

SSC Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2018, 6:30 PM
Location: NCB 114

1. **Call to order**
 - 6:44 PM
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**
 - Council passes agenda unanimously
4. **Ratification of Minutes**
 - Minutes ratified as is
5. **Member's Announcements**
 - No member's announcements
6. **Presentations to Council**
 - No presentations to council
7. **Western Song**
8. **Land Recognition**
9. **Council Business**

Motion 1: Motion to Ratify New Upper Year Bio Representative

- Frank: Motion for in camera session
- Council in-camera session

Motion 4: Motion to Abolish the Council Office Hours Sign-in Sheet

- Amar (Mover): People could sign later on in the week, or ask someone else to sign in for them. Also, some people would forget to sign in.
- Manraj: That was addressed in our group, one of the clauses was being okay with all the penalties if it were found out that someone was signing in later and missing their office hours.
- Debate Points

Teodora (to Amar): Is there a timetable in the office space?

Amar: Would be convenient to see in the office who has what hours

Montana (to Amar): Switch alphabetized order to timetable on sign in sheet.

Frank: Put down the motion, talk to Manraj, Karnig etc., would be more effi

Max (to Amar): How will abolishing council office hours sheet and replacing with a timetable solve the problem of enforcement of people signing in. Speaker does not have to track down the people before/after people to confirm whether they actually attended their office hours??

Amar (to Max): People can report it if someone was absent if timetable was up there. The only way people can be dealt with is if there was a way to know

Max (to Amar): Perhaps increase space in signing sheet, so people can sign in clearly.

Motion to call to question. Back to debate on this motion.

Matthew: There could be a better solution than replacing it with timetable. Have iPad, could have punch clock/time stamp, and can make account on. Have to sign at given time, so no one could sign in for you or you can't sign in at a later time.

Dan: Do we have people not going to office hour? Because this debate would be null without any evidence of that.

Montana: Yes. Governance has been tasked to change it to timetable rather than alphabetized list for sign in sheet.

Frank: No harm if sign in sheet is still there, even if we have room for improvements. Wish to call to motion to question. (Second: Bahar)

Motion is defeated (2/3 majority).

Motion 5: Motion to Approve the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc

Frank: Have been needing revision to constitution for a while (...)

Montana: One instance, dep-rep meeting. If we don't address now, could get more complicated.

Questions:

Parker: Is it written in constitution that you can't be voting member on a committee?

Frank: "No, but its basic roberts rules of order"

Max: Should we specify whether the president is a voting member?

Frank: If it is not specified that you are non-voting, then you are a voting member.

Motion is passed unanimously.

Three people on constitutional review: Femi, Amar, Vak

10. Executive Reports

Vice President Academic: Montana

- I heart Sci day
 - 18 clubs participated
 - 300 engagements
- Science Declassified
 - 100 engagements
 - Inclement weather was the reason
- Dep Rep Roundtable
 - Election reform for dep-reps
 - Formulate potential solutions
- Dep Club President's Round Table
 - Build strong relationship b/w SSC and clubs
 - Talk about key issues
 - Debrief collaborative events
 - Talked about potential clubs + SSC Social event

IN PROGRESS

- Student Support
 - Strong app pool
 - Positions review
- TriSci Wellness
 - October 3 (Wednesday)
 - UCC Atrium
 - Trisci council hosting event (Partners: WEC, Ivey Council, Hippo Council, others)
 - Night time: fitness portion (located in REC centre)
- Dep Rep events
 - Mentorship program (Dep Rep - Monica)
 - October 24
 - Mentor students
- Dep Rep plus Dep Club Relations
 - Engage with clubs whenever possible
 - Support club initiatives physically, and through social media
 - Try to attend events you're invited to
 - Attend club meetings when possible
 - If you can't attend, communicate with them
 - Strong club relationships cultivate a better science community and a more effective SSC

VP Communications (Alex Ly):

- Lookbook is next semester instead of this semester
- Sophs, SSC, Clubs featured
- Alex will be meeting with spirit PA.

VP Student Events (Bahar):

- First year dance: council, soph team made a huge difference in ticket sales, however event had to be cancelled
- SciQuest: not much social media promotion due to push for first year dance, volunteers/participants made a big difference!
- November 19-23: Discovery Week
 - 300 wristbands, first come first serve, because limited space
 - Council can contribute ideas
- Sci takes Ceeps (Friday, November 23)
- Committees done interviews

VP Finance (Ayma):

- Budget will be presented at next meeting
- Committee will be meeting October 17
- PayPal account verified

President (Frank):

- New Schulich Senator, final ballot on Tuesday (second round because both Jacob and Cleo tied with three votes each)
- Signs in NCB will be remade to include us (waiting for deans)
- No word on lockers (potentially WestSci)

- Open office hours, well received and doing them AGAIN.
 - All voting members are obligated to do 2 hours per month, one hour per week!
- Multi Faith room: religious clubs on campus are concerned that there is only one multi faith room that students can use (UCC), so working to bring another one in, perhaps in WestSci. Support of faculty exists.
- Ward 6 Councillor Debate: SSC hosting debate, Thursday Oct 18 (7:30 in UCC 56)
 - Mike Bloxam vs Phil Squire
 - Can vote in London, and home municipality
- Faculty Strike: Faculty voted 94% in favour of striking, if there is one, earliest it can start is November 1. School ran 149 million dollar surplus and faculty wages compared to other three universities, our faculty paid 5-11% less on average. Bringing in outside party to consolidate, etc.
- Budget Cuts: 4-5% cut to our budget, plan from dean is to increase international student enrolment in smaller faculties (physical science), expanding graduate/professional programs, look for donors, no rise to Canadian Student Tuition

11. Senate Reports

Science Senator:

- New policy regarding free speech in classroom, being rushed through senate because government pushing through universities. They've created Ad Hoc committee (w/ Mitch Pratt), senate discusses and debates, committee listens to what they say or not. Then they bring to board and vote.

12. Commissioner Reports

Advocacy:

- Minutes have been updated to reflect feedback
- If applying to ad hoc committee, please read minutes
- Want to try feedback form post dep rep roundtable to apply to next meeting, maintain equity (if you felt you were not heard, or was not safe space, you can use this form to express this)

Charity:

- Nothing to report

Communications-at-Large:

- Committee elected

Research and Policy:

- Nothing to report

Photography:

- Council photos soon

Finance:

- Instead of general finance committee, broke into two teams (one team is original finance committee, and then the financial management team, connecting with student body, etc.)

Nothing else to report.

13. USC Report (Presentation by USC Councillors)

- Council has elected 7 reps, (Congrats to Frank and Victoria!)
- 8 universities that are members of OUSA
- Frank and Victoria going to McMaster later on this year
- Feminine Hygiene Products: centennial college only one that does that, we would be first university to do this. Perhaps one bathroom in each building to be cost effective initially, hopefully covered by Western
- No Kosher, only Halal: have a trial run first, promotions to advertise this
- Karnig will come speak to student experience committee, which will review three services every year.
- Advocacy committee, struck working group to review old papers, mostly review on teaching quality at Western, prioritizing intl. Students. Consolidate three papers, this year is bargaining year. USC does not take stance during bargaining.
- October 22 voting, raise awareness about importance of voting, make up 10% of London's population, bus rapid transit (500 mill. Project, want to create lanes dedicated to busses, upgrades like info at bus stops, synchronized traffic stops, etc.). However ¾ runners are opposed to this project.
- Wellness week right now, Monday to Thurs.
- Shadow a Female MP, motion passed on council about increasing female engagement in politics
- Sexual violence training (USC counselors receive) - safe cities London (allows you to mark on map where you feel safe/unsafe, and you get to send feedback anonymously)

14. Elections Ad Hoc Constitutional Review Committee Members

- Voted Yes for Femi
- Voted Yes for Vak
- Voted Yes for Amar

15. New Business

Montana: Even if you don't live in London, and hence you don't care, people in London do really care. The things in this election impact us more than other people. Please register, vote, and help other people who do live here and help future Western students.

Teodora: Locals here sometimes don't think certain things don't affect them, but bus rapid transit would help everyone, not only students, so please vote!

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 8:22 PM