

SSC Meeting

February 10th, 2020– 6:30PM

Location: UCC 41



1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order by Kennedy at 6:42pm

2. Roll Call

- a. Done through iClicker

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Jermiah/Lauren

4. Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)

- a. Femi/Alisha

5. Western Song

6. Land Recognition

7. Governance Announcements

- a. Governance review standing committee looking at constitution and will update council on any changes

8. Member's Announcements

- a. Presentation- Marginean, Teo (10 min) followed by Q&A period (5 min)
 - i Council members and senators have been elected
 - ii Proposing a move of research and policy commissioner into VPA portfolio.
 - iii Proposing a move of Student support commissioner out of the VPA portfolio.
 - iv New potential initiatives
 - 1 SSC Textbook library
 - 2 Mentorship Program
 - v Internship opportunities need to be improved
 - vi Proposing a name change in VP Events to VP Programming
 - vii Proposing a new VP – Student support
 - 1 Responsibilities include equity, diversity and wellness
 - 2 Lack of equity, diversity and inclusion asks for this position
 - 3 Role will act as liaison with resources we have not collaborated with before.
 - viii Proposing an International Outreach Commissioner
 - 1 International students 10% of Western population
 - a Need roles to represent and accommodate these individuals
 - ix STEM Out Commissioner
 - 1 Big demographic of LGBTQ+ students on campus
 - 2 These students face variety of academic, workforce and discrimination issues.
 - 3 Highlighted the need to have a position that targets these issues and can focus on boosting LGBTQ+ support.

9. Council Business

- a. Motion I: Motion to Reallocate the Research & Policy Commissioner
 - i Restructuring will allow efficient communication.
 - ii Moving the role is more conducive to department representative making policy changes in department.
 - iii Council expressed concern about the increased workload for VPA.
 - iv **Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Motion II: Motion to Rename the Vice-President Student Events Portfolio
 - i Allows a specific focus.
 - ii **Motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Motion III: Motion to Create a Vice-President Student Support Portfolio and moving Wellness Commissioner under this portfolio
 - i Student support should be one of the Science Students' Council main priorities and thus reflected in its team structure.
 - ii The current Vice-President Academic portfolio is not entirely representative of the role's responsibilities and priorities.
 - iii There is a sizeable population of international students in the Faculty of Science that would benefit from science-specific programming and advocacy, as well as more inclusion in leadership opportunities on the Science Students' Council that is meant to represent them;
 - 1 Amendment made by representative Jiang as highlighted in the appendix
 - a **Amendment passed unanimously.**
 - iv Council recommended striking out the STEM-OUT commissioner role and for the time being introduce the VP role with only two commissioners under the role.
 - 1 Amendment made by commissioner Marginean to strike out role of STEM-OUT commissioner.
 - a **Amendment passed unanimously**
 - 2 Vote on splitting motion
 - a Refer to appendix
 - i **Unanimous**
 - v Motion to table Motion III to February 24, 2020
 - 1 Motion failed
 - vi **Motion passed.**
- d. Motion IV: Motion to create an International Outreach Commissioner
 - i Will solidify goal set for VP Student Support portfolio
 - ii **Motion passed**

10. Executive Reports

- a. VP Events and Charity
 - i VP Sean updated council on past and future events.
- b. VP Communications
 - i Emphasized the graphics promo deadline
- c. VP Academics

- i Western Perspective Project has wrapped up
 - 1 Four themes
 - 2 Received great feedback
 - ii Healthcare summit
 - iii ITR Fair
 - iv BMSUE Committee Meeting
 - 1 Discussing ways to improve statistics skills.
- d. VP Finance
 - i Asked council to submit outstanding reimbursement forms.
- e. President
 - i Informed council of meeting schedules and upcoming events
 - ii Constitutional Review is underway
 - iii Transition reports are due February 28th

11. Senate Reports

- a. No updates

12. Commissioner Reports

- a. Current Editor-in-chief
 - i Will be putting out an article containing interviews of council members

13. USC Report

- a. Next USC meeting is a budget meeting
- b. VP debate will be held on February 24, 2020
 - i VP External
 - ii VP Student Affairs

14. For Discussion

15. New Business

16. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:21pm
 - i Asil/Lauren

Motions

Motion I: Motion to Reallocate the Research & Policy Commissioner

Whereas, the Research & Policy Commissioner currently reports to the President, who oversees and provides guidance to 13 other individuals on council;

Whereas, the Research & Policy Commissioner and Advocacy Commissioner work very closely and share committee members for advocacy efforts and both contribute to working group and roundtable meetings;

Whereas, the President can still continue serving as Vice-Chair of the Research & Policy Committee under this structural change;

Be it resolved that, the Research & Policy Commissioner be reallocated from the President's portfolio to the Vice-President Academic portfolio.

Be it further resolved that, the following changes be made to the Science Students' Council constitution.

Appendix II: Roles and Responsibilities

19. The President

- a. The President shall:
 - x. Oversee and provide guidance to:
 - 1. The Speaker of Council;
 - 2. The Internal Affairs Officer;
 - 3. The Secretary;
 - 4. The Orientation Commissioner;
 - 5. The USC Councillors;
 - 6. The Schulich Senator; **and**
 - 7. The Science Senators. ~~;~~ ~~and~~
 - 8. ~~The Research & Policy Commissioner.~~

20. The Vice-President Academic

- a. The Vice-President Academic shall:
 - i. Be a Member of:
 - i. The Research & Policy Committee, as a resource member; and
 - ii. The Student Support Committee, as co-chair.
 - j. Oversee and provide guidance to:
 - 1. The Department Representatives;
 - 2. The Research & Policy Commissioner;
 - 3. The Student Support Commissioner;
 - 4. The Advocacy Commissioner; and
 - 5. The First Year Representatives.

33. The Research & Policy Commissioner

- a. The Research & Policy Commissioner shall:
 - i. Be appointed by the Executive in accordance with Appendix I: Elections Policy;
 - ii. Be responsible for coordinating with the Advocacy Commissioner to identify issues in the faculty;
 - iii. Attend the monthly Department Representative Roundtables to take note of and contribute to **working group** discussions OR meet with the Advocacy Commissioner following Department Representative Roundtables to be briefed on **meetings ideas** ~~raised during the roundtable~~ and brainstorm potential solutions to any issues described during the roundtable **and working group meetings**;
 - iv. Be responsible for policy research, gathering information to develop official stances for the SSC to take on various student issues through the Research & Policy Committee;
 - v. Be a member of the Research & Policy Committee, as chair;
 - vi. Be under the direction of the **Vice-President Academic**, to communicate the outcomes of the Research & Policy Committee meetings;
 - vii. Submit a final report to the Internal Affairs Officer no later than February 28th.

55. Research & Policy Committee

- a. The Research & Policy Committee shall:
 - i. Be composed of:
 - 1. The Research & Policy Commissioner, as chair;
 - 2. The President, as vice-chair;
 - 3. The Vice-President Academic, as a resource member;
 - 4. The advocacy commissioner, as a resource member;
 - 5. As necessary, other members of the Science Student Body.

Motion II: Motion to Rename the Vice-President Student Events Portfolio

Whereas, both Events and Charity are in the Vice-President Student Events portfolio and the current branding may not encompass the long-term goals and cause-driven motivation for programming run by the Science Students' Council;

Be it resolved that, the Vice-President Student Events be renamed the Vice-President Programming.

Motion III: Motion to Create a Student Support Executive Portfolio

Whereas, the Science Students' Council should strive to represent all of its students, their multi-faceted identities, and different aspects of their wellness, and connect students to resources inclusive of their needs (academic, mental, emotional, etc);

Whereas, student support should be one of the Science Students' Council main priorities and thus reflected in its team structure;

Whereas, the current Vice-President Academic portfolio is not entirely representative of the role's responsibilities and priorities;

Whereas, there is a sizeable population of international students in the Faculty of Science that would benefit from science-specific programming and advocacy, as well as more inclusion in leadership opportunities on the Science Students' Council that is meant to represent them;

Whereas, there is a sizeable population of LGBTQ+ students in the Faculty of Science that would benefit from science-specific programming and advocacy, as well as more inclusion in leadership opportunities on the Science Students' Council that is meant to represent them;

Be it resolved that, the Science Students' Council have a new Executive member called the Vice-President Student Support;

Be it further resolved that, the current Student Support Commissioner be renamed the Wellness Commissioner and be reallocated from the Vice-President Academic portfolio to the Vice-President Student Support portfolio;

Be it further resolved that, a new position be created under the Vice-President Student Support's portfolio called the International Outreach Commissioner to serve international students;

Be it further resolved that, a new position be created under the Vice-President Student Support's portfolio called the STEM Out Commissioner to serve LGBTQ+ students and allies;

Be it further resolved that, the following changes be made to the Science Students' Council constitution.

Overview of Proposed Executive Restructuring

Role	President	VP Academic	VP Programming	VP Student Support	VP Finance	VP Communications
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic direction and vision - Council engagement - Campus relations - Undergraduate Teaching Equipment Fund - USC liaison - General advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science Career Services - Associate Dean, Academic - ITR Fair - Fall Preview Day + March Break Open House (though, all exec involved in this) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events-at-large - Department-specific events - Charity initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equity, diversity, and inclusion of various student groups - Wellness initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fiscal transactions and records - Budget - SSDAC - Stock, inventory, and cashbox - Student Group Grants - Sponsorships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of events - Branding (social media, merch) - Council bulletin boards
Portfolio Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaker - Internal Affairs Officer - Secretary - Orientation Commissioner - USC Councillors - Senators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research & Policy Commissioner - Advocacy Commissioner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events Commissioners - Charity Commissioners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wellness Commissioner (previously Student Support Commissioner) - International Outreach Commissioner - STEM Out Commissioner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Services Commissioner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internet Commissioner - Current Editor-in-Chief - Communications Commissioner-at-Large - Director of Videography - Director of Photography
Hiring Model	Elected at-large	Elected internally within council	Elected internally within council	Elected internally within council	Elected internally within council	Elected internally within council

Core Constitution

1. Membership

- e. The Voting Membership of Council shall be:
 - i. The President;
 - ii. The Vice-Presidents of: Academic, Communications, Finance, **Programming, and Student Support** ~~Student Events~~.
- f. The Non-Voting Membership of Council shall be:
 - i. The Speaker of Council;
 - ii. **Eighteen (18)** ~~Sixteen (16)~~ Commissioners:
 - 1. The Internal Affairs Officer;
 - 2. The Secretary;
 - 3. Two (2) Charity Commissioners;
 - 4. The Internet Commissioner;
 - 5. The Student Services Commissioner;
 - 6. The Orientation Commissioner;
 - 7. The Editor-in-Chief of The Current;
 - 8. Two (2) Student Events Commissioners At-Large;
 - 9. The **Wellness** ~~Student Support~~ Commissioner;
 - 10. The Research & Policy Commissioner;
 - 11. The Communications Commissioner At-Large;
 - 12. The Director of Videography;
 - 13. The Director of Photography; and
 - 14. The Advocacy Commissioner;
 - 15. The International Outreach Commissioner; and**
 - 16. The STEM Out Commissioner.**

Appendix II: Roles and Responsibilities

18. The Executive

- a. The Executive shall:
 - i. Be composed of:
 - 1. The President, as chair;
 - 2. The Vice-Presidents of: Academic, Communications, Finance, **Programming, and Student Support** ~~Student Events~~.

20. The Vice-President Academic

- b. The Vice-President Academic shall:
 - i. Be a Member of:
 - i. The Research & Policy Committee, as a resource member.**
 - ~~ii. The Student Support Committee, as co-chair.~~
 - j. Oversee and provide guidance to:
 - 6. The Department Representatives;

- 7. The Research & Policy Commissioner;
- ~~8. The Student Support Commissioner;~~
- 9. The Advocacy Commissioner; and
- 10. The First Year Representatives.

24. The Vice-President Student Support

- a. The Vice-President Student Support shall:
 - i. Be elected in accordance with Appendix I: Elections Policy;
 - ii. Be responsible for promoting the wellness, inclusion, and representation of science students in the Science Students' Council's programming and advocacy objectives;
 - iii. Act as a liaison between Council and:
 - 1. The USC VP Student Support and Programming for student support needs, particularly the Peer Programs portfolio;
 - 2. The USC VP University Affairs for issues pertaining to equity;
 - 3. USC-ratified clubs for collaborations emphasizing wellness, inclusivity, ethnocultural support, accessibility, gender diversity, and more;
 - 4. Campus services such as the Wellness Education Centre; and
 - 5. Administration such as the Assistant Dean, International and the Associate Dean, Academic.
 - iv. Work with the VP Programming for event-based initiatives;
 - v. Work with the VP Academic portfolio for advocacy-based initiatives;
 - vi. Organize, in conjunction with other commissioners, VPs, USC individuals or groups, or relevant campus services, at-large initiatives that promote student wellness, representation, and inclusivity;
 - vii. Be a Member of:
 - 1. The Student Support Committee, as chair; and
 - 2. The Wellness Committee, as co-chair.
 - viii. Oversee and provide guidance to:
 - 1. The Wellness Commissioner;
 - 2. The International Outreach Commissioner; and
 - 3. The STEM Out Commissioner.
 - ix. Attend either Fall Preview Day or March Break Open House run by the Faculty of Science.

36. ~~Wellness Student Support~~ Commissioner

- a. The ~~Wellness Student Support~~ Commissioner shall:
 - a. Be appointed by the Executive in accordance with Appendix I: Elections Policy;
 - b. Work with the Vice-President ~~Student Support Academic~~ to promote the academics, education and self-improvement of science students;

43. International Outreach Commissioner

- a. The International Outreach Commissioner shall:
 - a. Be appointed by the Executive in accordance with Appendix I: Elections Policy;

- b. Work with the Vice-President Student Support to provide programming specific to international and exchange students and connect with students to inform advocacy efforts;
- c. Be responsible for overseeing the design, advertisement and implementation of various initiatives, events, and advocacy efforts to promote an inclusive community for international and exchange students within the Faculty of Science;
- d. Liaise with Western International, the USC International Student Support Coordinator, and other relevant services to achieve the aforementioned goals;
- e. Attend either Fall Preview Day or March Break Open House run by the Faculty of Science; and
- f. Submit a final report to the Internal Affairs Officer no later than February 28th.

44. STEM Out Commissioner

- a. The STEM Out Commissioner shall:
 - a. Be appointed by the Executive in accordance with Appendix I: Elections Policy;
 - b. Work with the Vice-President Student Support to provide programming for LGBTQ+ students and allies and connect with students to inform advocacy efforts;
 - c. Be responsible for overseeing the design, advertisement and implementation of various initiatives, events, and advocacy efforts to promote an inclusive community for LGBTQ+ within the Faculty of Science;
 - d. Liaise with various USC bodies such as PrideWestern, as well as other faculty pride groups, to achieve the aforementioned goals;
 - e. Attend either Fall Preview Day or March Break Open House run by the Faculty of Science; and
 - f. Submit a final report to the Internal Affairs Officer no later than February 28th.

49. ~~Wellness Student Support~~ Committee

- a. The ~~Wellness Student Support~~ Committee shall:
 - i. Be composed of:
 - 1. The ~~Wellness Student Support~~ Commissioner, as ~~vice~~-chair;
 - 2. The Vice-President ~~Student Support Academic~~, as ~~co~~-chair;
 - 3. The President, *ex-officio*; and
 - 4. As necessary, other members of the Science Student Body.
 - ii. Work to ensure that Council organizes strong ~~academic events~~ and implements new ideas and initiatives that promote wellness and academic success, and participates in university-wide activities. ~~;~~ and actively creates and implement new ideas and initiatives to promote academic issues in the Faculty of Science.

60. International Outreach Committee

- a. The International Outreach Committee shall:
 - i. Be composed of:
 - 1. The International Outreach Commissioner, as chair;
 - 2. The Vice-President Student Support, as a resource member;
 - 3. The President, *ex-officio*; and
 - 4. As necessary, other members of the Science Student Body.

- ii. Work to ensure that Council is cognizant of international and exchange students' needs, perspectives, and inclusion in programming and advocacy; and
- iii. Organize events relating but not limited to academic issues and social wellness, participate in university-wide activities, and actively create and implement new ideas and initiatives.

61. STEM Out Committee

- a. The STEM Out Committee shall:
 - i. Be composed of:
 - 1. The STEM Out Commissioner, as chair;
 - 2. The Vice-President Student Support, as a resource member;
 - 3. The President, *ex-officio*; and
 - 4. As necessary, other members of the Science Student Body.
 - ii. Work to ensure that Council is cognizant of LGBTQ+ students' needs, perspectives, and inclusion in programming and advocacy; and
 - iii. Organize events relating but not limited to academic issues and social wellness, participate in university-wide activities, and actively create and implement new ideas and initiatives.

Appendix I

SSC Meeting

January 27th, 2019– 6:30PM

Location: UCC 41



1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of the Agenda JOSEPH/Adam
4. Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I) JOSEPH/Adam
5. Western Song
6. Land Recognition
7. Governance Announcements
8. Member's Announcements
 - Starting WISc Club
 - First year trivia event at the Spoke
9. Executive Reports
10. Senate Reports
11. Commissioner Reports
12. USC Report
13. Council Business
 - a. SSC Presidential Candidate Debate
 - b. USC Councillor Candidate Q&A
 - c. ~~Senator Candidate Q&A~~
 - d. USC Presidential Candidate Presentations
14. For Discussion
15. New Business
16. Adjournment LEE/Alisha