

SSC Meeting

October 22nd, 2012– 7:00PM

Location: Zoom University



- 1) **Call to Order**
 - a) Meeting called to order at 7:05 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**
 - a) Responsibilities of the Director of First Year Initiatives
 - i) Training first year representatives and meeting biweekly
 - ii) Helping first year with their initiatives
- 8) **Executive Reports**
 - a) **VP Academic**
 - i) Talked to Dr. Young about proctortrack, going to have another meeting
 - ii) Talked about fall preview day, going to look different, will let us know in the couple weeks
 - iii) Connected with other faculty members, going to take part in a BMSUE meeting
 - iv) Talked to VPUA from the USC and talked about COVID-19 relief
 - (1) \$600k will be provided, \$300k is going towards students
 - (2) Working with different groups to address racism on campus
 - (3) Releasing a survey soon to gauge how students are feeling for this online year
 - v) Research and policy committee has been hired
 - (1) First meeting tomorrow
 - vi) Planning an academic dishonesty event for students
 - vii) Planning to have a dep rep advocacy roundtable
 - b) **VP communications**
 - i) We are almost all trained for office hours!
 - ii) For promo request form, if its an event or zoom event, just check off one of them
 - iii) Will report and initiatives
 - iv) Sweaters are due October 25th
 - c) **VP Student Support**
 - i) Committees are finalized
 - ii) EDI training is due November 8th
 - iii) Virtual science portfolio workshop coming up
 - d) **VP Programming**
 - i) Events proposal form is up

- (1) It is a tentative plan of what your event is
 - ii) Self marketing event was a success
- e) **VP Finance**
 - i) Students service committee finalized
- f) **President**
 - i) New deputy speaker hired
 - ii) Attended USC presidents' roundtable
 - (1) Talked about libraries and how things are being quarantined before lended out
 - (2) Proctortrack
 - (3) UofT having an open house for medical biophysics on November 7th
 - (a) Message Teo if you are interested
 - (4) Upcoming event from USC
 - (a) Submit your stories for a chance to win prizes
 - (5)
- 9) **Governance Announcements**
 - a) Office hours sign up form will be sent out
- 10) **Member's Announcements**
- 11) **Council Business**
 - a) Motion 1: Motion to Create Constitutional Responsibilities for the Director of First Year Initiatives (**Appendix II**)
 - i) Motion passed unanimously
 - b) Director of First Year Initiatives Election
 - i) Ethan Biswurm was elected unanimously
- 12) **Executive Reports**
 - a) **Chemistry dept rep**
 - i) Needs people to watch tiktoks for an event and rank your favourites
- 13) **Senate Reports**
- 14) **USC Report**
 - a) USC is working on initiatives that can prevent racism in varsity teams
- 15) **Commissioner Reports**
 - i) **Environment commissioner**
 - (1) Climate crisis coalition
 - (a) Collection of student groups on campus to create 3 point motion to help western meet it's sustainability targets
 - (b) Many student groups signed onto this initiative
- 16) **For Discussion**
- 17) **New Business**
- 18) **Adjournment**
 - a) Biswurm/Mahakur
 - b) Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

Appendix I:

SSC Meeting

October 8th, 2020– 7:00PM

Location: Zoom University



1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
2. **Land Recognition**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a. Mahakur/Barkhouse
5. **Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)**
 - a. Mahakur/Barkhouse
6. **Western Song**
7. **Presentations to Council**
 - a. No presentations to the council
8. **Council Business**
 - a) Motion 1: Motion to Hire a Director of First Year Initiatives (Appendix II)
 - a. Beneficial for somebody who is responsible and their skillset can support the first year representatives
 - b. It would be like a commissioner position who has event planner experience and can help with initiatives online/in person
 - c. They would be apart of the Governance portfolio
 - d. Individual would be a crucial liaison with the residences and they would guide the first year representatives in networking
 - e. Would regularly meet with first year representatives to discuss initiatives and progress
 - b) Question period
 - a. Shanika to Teo: How would this be different from an events commissioner?

- i. Teo to Shanika: This would be different from an events commissioner because then they would act as a liaison for the first year representatives and their residences
 - b. Kenisha to Teo: Would this position be supporting the first year representatives or act as a director
 - i. Teo to Kenisha: They would act as both, and they would help the first year representatives in networking and coming up with initiatives
- c) Debate period
 - a. Ethan (Amending to the motion): Considering, lateness into the year this position be elected internally, moving to an external hiring process effective in the 2021-2022 year. Having this position is valuable to council as a whole and could be considered that we externally hire in the future.
 - i. Friendly amendment
 - ii. No questions to the amendment
 - iii. Amendment passed
- d) Motion passed

9. **Executive Reports**

a. **VP Finance**

- i Today we got approval for the student group grants from the dean

b. **VP Student Support**

- i EDI modules are up
- ii All council members must have it done by November 1st
- iii Western perspective project will now be year long and not just the month of January
 - 1 If you guys have a story to share on how COVID-19 affected you, please submit it in to the form that will come out
- iv Share the mentee app with any international students you know
- v There will be a resume/linkedin workshop for international students

c. **VP Communications**

- i We got all your photos!
- ii Senators and dep reps please make your tawk.to account!
- iii Deputy speaker applications come out tomorrow
- iv Committee applications closed last Friday and the offers are coming out
- v You must put in your purchase order by October 23rd

d. **VP Programming**

- i We are going to have our networking event coming out on October 19th

e. **VP Academic**

- i Working with advocacy commissioner
- ii Going to talk with the deans

f. **President**

- i Hiring a deputy speaker under president portfolio
- ii We are allowed to run in person events with certain restrictions
- iii Talked to the dean about proctortrack
 - 1 They are meeting often to talk about it, did not sound like there is much that we could do

- 2 Coming up with a survey to give them numbers about our concerns regarding proctortrack

10. Commissioner Reports

- a. No commissioner reports

11. Department Representative Reports

a. First year reps

- i Many students in general do not know much about proctortrack
- 1 They would appreciate alternatives and they are concerned about proctortrack

12. USC Report

- a. USC passed motions to make an anti-oppression working group and environmental sustainability working group
 - i Working on the USC's internal policy
- b. Testing guidelines for COVID is restricted to people who have symptoms, taking it due to travel reasons, have been recently exposed potentially, or if a physician has referred you to get it
- c. Flu shot is available

13. Senate Reports

- a. Thanks for all the feedback

14. Governance Announcements

- a. Get people to apply to deputy speaker role!

15. Members' Announcements

- a. No members' announcements

16. For Discussion

17. New Business

- a. No new business

18. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm
- b. Mahakur/Lee

Appendix II:

Motion I: Motion to Create Constitutional Responsibilities for the Director of First Year Initiatives Position

Whereas, Council recently voted to pass a list of constitutional responsibilities for the new Director of First Year Initiatives Position;

Let it be resolved that, the following responsibilities be added to the Science Students' Council constitution.

MARGINEAN/Biswurm

- a. The Director of First Year Initiatives shall:
 - i. Be appointed by the Executive in accordance with Appendix I: Elections Policy;
 - ii. Be responsible for training first year representatives for council and meeting bi-weekly on non-general-meeting weeks;
 - iii. Be responsible for helping first year representatives plan initiatives throughout the year and guide their progress;
 - iv. Introduce first-year representatives to the governance structure and committee structure of council;
 - v. Be under the direction of the Vice-President Academic, and liaise with the Vice-President Programming, Vice-President Student Support, Assistant Dean - First Year Studies, Residence Council Presidents, and the Orientation Program;
 - vi. Attend either Fall Preview Day or March Break Open House run by the Faculty of Science; and
 - vii. Submit a final report to the President no later than February 28th.