion to audio record. Motion has passed.

**2. Member Announcements**

- No member announcements

**3. Presentations to Council**

- No presentations to council

**4. Western Song**

**5. Land Recognition**

**6. Council Business**

- a) Motion 3: Motion to Elect Two (2) SSDAC Members
  - o Motion to call to question. Seconded by Victoria B. Motion to call to question passes.
  - o Motion passes
- b) Motion 4: Motion to Ratify Two (2) Educational Policy Committee Members
  - o Devanshi Shukla (Bio/Med Sci), Amar Venga (Math/Physics)
  - o Motion to call to question. Seconded by Frank. Motion to call to question passes.
  - o Motion passes.
- c) Motion 5: Motion to Restrict the Eligibility of Council Membership for Students on Internship or Exchange
  - o Motion moved by Peter. Seconded by Montana.
  - o Peter: They are not around campus and it makes no sense for them to represent the students.
- Debate Period on the Motion:
  - o Michael: Things change, and it makes sense for this motion to pass.
  - o Daniel: Maybe a non-voting member who is in London could still contribute to SSC.
  - o Bahar: Where do you draw the line? How do we ensure that they will have enough time?
    - Daniel: Maybe people on campus could be eligible because they will still be involved with the community.
  - o Victoria: The committees meet frequently so it might be difficult for a student on internship to contribute to council
- Motion to call to question. Seconded by Montana. Motion to call to question passes.
- Motion passes.
- d) Motion 6: Motion for the Creation of Open Office Hours
  - o Motion moved by Frank. Seconded by Montana.
  - o Frank: This combats the fact that our office is out of the way for most students. It is not a regular every month thing but maybe in September or during ticket sales.
  - o Montana: The year will be different, and it will be difficult to reach upper year students. Open office hours will bridge this gap.

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- Question Period on the Motion
    - o Kevin: Where will these take place?
      - Frank: In Taylor Library.
    - o Elliot: When exactly will this happen?
      - Frank: The start of the year.
    - o How will we book this? Is it the same hour as your normal one?
      - Frank: This will be organized soon but it will be an additional office hour.
  - Motion to call to question. Seconded by Montana. Motion to call to question passes.
  - Motion passes.
- e) Motion 7: Addition of Branding Guideline to the responsibility to the Vice-President Communications.
- o Motion moved by Alex. Seconded by Frank,
  - o Alex: This is already happening, but now we are just putting it in the constitutions.
  - Motion to call to question. Seconded by Montana. Motion to call to question passes.
  - Motion passes.

## 7. Executive Reports

- a) Vice- President Academic
- o Montana: We started building our relationship with the 18 clubs. Department representatives are meeting with them soon.
  - o Motion for this to be an in-camera session. Motion moved by Frank. Seconded by Cheryl. Reasoning is because the faculty day schedule has not been released yet.
  - o Automatic call to question. Motion passes.
  - o Motion to move out of camera. Motion moved by Montana. Seconded by Frank.
  - o Automatic call to question. Motion passes.
  - o Department representatives are working on forms for events
  - o By-election for upper year biology department representatives
  - o Events: I <3 Sci Day, Declassified
- b) Vice-President Communications
- o Alex: Communications is the interface between us and the student body at large
  - o We recently revamped the website
  - o We are making new branding guidelines
  - o Send promotions three weeks in advance
  - o We are going to be have a hype team, we will work with the spirit leader on the soph team to do so
  - o We want consistent branding this year, we are working with the department clubs possibly doing a look book, week at a glance, and Google Calendar
  - o We took out Sciwiki because it was not useful
  - o Council sweaters have not been decided yet, there will be a poll on Facebook
- c) Vice President Student Events
- o Bahar: Starting off with the events portfolio, may have a Tri-Sci Dance, Biology and Earth Science lecture series, SciQuest is being finalized

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- Boys and Girls club confirmed for monthly visits
- d) Vice-President Finance
  - Not present currently

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- Frank: Check out the new office and student spaces in NCB. There is a new science students' lounge. The office will be card access, so as a piece of security do not give your card to them. There are valuables in the office so if you bring a friend to the office, make sure they can be trusted.
- We talked to the SPO and Faculty of Science and through our endowment fund, we will cover the \$30 Science soph fee and they can also apply for a bursary to alleviate the other \$100.
- The PA members from the soph teams have spots on our committees now.
- Had a meeting with the Society of Graduate Students
- For EPC, factors considered were not only answers but experience.
- Academic consideration reform is being pursued and we are currently collaborating with the USC. We are trying to put this in the right direction for missing academic work relief.
- Ontario Science Students' Association is next weekend and the executives are going
- All power bars were replaced in Taylor Library.
- Next steps are looking toward more study spaces and recreational spaces for students
- Social Science President and Frank working with Pride Western to support them better on campus
- Department representative electoral reform is being worked on with Seth and Frank
- No idea what is going on with the Schulich Senator, hopefully by September this will be done

**Senate Reports**

- a) Science Senator
  - Daniel: Not sure what is going on with Kelvin, appreciate if you could put forth names.
  - Working towards academic work relief alongside Parker
  - Michael Strong, Dean of Medicine is stepping down
  - Issues with people not being able to enroll in courses required for their module
    - Update: they are going to have courses beginning today
- b) Schulich Senator
  - No report

**8. Commissioner Reports**

- a) Advocacy
  - Rishika: New thing that we are doing this year is the event proposal forms to help optimize events.
  - Keep looking at the transition reports to get a better understanding of events
  - Start thinking about department roundtable topics
- b) Charity
  - Nothing to report



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- c) Communications-at-Large
  - Jeremiah: There are a lot of steps into making a promotional media, the best-case scenario is 14 days
  - Provide us with lots of detail so we can give a better project
  - For video promotion, it will take longer since you need actors and a script
- d) The Current
  - Not here
- e) Internet
  - Adeel: We are starting a club page and hopefully setting up a PayPal on the website
  - We are going to put up a merch store on the website
  - We are going to be attaching the Facebook calendar onto the website
  - Sophs are going to be getting their own page with a photo (with soph names)
- f) Research and Policy
  - Seth: Improving student experience and council operations. Hope to publish a report regarding academic accommodations and considerations. Publish a policy paper on mental health and well-being.
  - Looking at election reform because the student body feels as though they are alienated.
  - Looking at implementing and designing a survey to be distributed to the student body to make changes.
  - Speaking to Active Minds and they had a ton of cycles of drafting and revision; it is going to take some time.
- g) Orientation
  - Nothing to report
- h) Videography & Photography
  - Tristan: Echoing the 14-day rule that Jeremiah mentioned
  - Shooting letter to my first-year self today but not SciQuest
  - Michael: Taking the group photo today
  - Pictures for the website to be taken in September
- i) Student Events-at-Large
  - Not here
- j) Student Services
  - Nothing to report
- k) Student Support
  - Kevin: Wellness Wednesdays came out in 2014. The goal for this year is to expand the series by taking a proactive and community approach to the Wellness Wednesday series using innovation techniques
  - Last year we did a collaboration with Bell Let's Talk
  - Thinking about websites and class visits for more exposure

### 11) USC Report

- Presentation by the USC Councillors:
  - o Teodora: Motion to increase female representation in the next election cycle
    - The PVP candidates last year were all male and it is usually like this
    - The executive is tasked with encouraging females to run

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- Financial relief for Sophs
  - Peter: Sophs can apply for a fund, based on financial needs.
- LGBTQ+ Special Committee on USC
  - Teodora: Have not had a meeting yet, planning to discuss issues and gaps for LGBTQ+ students.
- SSC endorses Danny Chang
  - For OUSA President and he won

**12) Elections**

- SSDAC Members Elections
  - Members influence where the \$300 000 goes
  - Representatives: Victoria B and Max

**13) Adjournment**

- Moved by Frank, seconded by Montana
- Meeting adjourned 6:37 p.m.