

SSC Meeting

December 3rd, 2020– 7:00PM

Location: Zoom University



- 1) **Call to Order**
 - a) Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm
- 2) **Land Recognition**
- 3) **Roll Call**
- 4) **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a) Mahakul/Basu
- 5) **Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)**
 - a) Mahakul/Biswurm
- 6) **Western Song**
- 7) **Presentations to Council**
- 8) **Executive Reports**
 - a) **VP Finance**
 - i) Miscounted the honoraria, it is now fixed
 - ii) Overestimated council expenditures, only fee we paid for was admission to the Ontario Science student association
 - iii) Faculty of Science donation numbers are now projected
 - b) **VP Communications**
 - i) Comms will not be making any more promo over the Christmas break
 - ii) Promos requested during Winter Break will most likely not be remembered
 - iii) When to contact Lahari?
 - (1) Anything that has to do with the website
 - (2) How to make zoom links/promo requests
 - (3) Posting something on our socials
 - (4) Any google form related things
 - (5) Contests and submissions
 - (6) Any last minute comms situation
 - iv) When to contact Crystal?
 - (1) Zoom links
 - (2) Promo request related things
 - (3) Cancelling/editing promo requests
 - (4) Documents that go with promo requests
 - c) **VP Programming**
 - i) Green meeting and paperwork on December 20th
 - ii) Please send in your Event Feedback forms
 - iii) Events that are coming up:
 - (1) Matchomatics
 - (2) Warm clothing drive
 - (3) Career panel

- (4) Resume and interview workshops
 - iv) Take a wellness break!
- d) **VP Academic**
 - i) There is now an update schedule for next semester with an extra week of break
 - (1) Last day to add a course will now be January 19th
 - (2) Reading week stayed the same
 - (3) Last day to drop a course is March 15th
 - (4) Exams will run from April 14th to April 30th
 - ii) Professors have been advised to not schedule makeups on the first week of class
 - iii) Trying to help students take pictures with Lifetouch and arranging specific dates
- e) **VP Wellness**
 - i) No new reports
- f) **President**
 - i) President's roundtable next week
 - ii) Upcoming faculty meeting on December 16th
- 9) **Council Business (Appendix II)**
 - a. Motion 1: Motion to Elect an Executive Honoraria Committee for the 2020-2021 Year
 - i. Motion passed
 - b. Motion 2: Formation of the Governance Review Standing Committee
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
- 10) **Governance Announcements**
- 11) **Member's Announcements**
- 12) **Department Representative Reports**
 - i) **Stats Rep**
 - (1) There is an event to play some games tomorrow with prizes!
- 13) **Senate Reports**
- 14) **USC Report**
- 15) **Commissioner Reports**
- 16) **For Discussion**
- 17) **New Business**
- 18) **Adjournment**
 - a) Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm
 - i) Biswurm/Morris

Appendix I:

SSC Meeting

November 26th, 2020– 7:00PM

Location: Zoom University



1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order 7:04 pm
2. Land Recognition
3. Roll Call
4. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Amendment to the agenda (Teo Marginean)
 - Amendment passed
 - b. Mahakul/Basu
5. Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)
6. Western Song
7. Presentations to Council
 - a. Matt Reesor (USC President) and Victoria Barroso (VP university affairs)
8. Executive Reports
 - a. VP Finance
 - First sale was made on the SSC website! (p.s it was a mask!)
 - Feel free to share the store on your socials!
 - b. VP Wellness
 - Last reminder to send in screenshots of completion for the EDI training
 - Sci spotlight is looking to feature indigenous in science, LGBTQ+ in science, persons with disabilities in science!
 - Any other suggestions contact Maya Sheth!
 - International science connections
 - Had an intro meeting last week and there is going to be study sessions and social events
 - Still accepting mentees!

- International student FAQs is currently being worked on to create an international student guide
 - Wellness game night
 - Please share the events and bring your friends!
- c. VP Comms
- First batch of pictures are up!
 - Last day to pick up sweaters is tomorrow (Nov 27th)
 - Weeklong promo requests are hard!
- d. VP Academic
- Fall preview day was a success!
 - Working on releasing an Instagram post that covers what the postponed event about academic integrity will cover
- e. VP programming
- Events are done!
- f. President
- Roundtable for student group grants
 - SSDAC applications will be out for departments next week
 - Next semester schedule will be out next week
9. Council Business (Appendix II)
- a. Motion 1: Change the Wording From HBA2 to HBA1 in Constitution
- Debate period:
 - Artika: Instead of HBA1, use dual degree maybe?
 - Motion passed unanimously
- b. Motion 2: Clarify who can be a Member of SSC
- Question period
 - Shanika: Just to double check, if nobody runs for senator at large from the science, can somebody from FIMS sit during meetings
 - Artika: Yes, because senators are for all students
 - Motion passed
- c. Motion 3: Allow Dual Degree Candidates to run for SSC Positions
- Friendly amendment (Artika): Change HBA1/HBA2 to dual degree as long as they are part of the Science faculty during their tenure and add current/prospective dual degree students for eligibility
 - Friendly amendment (Artika): Add science dual degree
 - Motion passed
10. Governance Announcements
- a. Make sure to fill out regret forms
- b. Make sure to attend your office hours

11. Member's Announcements

12. Department Representative Reports

a. First Year Representative

- Student survey was conducted
 - Found out that many students are having a hard time engaging with the community and are not getting the student experience that they have signed up for
 - Many students do not think that they are getting lab experience from their courses
- Had a meeting with the assistant dean Dr. Maxwell
 - Validated the concerns that first year students are having and will recommend strategies to help improve the experience

13. Senate Reports

14. USC Report

a. Last council meeting yesterday

- Working with the anti oppression working group, working on training for students
- Working on the sustainability group
 - If anybody has any ideas feel free message Shanika Mahakul
- Appointed a student for the student bursary fund

15. Commissioner Reports

a. Environment Commissioner

- Climate Crisis Coalition Update
 - Context on Western's sustainability policies and the progress
 - Founding student groups (SEWU, Ivey social impact club, wildlife conservation society, SSC attended)
 - PACES has not met in over two years, the mandate was not clear
 - Western does not produce annual sustainability reports and does not have a plan

16. For Discussion

17. New Business

18. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:34

Mahakul/Biswurm

Appendix II:

Motion I: Motion to Elect an Executive Honoraria Committee for the 2020-2021 Year

Whereas, Council elects an Executive Honoraria Committee each year to vote on and allocate honoraria amounts to executive members with a vote of at least 4/5 in favour based on their adherence to SSC's roles and responsibilities, initiative, any misconduct, and any other relevant criteria;

Whereas, the Committee will be responsible for using a rubric to evaluate executive members' performances;

Whereas, the Committee must submit the minutes of the Honoraria Committee meeting to the executive which summarizes the decisions made, includes the voting distribution for each decision, and redacts any identifying information of the voting members;

Whereas, the Committee will be responsible for the administration of all honoraria to executive members according to the Honoraria Policy;

Whereas, Council must select this committee before April 1st and elected members must remain anonymous to the executive;

Be it resolved that, Council elect five (5) non-executive voting members of Council who are thus not eligible for executive honoraria;

Be it further resolved that, the Executive Honoraria Committee also be composed of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and the Secretary.

MARGINEAN/Adewusi

Motion 2: Formation of the Governance Review Standing Committee

Whereas, regular updating and implementing of constitutional changes should be done yearly to ensure legitimacy of the constitution,

Whereas, there are still errors and inconsistencies with the current published version,

Let it be resolved, that council open the Governance Review Committee to review the constitution and update it accordingly, and any interested council members join.

BASU/Mahakul