ASSU Exec Meeting

November 20th 2020

4pm EST

VIA ZOOM

Present: Ikran Jama (Chair), Emma Davy, Martha Taylor, Foti Vito, Paavni Grover, Fatemeh Nami, Jane Seto (Executive Co-ordinator), Gavin Nowlan (Secretary to the Executive)

The meeting was called to order 4:10pm EST

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED (Jama/Taylor) “That the agenda be approved as presented”

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1. Approval of the Previous Minutes -October 30th 2020

MOVED (Taylor/Davy) “To approve the previous minutes”

\*CARRIED

1. Report of the President

I Jama reported that there is an update with the ongoing issue with CARSSU. There was a meeting last week with David, the President of CARSSU. The idea of putting in something like an ex-officio status for former course unions who were no longer meeting the enrolled student requirement is a good idea.

Mental Health

The mental health committee is meeting quite a lot in the past week since the large town hall at then end of the 2nd week of November. ASSU has been leading a lot of the discussion in these meetings, but it is not a ASSU project, it is a collective. Hopefully there is solid action that comes out of this process, because it is something that is really important and needs. There are a number of academic issues that effect mental health that the Executive and the Dean can try to figure out before the start of the winter term.

There is an upcoming meeting with the Dean and student leaders that Ikran hopes to push back on the issue of financial fees and tuition, especially for international students.

1. Report of the Executive

Victoria Chen (through Ikran) reported that the URC committees are working hard to get things set and delivered by mid December. All committees have their work assignments and are meeting.

Emma Davy reported that the new episode of the podcast will not be out until well into the break. It’s just a busy time of the year.

Arbor Journal process is going ahead and things are ready for the selection process

Foti Vito updated the Executive about the issues facing ECO230 and there is a meeting being scheduled with the Dean and Vice Dean

Paavni Grover reported that they are getting ready to meet with the career centre to see if there are more ways that they can connect students with job opportunities. There is also a chance to connect with the Dean’s office who is setting up a new internship program.

1. Report of the Executive Co-ordinator

With the announcement of lockdown today, there is a lot of questions about whether the building will be open and whether the office can remain open. The other issue is that the financial stuff can’t be taken care of unless the office is open.

G Nowlan reported that many students were thankful for all the work that the Executive have done lately. And that many of the issues that he has been dealing with lately have been the requests for an extension in the winter break.

PUM is going great, but that with the quad system things might be up in the air.

1. Other Business

P. Grover asked if something can be done about the situation in CSC108. The course is an introduction course, but it is quite difficult for students. Ikran asked if there could be a way to connect with the course union. Ikran will connect Paavni with representatives from CS.

F. Nami asked what the standard process was for brining a complaint to the faculty’s attention. Ikran answered with the regular process.

1. Adjournment

MOVED (Taylor/Grover) “To adjourn”

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The meeting adjourned at 4:54pm EST

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