

## **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 27<sup>th</sup>)
- 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)**

- Motion 1: Change the Wording From HBA2 to HBA1 in Constitution
  - Debate period:
    - Artika: Instead of HBA1, use dual degree maybe?
  - Motion passed unanimously
- 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
- 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**

- Make sure to fill out regret forms
- 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**

- 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 I:

### SSC Meeting

November 12th, 2020– 7:00PM

Location: Zoom University



- 1) Call to Order
  - a) Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
- 2) Land Recognition
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Adoption of the Agenda
  - a) Mahakur/Bahar
- 5) Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)
  - a) Mahakur/Biswurm
- 6) Western Song
- 7) Presentations to Council
- 8) Executive Reports
  - a) VP Finance
    - i) SSDAC report was not put up last year because they did not have the resources to
      - (1) This year the committee will be publishing it by the end of first semester
    - ii) Western SSC store is now up on [westernssc.ca](http://westernssc.ca)
    - iii) SSG will be opening in a few days
      - (1) Dep reps cannot directly apply for the grants
  - b) VP Programming
    - i) Mentorship programming
      - (1) Many mentors!
    - ii) Event feedback form is up
      - (1) Fill it out after your event has been done, and write about your thoughts of the event
    - iii) ChemTok
      - (1) Still need judges! Message Cailyn McKay if you are interested!
    - iv) Prep your path event
      - (1) Keynote speakers will speak about their careers and how you can use your degree
  - c) VP Communication
    - i) Sweaters and pictures currently a work in progress! They will be sent out in batches
  - d) VP Academic
    - i) Fall preview day is this weekend
    - ii) Will be running an event regarding academic dishonesty with the deans
    - iii) Sub committees are working on proctortrack and online learning

- e) President
  - i) Teo Marginean has been elected to the student refugee fund
  - ii) Advocacy standing committee meeting is happening tonight
  - iii) Executive and general member committee elections will happen next meeting
- 9) Council Business
- 10) Governance Announcements
- 11) Member's Announcements
  - a) Active minds wants to do a survey about mental health with us! Contact shanika!
- 12) Department Representative Reports
  - a) Second year rep
    - i) If you are in a BMSUE please fill out the form
  - b) Environment dep rep
    - i) If you have any environment related groups, please contribute to the info session!
- 13) Senate Reports
  - a) Working on how to get more time in first semester to switch a course
    - i) There is a survey on western student senators page to fill it out
- 14) USC Report
  - a) Elected anti oppression working group
    - i) Kennedy was elected as chair!
  - b) Environmental working group has been formed too
  - c) USC has been involved with OUSA initiatives
- 15) Commissioner Reports
  - a) Charity commissioner
    - i) Self care lets share event
      - (1) Share how you have been keeping up with self care
  - b) Wellness committee
    - i) Wellness Wednesday is starting!
    - ii) Perspective project is happening every wednesday
- 16) For Discussion
- 17) New Business
- 18) Adjournment
  - a) Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm
    - i) Mahakur/Bahar

## Appendix II:

**Motion 1:**

**Motion to Change the Wording from HBA2 to HBA1 in the Constitution**

Whereas, the current version of the constitution refers to students currently enrolled in the first year of their Honours Business Administration program at the Ivey School of Business who were enrolled in the UWO Faculty of Science or Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry in the previous academic year as 'HBA2/Science Students';

Whereas, this is incorrect terminology as students in their first year of the Ivey program is referred to as HBA1

Be it resolved that all occurrences of 'HBA2' be changed to 'HBA1'

PAHARGARH/THOMLINSON

Preamble Interpretation

"~~HBA2~~/ HBA1/ Science Students" means students currently enrolled in the first year of an Honours Business Administration program at the Ivey school of business, who were enrolled in the UWO Faculty of Science or Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry in the previous academic year.

13. Vice president

~~HBA2~~/ HBA1/ Science students are not eligible to run as Vice-Presidential candidates;

17. Commissioner

Any student in the Science Student Body or ~~HBA2~~/ HBA1 Science is eligible to apply for a Commissioner position so long as they remain an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Science or Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry or Richard Ivey School of Business for the duration of their term

**Motion 2:****Motion to Clarify who can be a Member of SSC**

Whereas, the current version of the constitution allows for only science students (Science Faculty or Schulich Faculty) to be a member of the SSC;

Whereas, it is imperative to consider students from other faculties that can hold roles on SSC such as Senator-at-Large or Science Senator (as long as they are elected correctly under the Senate constitution),

Be it resolved that we clarify this in the constitution stating that externally elected positions should be in accordance with their respective constitution.

PAHARGARH/THOMLINSON

**1. Membership**

All Members of Council elected internally must be members of the Science Student Body (Dep Reps, First Year Reps). Externally elected positions on USC and Senate must be in accordance with their respective constitution.

**Motion 3:****Motion to allow Dual Degree candidates to run for SSC positions**

Whereas, the current version of the constitution doesn't allow for HBA1 students to run for VP positions;

Whereas, it is important to note that HBA1s can be part of the Science Faculty in their next year during the holding of their position if they dual degree;

Be it resolved that SSC will allow HBA1 students to run for elected positions as long as they are part of the Science Faculty during their tenure

PAHARGARH/THOMLINSON

**13. Vice president**

~~HBA2/~~ HBA1/ Science students are ~~not~~ eligible to run as Vice-Presidential candidates as long as they are a dual degree candidate and are part of the Science Faculty during their tenure