**Absent**: Kwesi A, Victoria B, Danny C, Leah C, Husna D, Courtney H, Max J, Alina P, Stephanie P, Dan S, Devanshi S, Edward Mark U, Mary Y

*Motion to call to order firsted by Firmino, seconded by Alex*

*Motion to adopt the agenda and ratify the minutes Ratify minutes firsted by Montana seconded by Julia*

1. **Speaker’s announcements**

(none)

1. **Member’s Announcements**

**(**none**)**

1. **Presentations to Council:**
2. Ronald McDonald House Speaker
3. Ally Western – Frank Ye

***Western Song***

1. **Council Business**

(None)

1. **Executive Reports**
2. Vice President Academic *(Matt Y.)*

* **First Wellness Wednesday Event**
* Very successful – gave away 450 fruits!
* **Student support committee has been formed**
* **Fall preview day**
  + Everyone on council is constitutionally mandated to help out on Fall Preview day
  + Matt will be posting a poll on Facebook, and on that each individual provides their availability. Try to sign up in 2 hour blocks
    - **Delaney**: What day is it?
      * **Matt**: November 12th
* **Second Wellness Wednesday** 
  + Midterm Care packages will be given out tomorrow
* **Academic Counselling Video**
* Martha from academic counselling wants to find out how to get students to better utilize student space on campus. Working with communications team on council to make a funny video about how to best use student space
* **Upper Year Bio Reps –** planning out 2 events for the near future
* **Upper Year Phys/Pharm and Chemistry Reps** – planning out a pharmacology panel
* **New Student Spaces**
* New student study space, dean’s office, and academic counselling will all be moving to NCB next year
* SSC has been asked to provide recommendations regarding how students use space, and the IT equipment required for it
* ***Brandon***: Is this only for science?
  + ***Matt***: Yes, it’s designated for Science
* ***Rakshith***: What’s happening to Western Science Center?
  + ***Matt***: Math is moving from Middlesex, and expanding into Western Science Center.

1. Vice President Communications *(Gladys N.)*

(none)

1. Vice President Student Events *(Alina P.)*

* November 18th tentative date for Science Bar Night

1. Vice President Finance *(Andriy K.)*

* **SSDAC** 
  + Andriy, Jacob and Danny have finalized the SSDAC grant applications and have been sent out to all the department chairs
  + Next SSC Meeting: Electing members on SSC to sit on the SSDAC committee
    - If you are interested in running, message Andriy for any questions
* **Budget** 
  + Budget will be presented to council at the next SSC meeting.
* **Student grant Applications**
* Currently up on the SSC website
* Promote the grants to those whom you think may be interested
* **Endowment negotiations with the Deans**
* Currently looking at what needs to be changed in the endowment negotiations with Jacob and Danny and finally bringing it to the Senate by November or December

1. President *(Danny C.)*

* **Open Education Day** 
  + November 17th, 2017
  + The event is intended to help clear up any misconceptions faculty members may have regarding free online textbooks
  + Bringing in experts from all over Ontario
    - Event consists of speaker panels, interactive sessions for faculty members, Q&A sessions, etc.
    - Event is funded entirely from outside groups; SSC has been planning in
    - About 100 faculty members in attendance
* **Department Club Representative’s Round Table**
  + The finance committee has released student group grants, and have been discussing on how to best use the funds
    - Specifically, on how to run academic initiatives (ex. ITR info sessions)
* **Planning Tri Sci Event**
  + Meeting with the USC and faculty of Health Science and Social Science to form a Tri Sci event in the New Year
* **Orientation Week** 
  + Many different working groups looking at how to improve Orientation week – Danny is on a team which focuses on academic issues associated with O-week
  + Faculty sophs are looking at how they can improve what they do during orientation week by making a survey to receive feedback for faculty day
  + Current selection for head sophs for next year
* **Research and Policy Committee** 
  + Jacob and Danny will be working together to establish this new committee, such as figuring out what the committee’s goals are for this year
  + Figuring out what goals are for the year
* **Individual check ins for SSC members**
  + Check in with each member on council to talk about current experience so far, what you think should be improved etc.

1. **Senate Reports**
   1. Science Senator (Jake W.)

* **First Fall Reading week** – if anyone has any opinions you would like to share regarding fall reading week, feel free to message Jake, Kelvin, or Courtney
* **Course Syllabi Database** 
  + Can access course syllabi on OWL
  + Senator working group for establishing this database is now dissolved – new working group formed to focus on ‘Missed Work Relief’ program
    - To not need a doctor’s note for missed school work less than 15%
* **Early Exam Schedule Release**
* Working on updating the actual policy so it’s a repetitive change for years to come
* **Working on pass/fail courses**
* **Western Student Senators new position: Director of Research**
  + Applications coming out this week, and due Saturday Oct 21st
* **Next Senate Meeting:** Friday Oct 20th at 1:30pm in Art and Humanities Building room 1R40

1. **Commissioner’s Reports**
   1. Advocacy *(Mary Y.)*

* Next dep rep meeting Oct 31st 5:30 – 6:30: Talking about student spaces
  1. Research and Policy *(Jacob F.)*
* **Choosing SSDAC Committee next week** 
  + Election process: 2min presentation and brief Q&A session at the end
  + Ask Jacob or Andriy for any questions
  1. Student Support *(Haesoo K.)*
* Wellness Wednesday tomorrow: Midterm Care packages with a “Stay well Study well” photo booth
* Photo booth; Stay well study well
* Next week giving out cupcakes
  + - ***Teodora***: Where is Wellness Wednesday being held tomorrow?
      * ***Haesoo***: In Taylor library main floor
  1. Photography *(Ryan W.)*
* Doodle poll for SSC pictures with you council sweater will be posted soon

1. USC Report *(Frank Ye)*

* Posters which support transgender students were supposed to be posted on all washrooms across campus but had to be reprinted as queer affiliated groups spoke out saying they are not comfortable with them, so now they say something different.
  + - ***Andriy***: Why weren’t the queer affiliated groups consulted before these posters were printed?
      * ***Frank***: I told Landon what the queer affiliated groups said they would like written on the poster, and he told that to Equity Services on USC who were a part of making these posters. However, they did not take our recommendations into account, and we did not get to see what the poster looked like until the final draft.

1. New Business

* **Montana**: For those who had council gear from last year, if you want your sweater updated, contact me, and I will get back to you on Facebook
* **Andriy**: For the sweaters, we had to add more lines on some sweaters, so it’ll be $30 instead of $26. If we don’t have your money, you won’t get you sweater

*Motion to adjourn meeting firsted by Ziad, seconded by Firmino*