**Absent**: Caleb A, Kwesi A, Peter G, Max J, Savio J, Stella L, Pablo P, Stephanie P, Dan S, Parker T, Edward Mark U, Mary Y, Kelvin Z

*Motion to call to order firsted by Ziad, seconded by Matt*

*Motion to adopt the change in the agenda for the Charity Committee firsted by Victoria, seconded by Ziad*

*Motion to approve the agenda firsted by Olivia, seconded by Max: Motion carries*

*Motion to ratify the minutes – automatic call to question: Motion carries*

1. **Speaker’s announcements**
2. **Member’s Announcements**
	1. Cynthia M & Olivia G – Educational Policy Committee
* Deans approval program: Concerning course changes and requirements
* Focusing on Integrated Science Students: making sure these students have more direction on how to get to their upper year courses
* New fourth year course is being made for chemistry students (Synthetic Biology course)
* In the IMS program, many courses are getting cut due to enrollment issues
	1. Jacob F – SSDAC elections occurring today
* On this committee, members will get to go through applications from the various departments, and decide how to use that money/where it should be spent.
* Time Commitment: A few afternoons spread out throughout January and February
1. **Presentations to Council:**

***Western Song***

1. **Council Business**
	1. SSDAC elections: 2 voting members on council selected

Candidates:

* Rakshith G
* Victoria B
* Olivia G
* Montana H
	1. **Motion**: *Modification of the Attendance Formula and the Inclusion of Proxies*

*Motion firsted by Graeden, seconded by Andriy*

**Mover**:

* Want to add proxies into the constitution as Roberts Rules states that in order to use proxies, it must be stated in the constitution. Additionally, to clearly state how to use proxies and the rules in using them
* For the attendance formula, certain rules pertaining to the points system should be modified.
	+ Missing a meeting due to an exam occurring at the same time should not result in demerit points as that is something a member has no control over
	+ Demerit points will only be given to those who arrive late to a meeting 10 minutes or later
	+ Approved regrets now has the option to include a proxy
		- Same for voting and non-voting members, however, if you are a non-voting member and there are multiple individuals who have the same position as you, one of those members can be your proxy (ex. The Senators)
	+ Declined regrets are now 1.5: These are regrets where an individual does not explain why they cannot arrive to a meeting.
	+ If you provide a proxy for a meeting: 0.5 demerits. If you do not: 1 demerit point
* **Question & Answer Period**
* **Delaney**: Should I assume that my regrets are approved if I don’t hear anything back after sending them in?
* **Dela**: If you sent in your regrets more than 6 hours before the meeting, I will let you know. If you send it to me less than 6 hours before the meeting it will take me a bit longer to get back to you.
* **Alex**: If you are a non-voting member and there isn’t more than one person who holds the same position as you, who can you bring in as a proxy?
	+ **Graeden**: Because you are a non-voting member, your proxy can be anyone in their undergrad who is in science or Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry
* **Debate Period**

**Olivia** – AMENDMENT (Friendly)

* If you have an exam during the meeting and you bring in a proxy, that gives you 0 demerit points. But if you have an exam during the meeting but you don’t bring a proxy, that gives you 0.5 demerit points.

*Friendly amendment so it passes*

**Frank** – AMENDMENT (Unfriendly)

* Motion to change the requirement that a member’s exam has to occur during the meeting to get 0 demerits. Instead, if the meeting occurs either during, or is the night before a member’s exam, that member will receive 0 demerits if a proxy is provided.

*Motion seconded by Montana H.*

* **Discussion**

Andriy: AGAINST

* Dates for both council meetings and exams are posted far in advance. As members on council, you should know that part of your responsibilities include coming to the meetings therefore it’s your job to manage your time effectively.

Ziad: FOR

* There may be a situation where council meetings go on late into the night, but a member on council has an exam the next morning at 9am. Therefore, it’s not just about having enough time to study, but making sure other factors like having a full night’s rest are being accounted for.
* Graeden: The demerits points are at the discretion of the speaker and the president. So if this situation does occur, that member can talk to them about leaving the meeting early for their exam.

Alina: AGAINST

* If a member on council needs to leave early to rest for their exam, this just means sending in regrets to the speaker explaining your situation on why you must leave before adjournment which is only 0.5 demerits.

Frank: FOR

* Demerit points are supposed to tell a member that they have done something wrong. However, if that person needs a full night’s sleep before an exam and must leave the meeting early, they haven’t done anything wrong, and shouldn’t get demerits for that.

Danny: AGAINST

* Attending meetings is a requirement for our roles, therefore it’s important that we must be able to budget our time to fulfill our various responsibilities.

Motion to call the amendment to question

*Firsted by Matt, seconded by Montana: Motion carries (2/3 vote)*

Motion to vote on the unfriendly amendment motioned by Frank Y

*(2/3 opposed: Motion does not carry)*

Jacob – AMENDMENT (Friendly)

* Proxies and regrets must be submitted to the speaker 24hr before the meeting. If done so, approval from the speaker will be provided 6hr prior to the meeting. However, if regrets and proxies are sent 24hr leading up to the meeting, then it’s at the speaker’s discretion to provide a response on a shorter time

*Friendly amendment so it passes*

Motion to Call to Question

*Firsted by Danny, seconded by Graeden; Motion carries (2/3 vote)*

Motion to Adopt the Constitution as amended

*Firsted by Danny, seconded by Graeden; Motion carries (2/3 vote)*

* 1. Budget Approval – Presented by VP Finance: Andriy K

End of the year, the SSC is predicted to be cash flow positive at $8.5K

* **Revenue**
	+ *General:*
		- **Initial Cash Position** (TD bank account, USC Grant, & carried over cheque from last year’s council renovation): $18,464.39
		- **USC Faculty Grant:** $11,160.86
			* Grant is split up into 3 installments. First $7000 has been received and waiting on the additional payments
		- **Faculty of Science Donation:** ~$4,000; currently discussing with the deans to receive this money
		- **Endowment Interest:** $4,000
		- **Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry Donation:** ~$500; currently discussing with the deans to receive this money
		- **Merchandise/Miscellaneous**
			* Sticker Sales: Projected at $100
			* Science Shirt Sales: Projected at $1,500
	+ Total Executive Revenue: $2,695
	+ Locker Rentals: $1,265

**Total Revenue: $43,685.25**

* **Expenses**
	+ Science Group Grants: $4,000
	+ Council Training: $350
	+ Science Soph Team Support: $526
	+ Ontario Science Student Association: $360
	+ Charity Committee Support: $500
	+ Office Maintenance (replace the poster in the office, and the lock on the door, etc.): $300
	+ Council Meetings: $500
	+ Honoraria: $5,200.00
		- This is mandated by the constitution. Two members on council receive $500 as well as the executives which is determined by an external committee
	+ Council Gifts: $600
	+ Total Executive Expenses: $10,670.00
	+ Legacy Fund Repayment: $11,287.15
		- The Legacy fund provides the SSC with ‘seed money’ to bring in speakers for events such as Discovery Week (i.e. David Suzuki last year). The SSC uses this money to pay for the speaker and their accommodations. The money made from the tickets for the event is then use to replenish this fund for future councils
		- Last year the money for the ticket sales was never transferred to the deans. However, by the end of this year, we will be able to give the deans enough money to replenish the legacy fund.
	+ Merchandise (Council Sweaters): $800

**Total Expenses: $35,093.15**

**Executive Revenue & Expenses**

1. **President**
* Expenses – Total: $60
	+ Research & Policy Committee: $60
1. **VP Finance**
* Expenses – Total: $760
	+ - Payment Infrastructure for Council: $400

Allow members to pay using debit/credit card

* + - Services: $300
* Replace microwaves in Einstein’s
	+ - Finance Committee: $60
1. **VP Events**
	* Revenue – Total: $2,695
		+ SciQuest Event: $695
		+ First Year Dance: ~$2,000
	* Expenses – Total: $3,500
		+ SciQuest Event: $400
		+ First Year Dance: Breaking even
		+ Discovery Week: less than $1000
		+ Events Committee: $100
2. **VP Academic**
	* Expenses – Total: $4,100
		+ Academic Event Expenses: $1000
		+ Student Support: $1500
		+ Department Representatives: $1500
3. **VP Communications**
	* Expenses – Total: $2,250
		+ The Current for Orientation Week: $1100
		+ The Current ITR Edition: $500
		+ Facebook Ads and Gift Cards to promote surveys: $250
		+ SSC Website: $300
		+ Communications Committee: $100

*Motion to approve the Science Students’ Council Budge*t

***Mover****: Andriy K*

*Motion seconded by Victoria B*

*All in favour – motion carries*

1. **Executive Reports**
2. Vice President Academic *(Matt Y.)*
* If members haven’t signed up for Fall Preview day already, please do so. The doodle poll is on the SSC Facebook page
* Second Dep Rep Meeting is next week at 5:30 – locations details will be posted on the SSC dep rep Facebook group
	+ We will be discussing student spaces
	+ If anyone has any input regarding modifying student spaces, message Matt Y.
1. Vice President Communications *(Gladys N.)*

(none)

1. Vice President Student Events *(Alina P.)*
* Holiday Party De-stressor for council: on December 5th
	+ In the next coming weeks, Alina P will be posting a link to a site where council members can create a wish list for their secret Santa
* Sci Goes to Ceeps: November 16th
	+ Line bypass goes until 11pm
	+ Promotions for the event will start next week
	+ Tickets will be sold in the office for $5 – For individuals with the same system used for Sci quest
* Discovery Week: Week of November 20th
	+ - Monday and Tuesday
			* Lecture Speaker Series
				+ Profs speak about their research
				+ Message Alina or one of the events commissioners if there is a prof you know who has done interesting research
		- Wednesday
			* Morning: Throwback Day
				+ Stations will be put up for individuals to do science experiments commonly done by most kids (ex. Making slime, coke and Mentos, etc.)
* Afternoon: Wellness Activities
	+ - Thursday
			* Morning: Grad Studies fair in PAB atrium
			* Afternoon: Meet a Master’s Students
				+ For first and second years, it’s to break down barriers between themselves and TA. For third and fourth years it’s to help them gain more knowledge on what a master’s program looks like to a student
		- Friday
			* Coffee and Tea with the SSC
				+ ***Delaney***: How can we sign up to help out for these events?

***Alina***: I’ll post a poll on the Facebook page once the promo for the event is all done.

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

(none)

1. President *(Danny C.)*
* **Online Textbook event for Faculty: Nov 17th**
* The gazette wrote an article about it
* All the online textbooks are uploaded online and peer reviewed and adopted by the provincial government; however, it is now up to the professors to decide if they want to incorporate these textbooks into their courses
* Keynote Speaker is from BC talking about how they have adopted online textbooks
* **Tri Sci Event: Science, Social Science, and Health Science**
* Concert in second semester
* Artist will be announced in November
* **Touching Base** **with members on SSC**
* Danny will be having check ins with every member on council to ensure that everyone is having a meaningful experience on council and talk about any issues you may have
* Will be completed by the end of the semester
* **Touching base with department clubs**
* To get input on discovery week and ITR sessions
* First Year Rep Event Design
* The first year reps have been meeting up discussing their events for the year, and council will be hearing from them in the coming weeks
* **New Science Head Soph**
* Danny and Alex have been working on selecting the new head soph for science next year
* **NCB Renovation**
* Students have an opportunity to provide input on how to renovate space best suited for students, so if you have any ideas/suggestions please forward them to Matt Y.
1. **Senate Reports**

*Schulich Senator (Courtney H)*

* Two Town Hall Meetings: Oct 31st
* Discussing long term plans for the university
* An opportunity to have a level view of the yearly budget. Students are welcome to provide feedback and have a discussion
1. **Commissioner’s Reports**
	1. Charity *(Marc & Suvarna)*
* New position on the Charity committee: Outreach coordinator
* Purpose: to branch out and diversify volunteer opportunities for science students
* Free candy and Halloween themed photo booth: Oct 31st
* Decorate the council office with a Halloween theme and give out candy to students
* Charity Scoop Event: Nov 22nd 6-11pm
* Teaching Charity committee how to lead the Ronald McDonald Baking nights: Nov 4th
	1. Internet *(Leah C)*
* The SSC website has been updated with all the events. Please message Leah if you have any events planned for the future that you would like posted. Otherwise, she will post the event on the website once it has been promoted on the Facebook.
	1. Student Support *(Haesoo K.)*
* **Yogurt Parfaits and Yoga Poses**: Wednesday Nov 1st in the Nat Sci Atrium
* Make your own yogurt parfaits and yoga pose photo booth
	1. Photography *(Ryan W.)*
* Council sweaters are now here, so sign up on the doodle poll on the SSC Facebook page and pick a timeslot to take a picture
	1. Student events *(Bahar & Nareesa)*
* First Year Dance
* Events committee and the First Year reps will be disusing details for the event
* Members on the events committee have been assigned to a dep rep
* Dep reps should be receiving messages from a member of the events committee by the end of the week.
* Meetings between dep reps and their assigned events helper should be done by Nov 12th
* The assigned events committee member will be assisting dep reps to plan out their events for the year
	1. Student Services *(Ayma Aqib)*
* Reimbursement System
* If a member on council needs money for an event, make sure to fill out an online form found in the Facebook group
* Make sure to message either Ayma or Andriy if you have made a request for money, or have dropped off a physical copy of a receipt for a specific event in the office
* More information regarding that process will be provided in the coming weeks
* If you are a Dep Rep, first consult with Matt Y regarding how much money you can spend on a particular event you are planning before reaching out to Ayma or Andriy
1. USC Report *(Frank Ye)*
* USC Meeting: Oct 25th – Agenda Includes:
* Motion #1: Amendment to the executive appointments
* Motion #2: Ratification of the advocacy papers
	+ 3 paper include: Affordability, Student Employment & Equity
	+ Councilors supporting to write these include: Frank Y, Rakshith G, & Graeden M
* Motion #2: Review the Bus Pass Financing
* Business Motions:

1. Create a non-voting resource member for International students

2. Create LGBQT + Ad hoc committee – mandated to research issues LQBQT students on campus and how to support them

1. New Business
	1. **Motion***: Amend to Section 46 of the constitution regarding Sanctions*

*Motion firsted by Andriy K, seconded by Elliot P*

**Mover:**

* Currently constitution reads that once a member accumulates 4.5 demerit points, they receive a written warning from the speaker.
* However, missing a meeting with regrets only gives 0.5 demerit points. Each semester there are only about 7 meetings meaning that individuals can miss many meetings, and only receive a warning from the Speaker.
* Motion is to reduce the point limit to 2. Thus, in one semester this includes missing three meetings with a proxy.
* **Amendment Includes:**
	+ Combining Sections, A, B, and C to 2 points and strike out section D
* At 2 points, the member will receive a warning from the speaker who will inform the president. The president will arrange a check in meeting with that member, and is subject to a performance review by the President and decide from there.
* **Discussion**
	+ **Ziad:** What is your reasoning in reducing the demerit points?
		- **Andriy:** Currently, the constitution reads that in order to receive a warning and meeting with the president means that the member must accumulate 6 demerit points. In a year we have only about 14 meetings, which means missing 12 meetings with a proxy in a year, and at that stage it’s too late. However, just because you end up having a check in with the President after 2 demerits, does not mean that you will get dismissed from council. It just means that you will have a conversation with the President to discuss any issues you may have and how to solve them.
	+ **Andriy** – FRIENDLY AMENDMENT
* Strike out Section B

*(Friendly amendment so it passes)*

*Motion to call to question: Firsted by Matt Y, seconded by Graeden*

*Motion carriers*

Vote to carry this motion as it stands

* *Motion carries (2/3 in favour)*

* 1. **SSDAC Election Results:**
* Elected Members: Rakshith G and Olivia G

*Motion to adjourn meeting firsted by Elliot P, seconded by Cynthia M*