

SSC Meeting

November 9th, 2019– 6:30PM

Location: UCC 41



1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order by Shanika at 6:36pm
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. Done through iClicker
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a. Max/Artika
4. **Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)**
 - a. Jermiah/Caroline
5. **Western Song**
6. **Land Recognition**
7. **Governance Announcements**
 - a. Senators now have voting rights
 - i Will now be required to have office hours
 - b. Council will be doing Secret Santa
 - i If members do not wish to be part of this, they are asked to communicate with the Governance team
8. **Member's Announcements**
 - a. No announcements
9. **Council Business**
 - a. Motion 1: Changes to the Honoraria and Award Policy and Committees (Appendix II, III, IV)
 - i Victoria/Dhruv
 - 1 Appeal process is now added into the rubric
 - 2 Council 'honoraria' is now changed into council 'award'
 - 3 Applications will not be accepted
 - a Execs will deliberate each exec on council
 - 4 Rubric will justify the process of why the award was given
 - 5 Considerations for council are included as a separate document
 - ii Debate
 - 1 Huge improvement since the past
 - 2 Lays out the expectations exactly in the document.
 - a Max.Jermiah
 - b **Unanimous in favor**
10. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **Communications**
 - i No updates
 - b. **President**
 - i SSDAC applications have been submitted

- ii Case competition is in the process of structuring and development
 - iii Noise and cleanliness issue
 - 1 Natural Sciences Building is under-staffed
 - 2 Encourage students to email Crystal Mills with complaints pertinent to these issues
 - 3 Staff can intervene for noise complaints
 - iv President roundtable this week
 - v Finalizing advocacy survey
 - vi Second semester meeting times being finalized
 - vii Experiential learning consultations with administration
 - viii Transition reports
- c. **Events**
- i SCI-Mural happened on October 28
 - 1 Many department clubs participated and created art for their department.
 - ii Stats/ActSci/FinMod/DataSci Mentorship program ran on October 30
 - 1 75+ attendees
 - iii Hallo-Wellness
 - 1 Photo booth well attended
 - 2 Email list for charity events (such as Boys and Girls Club) will allow more outreach and increase attendance
 - iv Mercury Transit
 - 1 November 11
 - 2 Joint event between SSC, RASC, Institute for Earth and Space Exploration
 - v Conversation with Dr. Ronald Cohn
 - 1 November 15 – Requires sign up
 - 2 80 participants
 - vi Field trip to BioTron and AFAR
 - vii Next events rountable – November 20
 - viii Charity spotlight
 - 1 S.A.L.T – Saving Animals Lives Together – getting many more sign-ups
- d. **Finance**
- i VP Devanshi presented the 2019-2020 budget to council
 - 1 Lockers are no longer a source of income
 - 2 Received a 15000\$ donation from the Faculty of Science
- e. **VP Academic**
- i Fall preview day
 - 1 Council members are required to attend fall preview day
 - 2 Roles
 - a Peer perspectives panel
 - i Parents can ask you questions and council is encouraged to meet as many students as possible
 - b Greet families outside of main buildings

- c 9am to 3pm
 - d Encourages students to be a 'science ambassador' rather than within your department only
- 3 Department Representative roundtable
 - a Topics
 - i Experiential learning in science
 - ii Inconsistency of exams in science – different makeups than original
 - iii Improving student experience for international students
 - b Members of the RPC committee will work with each group to produce policy papers
- 4 Memorandums of Understanding
 - a Expectations of relationships between department representatives and SSC to be put into writing
 - b Standards for verifying/supporting upcoming department clubs
- 5 Student Support Committee
 - a Midterm care packages
 - b HalloWellness
 - c Art Therapy Event
 - d DIY stress ball event
 - e **New position:** Internal affairs
- 6 BMSUE committee meeting
 - a Looking to make a core course with combined objectives for thesis students
 - b Physics looking to revise first year course
 - c Most students are weak in stats – discussed where to address this gap
 - d Self-reporting
 - i Cohesive effort in informing both students and faculty

11. Senate Reports

- a. No reports

12. Commissioner Reports

- a. Communications
 - i Encourages council to attend events
 - ii Hype team focuses on increasing outreach and promotions
- b. Charity
 - i Encouraged students to reach out to clubs that have a philanthropic mission to contact charity team for partnership
- c. Advocacy
 - i Further elaborated on the Dep Rep round table expectations
 - ii Encouraged council to brainstorm ideas for the memorandum of understanding

13. USC Report

- a. Motion discussed to not allow voting members to act as proxy hence giving them two votes.
 - i Encourages student at large to participate
- b. Anti-racism and anti-oppression strategy
 - i USC calls upon Western University to create a investigative policy
- c. Sustainability
 - i Working group under Cecilia
- d. Menstrual Project
 - i USC will be continuing the project to provide free menstrual products on campus.

14. For Discussion

- a. Encouraged students to attend Elizabeth Laird Memorial Lecture

15. New Business

- a. No new business

16. Adjournment

- a. Vak/Ethan
- b. Motion adjourned at 8:08pm