

SSC Meeting Minutes: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
UCC Room 41 – 6:30 p.m.



**Absent:** Peter Denezis, Max Jiang, Daniel Oltaneau, Riley Young, Kevin Zhang

Motion to call to order by Frank, seconded by Bahar

Motion to approve the agenda by Victoria, seconded by Frank: Motion carries.

Motion to ratify the minutes by Victoria, seconded by Max: Motion carries.

Motion to amend Frank's quote from last week's minutes to "Society of Mature Students: Motion carries.

**1. Governance Announcements**

- a) Don't leave the council office unattended and show up on time for your office hours. Keep the office clean, do not leave garbage or muddy shoes around.
- b) Submitting proxies is going to be much more formal beginning next week. Karnig will put an announcement out. You will be able to submit your regrets and proxies on OWL. Please remember to use your proxy's UWO username.
- c) Demerit points will be distributed on OWL.
- d) Constitutional review will be this year, a whole bunch of changes will be made. Most importantly, the governance committee will be working with Frank to do Dep Rep reform. There will be a lot of consultations with council, and all decisions will be made with input from those who want to help.

**2. Member Announcements**

**a) Amar Venga – Math/Applied Math Rep**

- The SSDAC should be instituted as a fee, not a donation. If it is important it should not be an opt-out.
- Ayma: SSDAC is not entirely used, which is why it is a donation fee. It is not supposed to cover things that tuition is supposed to cover.
- Victoria B: It is also on an application basis as well, not every department will get money every single year. It depends on which professors submit these applications; we cannot force students to pay for something that may not go directly towards them.

**3. Presentations to Council**

- No presentations to council

**4. Western Song**

**5. Land Recognition**

**6. Council Business**

- Motion for a two-minute recess by Frank. Seconded by Alex. Motion passes.
- Council called back from recess at 6:59 p.m.

**a) Motion 1: Motion to Elect Upper Year Biology Representative**

- Motion brought forth by Frank. Seconded by Ayma.
  - o Motion is purely procedural and needs to be done so council can move forwards.
  - o Frank: I'd like to amend to BIRT clause: "immediately ratified following the election of the micro-immunology representative". Seconded by Victoria B.
  - o All in favour of moving the Q&A period for the motion. Motion Carries.
  - o Call to order. Motion for the amendment. Amendment is adopted.
  - o Call motion to question. Motion passes.

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**b) Motion 2: Motion to Elect Biochemistry/Micro-immunology Representative**

- Motion is purely procedural and needs to be done so council can move forwards.
- Frank: I'd like to amend to BIRT clause: "immediately ratified after upper year biology election". Seconded by Victoria B.
- All in favour of moving the Q&A period for the motion. Motion Carries.
- Call to order. Motion for the amendment. Amendment is adopted.
- Seth: Why are we grouping Microimmunology and Biochemistry?
- Frank: It's in the constitution and we cannot change it until the review.
- Call motion to question. Motion passes.

**7. Executive Reports**

**a) Vice-President Academic**

- Montana: Things we've completed: Faculty Day
  - First Years were well-informed about committees and the opportunities and functions that council provides them
  - There are a lot of students signed up for committees
- Department representative event forms are live
- I <3 Sci Day is tomorrow
  - Department clubs are not USC ratified, so this is there club fair
- Science Declassified Fair
  - Next Thursday, point of the event is to give upper-year experience answers to first- and second-year students

**b) Vice-President Communications**

- Alex: The summer updates graphic is up, share it
- First year guide is already made, extra copies are in the office
- There is new merchandise in the office, you can pay for them with credit
  - 2\$ Lanyards
  - 20\$ Shirts and Tanks
- Website is in the works, we have a soph page now and a past councils page, as well as Twitter, Google Calendar
  - We will be adding a Wellness Wednesday Page and SSDAC
- Committee applications and first year rep applications are going up soon
- Letter to your first-year self video is going up on Tuesday

**c) Vice-President Student Events**

- Bahar: Tri-Sci dance is coming up soon
  - 5\$ for tickets tomorrow, 10\$ starting Tuesday
  - Buy tickets at SSC office, SSSC office or HS office, as well as open office hours
  - Science needs to sell 200 tickets at ½ price or 100 at full price
- There are documents up regarding credit card sales and locker sales of Facebook
- SciQuest is happening after the first-year dance
  - Sunday after first year dance
  - Sign up in teams of 6 or as free-agents
  - Council should participate, up to 2 council members per team

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- Lecture Series
  - o First one is happening in October
  - o 4 different professors

**d) Vice-President Finance**

- Ayma: With the student group grants, we have a guideline package developed. It answers the questions about getting a grant, as well as timelines and the application itself. The application is live now.
- Starting SSDAC is September and October this year, the funds will be immediately used
  - o We have an infographic up now that shows the transparency of SSDAC
- We have an iPad with square for credit card sales, please review the document before you office hours
- Online sales should be up soon on the website
- We have access to a TD account yet. We will be putting into the constitution that the current year's VPF would transfer the account to the next year's VPF
- Amar: Are we putting it in a savings account?
- Ayma: We just got access to it this year, and the SSDAC itself acquires interest.

**e) President**

- Frank: We have offered free lockers for all departmental clubs. The lockers are going to be moved from Nat Sci to Western Science, because Nat Sci is being renovated.
- The executives went to the OSSA conference at Ryerson. We pushed that Western Science Council is big on advocacy, and a lot of other schools were not, so a lot of the training did not apply.
- Society of Mature Students: In collaboration with SSSC, we have created a motion for a subcommittee to address issues for mature students.
- Soph Team Relations: O-Week just happened, SSC's role was to make the soph team feel included. During O-Week, we handed out care packages to sophs doing move-ins. We brought walkie-talkies for the HST, but these talkies belong to the SSC.
- Queer Orientation: First time it is happening. An asexual health workshop is occurring, and SSC sponsored this.
- Dr. Davidson: Meeting with him tomorrow regarding the looming provincial budget cut. They most likely will slash grants and OSAP. Focus is to outline the fact that we would like faculty to get the brunt of it and not student services.
- Open Office Hours: Today was the first day. This was our idea of bringing the office hours to students because of the office move at the beginning of the year. Treat it as a pilot project, bring feedback back to council so we can implement to next time.
- Constitutional Review: Missing appendices are all in a document that we can reference during constitutional review.

**8. Senate Reports**

- Nothing to report

**9. Commissioner Reports**

**a) Advocacy**

- Rishika: We had dep rep check-ins over the summer to see what dep rep main goals are for the year and what events they want to propose.

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- Event proposals are up, and we went over the events 101 guide with the department reps
- Dep rep roundtable on September 24<sup>th</sup>, start looking into what other schools do for representative elections
  - o Clearly defining what a dep rep is, as we have the constitutional reform this year
- b) Charity
  - Anas and Victoria: The committee is smaller now because a lot of the positions overlap. We are continuing with the Ronald McDonald house with the baking sessions on the weekends. We are looking into more events at the Ronald McDonald house currently and we may collaborate with the Chemistry Club.
- c) Communications-at-Large
  - Nothing to report
- d) The Current
  - Aileen: We worked on the first-year guide over the summer and that has already been finished. After the committee apps are done, we will have our writers ready.
- e) Internet
  - Adeel: Meeting minutes are up
  - Calendar page is now a Google Calendar
  - We are looking into incorporating the Twitter and Instagram feeds
  - We are working on PayPal integration on the website
- f) Research and Policy
  - Nothing to report
- g) Orientation
  - Shamez: Orientation week is done
  - Sophs are now telling their frosh about upcoming science events
  - As of today, soph leadership applications are out
- h) Videography
  - Tristan: Made a video about O-Week
- i) Photography
  - Michael: Took pictures during O-Week
  - Upcoming next is council website photos
- j) Student Events-at-Large
  - Nothing to report
- k) Student Services
  - Hasan: Make sure you are giving the disclaimer about locker moves. Get all the contact information from those people.
  - Student group grants are now live
- l) Student Support
  - Montana: First wellness Wednesday is coming up, it is going to be a tri-sci event.

### 10) USC Report

- Cheryl: Over the summer, we had our USC training session. At our meeting there were three motions.
  - o The conference rooms can be used by USC candidates.
  - o USC candidates can work until the beginning of their election period.

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- Supporting trans and non-binary students
- Two motions were tabled
  - Making kosher and halal foods available at the Spoke and the Wave
  - Free menstrual products
- Both were put on hold because it was worded so it tasked the executives, and some of the work should be going towards the committees
- Meet the USC day tomorrow on concrete beach
- OUSA OER this week, campaign for free textbooks going on this week
- Clubs week is Sept 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>
- Purplefest tickets are selling, 1500 sold today

**11) Elections**

- a. Upper year Biology Representative
  - Elected: Caleb Ajao
- b. Biochemistry/Micro-immunology Representative
  - Elected: Andrew Seto

**12) New Business**

- Montana: Next meeting is first year rep elections. The meeting is scary for first years, engage with them when they first walk in and let them know that there are other opportunities to get involved.
- Karnig: Next week is not a full meeting. However, can everyone come at 6:15 p.m. so we can get everyone seated and arranged.

**13) Adjournment**

- Moved by Frank, seconded by Montana
- Meeting adjourned 9:27 p.m.