

SSC Meeting

March 2nd, 2020– 6:30PM

Location: UCC 41



1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order by Kennedy at 6:35pm

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)

5. Western Song

6. Land Recognition

7. Governance Announcements

- a. Transition reports are due at midnight

8. Council Business

a. Motion 1: Motion to Create an Environmental Commissioner Role

- i To tackle the increasing environmental issues faced on campus VP Huggins and Commissioner Goldrick proposed the creation of an Environmental Commissioner role.
- ii Need advocacy for sustainability, waste and food options.
- iii Need for someone to communicate with administration about the science sustainability issues.
- iv Motion passed unanimously

b. Motion 2: Executive Honoraria Allocation Committee Election

- i Passed unanimously

[REDACTED] (redacted) were selected for the committee. Positions were acclaimed.

c. Motion 3: Vice President Elections (Student Support, Finance, Communications, Programming, Academic)

- i Passed unanimously
- ii Candidates for VP Student Support, Finance, Communications, Programming and Academic were given 5 minutes for presentation, 2 minutes for specific questions and debate period.

9. Executive Reports

a. VP Events and Charity

- i AsapScience is being held on March 26th. VP Huggins encouraged council to promote this event in every way possible.
- ii No physical tickets will be sold.
- iii For the event, students will be asked to submit videos to be judged by AsapScience. The top videos will be given awards.

b. President

- i Science Council is collaborating with the Food Support Services to organize a Faculty Food Drive.

- 1 Every student who donates is entered to win a prize.
 - ii Demerit points and department representatives who have not held events will be contacted by President Barroso over the next few days.
- c. VP Academic
 - i March Break Open House sign-up sheet will be going up soon.
 - ii Peers Perspective Panel will be held during the open house. Council is encouraged to sign up.

10. Senate Reports

- a. Senate hopes to start a petition to include exam dates during course registration.

11. Commissioner Reports

- a. **Current Commissioner**
 - i The Current and Communications committee are collaborating to produce Google Autocomplete videos with science professors.

12. USC Report

13. Results

- a. **Council congratulated the following candidates:**
 - i Rishika for VP Academic
 - ii Lahari for VP Communications
 - iii Nzaar for VP Finance
 - iv Erin for VP Programming
 - v Maya for VP Student Support

14. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned by Kennedy at 9:31pm
 - i Artika/Lauren

Motions

Motion I: Motion to Create an Environmental Commissioner Role

Whereas, the Science Students' council strives to better represent the environmental concerns of its students, and foster an environmental consciousness within the Science Faculty;

Whereas, environmental concerns and impacts should be a main priority of Science Students' Council that is not reflected in the constitution;

Whereas, there is a significant benefit to the Science Students' Council student population to have environmental representation within the Science Students' Council;

Be it resolved that, the Science Students' Council have a new Commissioner position called the Environmental Commissioner to represent environmental concerns of science students;

Be it further resolved that, the Environmental Commissioner role be provided oversight and guidance under the portfolio of the Vice-President Programming;

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

GOLDRICK/Huggins

1. Membership

ii. **Seventeen (17)** 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 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 Environmental Commissioner**

23. The Vice-President Programming

ii. Oversee and provide guidance to:

1. The Student Events Commissioners At-Large;

2. The Charity Commissioners;

3. The Environmental Commissioner;

4 3 . All council members who wish to run an SSC supported Event.

45. The Environmental Commissioner

1. The Environmental Commissioner shall:

1.1. Be appointed by the Executive in accordance with Appendix I: Elections Policy;

1.2. Be responsible for overseeing the design and implementation of environmental initiatives and or events in the western science community;

1.3. Sit on the events committee and consult with department representatives to act as an environmental consultant during event design and planning;

1.4. Work in cooperation with other western university organizations to support campus wide environmental initiatives.

1.5. Attend either Fall Preview Day or March Break Open house run by the Faculty of Science;

1.6. Submit a final report to the Internal Affairs Officer no later than February 28th.

52. Student Events Committee

a. The Student Events Committee shall:

i. Be composed of:

1. The Vice-President Student Events, as chair;

2. The Student Events Commissioner At-Large, as vice-chair;

3. The President, ex-officio; and

4. The Environmental Commissioner, as a resource member;

5 4 . As necessary, other members of the Science Student Body.

Motion 2: Executive Honoraria Committee Election

Let it be resolved, that council elect five (5) current voting members of council for the Executive Honoraria Committee of 2019-2020.

JOSEPH/Shukla

Motion 3: Vice President Elections (Student Support, Finance, Communications, Programming, Academic)

Let it be resolved, that council elect the 2020-2021 Vice President Student Support, Finance, Communications, Programming, and Academic.

SHUKLA/Joseph

Appendix I

SSC Meeting
February 24th, 2020– 6:30PM
Location: UCC 41



1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order by Kennedy at 6:34pm
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a. Artika/Angheliki
4. **Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)**
5. **Western Song**
6. **Land Recognition**
7. **Governance Announcements**
 - a. Demerit points: will be updated next meeting.
 - b. Council was advised to submit their transition reports as soon as possible.
8. **Member's Announcements**
 - a. Research and Policy Committee Presentation- Vaishnavi
 - i. Integrate student advocacy as a foundational pillar.
 - ii. Aim to provide some guiding principles
 1. Publish one policy and/or report per academic year.
 2. Release general SSC survey bi-annually.
 3. Increase consultation.
 - iii. The Research and Policy Committee recommends developing a research library.
 - iv. It is also recommended that the SSC should release an annual advocacy report.
 - v. VP advocacy position was proposed along with the creation of an advocacy steering committee.
 - vi. Potential topics of exploration
 1. International students.
 2. Work and internship.
 3. Indigenous student support.
 4. Sexual and Gender violence.
9. **Council Business**
 - a. Motion I: Motion to Create an Advocacy Steering Committee
 - i. This motion hopes to provide structure to the advocacy portfolio.
 - ii. The steering committee will have a greater discretion in controlling the roles of various positions.
 - iii. Friendly amendment to Motion I: Include the newly introduced Vice President Student Support on the Advocacy Steering Committee.
 1. VP Jeremiah recommended the advocacy commissioner serve as the co-chair rather than the VP Academic
 - a. Commissioner Teodora clarified that the roles of co-chair and chair are merely symbolic, and the VP academic has more connections with the faculty.

- iv Motion passed unanimously
- b. Motion II: Motion to Mandate in the Constitution a General Science Student Survey to be Released Bi-Annually
 - i Nagee/Goldrick
 - ii The survey questions will vary based on relevant issues of the academic year.
 - iii Consistency of questions and unintentional response bias should be considered in the survey response.
 - iv Council expressed concern over the delay in releasing the survey.
 - 1 The research and policy committee responded that the delay over the past few years has been due to time taken in construction of the survey and time taken in getting approval by faculty deans.
 - v Commissioner Marginean recommended a collaboration with the communication committee to ensure the data collected is then also disseminated properly.
 - vi Friendly amendment to Motion II: include "sharing analysis of the survey with the advocacy steering committee" under the roles of the Research and policy committee
 - vii Debate
 - 1 Commissioner Marginean spoke against the motion advising that it be revised in light of the knowledge gained from releasing an initial survey.
 - viii Motion failed.
- c. Motion III: Motion to Mandate in the Constitution that One Policy Paper or Report Must be Released Annually
 - i Nagee/Hussain
 - ii This motion promotes accountability for the research and policy committee.
 - iii By putting a hard deadline, the committee will be mandated to consistently produce reports.
 - iv The motion hopes to increase transparency of goals within the science student body and increase student involvement.
 - v Commissioner Marginean supported the motion with the suggestion to include specific goals and objectives in the future.
 - vi Motion passed.

10. Executive Reports

- a. VP Events and Charity
 - i VP Huggins debriefed council on events held over the last couple of weeks.
 - 1 Crush for a Cause
 - 2 R Workshop
 - 3 Marble Slab for Charity
 - 4 Game Arcade
- b. VP Academic
 - i Conversations with the BMSUE have led to proposed restructuring of first year physics.

- 1 The new required physics courses for medical sciences will include a calculus aspect.
 - 2 The algebra-based physics will be restricted to health science and biology students.
- ii Current influx of medical science students to the algebra-based physics have led to an increased difficulty of the course and challenges for health sciences students.
- iii Council had the option to express concerns and opinions about the proposed changes.
 - 1 Council is concerned about the need to mandate physics for medical sciences in the first place.
- c. VP Communications
 - i VP Jeremiah [reminded council about mandatory open office hours.](#)
- d. Internal Affairs Officer
 - i Transition reports are due on March 2nd, 2020.
11. **Senate Reports**
 - a. No updates
12. **Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Advocacy Commissioner
 - i MOU meetings with departmental clubs will be held this weekend.
 - b. Internet Commissioner
 - i Website has been updated with committee photos.
13. **USC Report**
 - a. USC budget has been finalized
 - b. VP Internal and External campaigns have started
14. **For Discussion**
 - a. No new discussion
15. **New Business**
 - a. No new business
16. **Adjournment**
 - a. Marginean/Rodrigues