

# SSC Meeting Minutes: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

NCB Room 114 – 6:30 p.m.



**Absent:** Babafemi Adewusi, Rishika Geda, Savio Joseph, Karnig Kazazian, Aileen Liang, Natasha Matthew, Parker Thomlinson, Tristan Tsvetanov

Motion to call to order by Frank, seconded by Bahar

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

Motion to adopt the agenda as is. Motion passes.

Motion to ratify the minutes by Frank, seconded by Suvarna: Motion carries.

Motion to adopt the agenda as is.

## 1. Governance Announcements

- a) Ad-Hoc Constitutional Review Committee is meeting for constitutional review this week
- b) Come on time for your office hours
- c) New sign-in sheet was made for office hours, it will be posted in the office ASAP

## 2. Member Announcements

- a) Amar Venga – Math/Applied Math Rep
  - How do the audio recordings backup the legitimacy of the minutes?
  - Frank: The audio will not be wrong, but if you have an issue with the overall wording of motion, you can amend it.

## 3. Presentations to Council

- No presentations to council

## 4) Western Song

## 5) Land Recognition

## 6) Council Business

- Motion 1: Motion to Ratify New Schulich Senator
  - o Frank: Motion was very last minute because the whole process has been messy. She was elected by a 7-6 vote on the Tuesday before reading week. The senators were misinformed, but there is a motion going through Saturday with the senators. She is pending election by the senator body.
  - o Montana: Motion to call to question
  - o Q&A:
    - Daniel: There is new information that came up recently. There will be a motion, but the faculty can nominate anyone on the floor and they are allowing floor nomination. For that meeting, I would strongly suggest passing this motion at the next meeting.
    - Victoria: Is there a reason why she has to get nominated today?
    - Beth: What was the reason she was elected and why are they going back on it?
    - Daniel: Most senators misread the senate procedure, but the ADHOC will put the nomination in for Cleo, but they are allowing floor nominations
    - Peter: Why can't we wait until next week?
    - Frank: Even though this motion is 0 risk, the senate has pulled the process from underneath the student senators. I am going to go to

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meetings with the Dean of Science. If we did pass this, it would send the motion that the Science Students' Council supports Cleo and her nomination.

- Victoria: Is it up to SSC to take charge?
- Frank: Not really taking charge, we are just taking a stance.
- Vote on Call to question
- Motion has not passed

### 7) Executive Reports

#### a. Vice-President Academic

- Student support committee has been selected
- TriSci wellness Wednesday before reading week
  - Engagement was high, and resources were well received
- Dep rep events in the process of being finalized:
  - Monica Rupik – Mentorship Program
  - 2nd Year Reps – Inform constituents on ITR and the process of ITR
  - Amar Venga – Halloween Games Night
- One more form after the event, review form for the event
  - Form makes it easier for new dep reps to understand how you went about your role and event
- Upcoming:
  - ITR event hosted by IMS Dep Reps
  - Midterm care packages event
  - Dr. McLean is looking for student perspective for medsci learning modules
- Dep Reps: who you should talk to
  - Montana and Rishika for the most part

#### b. Vice-President Communications

- Alex: No presentation but three things to update on
  - We have stickers now
  - Finally finished making comms committee
  - All committee and council meetup soon

#### c. Vice-President Student Events

- Bahar: Charity and events have been selected and are meeting this week
  - Next week is lecture series
  - Wednesday from 6-7:30 in WSC rm 240
  - Pizza after
  - Social media blast this Wednesday

#### d. Vice-President Finance

- Ayma: Departments have asked for money; presentation was attached.
- All information will be public
- We will lose money this year, because it is a speaker year
  - We usually get a faculty grant from the USC, grant will probably be higher than 11K because enrollment in science has gone up.
  - Schulich and SSDAC also give us funding

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- Expenses: Soph Retreat, OSSA, Charity Support, Queer Orientation Month Donation, Honoraria, Voting Software, Placards, First Year Guides, Academic Events, Wellness Wednesdays, Dep Rep Events, Website

### e. President

- Frank: Orientation program, apart of Academic Engagement CoP and Diversity and Equity CoP to improve the orientation process and selection process for sophs.
- Jared Foreman and Frank have been speaking to the researchers on Pride Western to formalize a report regarding a needs assessment
- TriSci dance performer is being shortlisted
- Senate and Faculty of Science are looking at changes regarding academic counselling and medical notes. They want to get it right before they implement anything, instead of making a pilot program.
  - o The goal is for the next academic school year or the year after
- The Ward 6 Counsellor debate is 7:00 p.m. everyone is expected to come out. You can vote in London and your home municipality.
- Applications for Head Soph have collected and interviews will start shortly

## 12. Senate Reports

### a. Science Senator

- Daniel: What he's been working on, had a meeting with Jeff: how we could look into having mandatory midterms for classes, unfortunate when the weighting gets shifted to the final. Might turn into a working group
- Danny is working towards OER, be cautious if the free online textbook isn't better than anything being used
- Synthetic biology module is going to the committee SCAFA regarding 2 new courses and currently talking to IVEY and Philosophy
  - o Meeting regarding Cleo was a nomination, it was not even an election
  - o Miscommunication caused a lot of confusion and there is someone who is going to be seeking nomination on the floor
  - o We've made our selection for who we want, probably going to put a statement saying Cleo is our preferred nominee
- Victoria: For the mandatory midterm, is it that the course needs a mandatory makeup or just a midterm?
- Daniel: Mandatory Midterm

### b. Schulich Senator

## 13. Commissioner Reports

- a. Advocacy
- b. Charity
- c. Communications-at-Large
- d. The Current
- e. Internet
- f. Research and Policy
- Selected a committee

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**g. Orientation**

- Frank covered it

**h. Videography**

**i. Photography**

**j. Student Events-at-Large**

**k. Student Services**

**l. Student Support**

- Finished selection of committee
- Meeting tomorrow with committee
- Midterm distress packages are coming up
- Thinking of having SSC promotional events to improve outreach, talks with the members of the SSC, similar to open office hours

**14. USC Report**

- Peter: Go vote in London and your hometown; election is October 22nd
- Student Experience: Inclusivity and accessibility checklist;

Teo: Talked about Western's investments; Western has environment plans but also energy sector which is contradictory. Mature students and transfer students face a lot of problems – excluded from scholarships and have a more difficult time adjusting, committee was created

**16. New Business**

**17. Adjournment**

- Moved by Frank, seconded by Montana
- Meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m.