**ASSU Executive Meeting**

**Minutes**

**May 12th 2021**

**10am Eastern Time VIA Zoom**

Present: Fatemeh Nami (Chair), Sidrah Rana, Cinna Choo, Basmah Ramadan, Paavni Grover, Jane Seto (Executive Co-ordinator), Gavin Nowlan (Secretary to the Executive)

The Meeting was called to Order at 10:03am

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED (Ramadan/Choo) “To approve the Agenda as presented.”

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1. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

MOVED (Choo/Rana) “To approve the Previous Minutes -April 23rd 2021 as presented”

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1. **Election of ASSU Treasurer**

F. Nami introduced the responsibilities of the ASSU Treasurer and asked for nominations for the position.

F. Nami asked for a nomination. C. Choo said they would like to be considered.

MOVED (Rana/Nami) “To appoint Cianna Choo as ASSU Treasurer”

\*CARRIED

1. **Report of the President**

Quercus Modules for students

F. Nami brought up an item that was leftover from the previous academic year. Alex Erickson (sic?) asked ASSU to be involved in setting up Quercus modules for all students showing resources available. These are done by some Colleges right now but they have not been standardized. The ASSU Exec would love to be involved in helping to set this up and F. Nami said they would touch base with Alex.

Same Degree Same Fee

F. Nami met with CSSU and they asked ASSU in their meetings with the Dean over the summer so that the budget consultations can be meaningful. Evan Kanter from CSSU asked for the issue of reducing tuition for CS especially be brought up to the Dean.

F. Nami asked if the Exec should be bringing this to the Dean. B. Ramadan said that they agree that the issue should be brought up, but that there is a full agenda, and the Exec are not fully familiar with the process the Dean is proposing. The Exec discussed what would be the best strategy for pushing the Faculty on this. There were questions about what other programs besides CS would fall under this change. There were questions about whether Rotman Commerce would fall under this. Nami is going to continue to meet with Same Degree Same Fee folks to discuss strategy.

The Exec discussed that their priorities over the summer should be the return to campus in the Fall.

Faculty of Law Censure

The Exec discussed the issue around the CAUT censure and how it would affect ASSU Students. There was a lot of discussion around how best to support students in this complex issue. The Exec discussed weather it was appropriate for ASSU to get involved in this case as it was a Faculty of Law issue. There was also discussion that the censure would affect students across the Faculty of Arts and Science.

F. Nami took a straw poll to gauge the strategy that the Exec should take. The decision was taken that they make a statement on the censure and its potential impacts on ASSU Members.

1. **Executive Reports**

S. Rana reported on the EDI committee at the Faculty and broader EDI issues in some of the science departments. They discussed accessibility concerns and the difficulties that students have gone through to get their accessibility concerns.

S. Rana will continue their work lobbying accessibility services over the summer and act on behalf of the Executive when meeting with Accessibility Services

1. **Report of the Executive Staff**

J. Seto reported on the times for the Exec/Deans meeting over the summer and how there will not be a meeting in May.

Seto also updated the Executive on the summer office hours and that the staff will not be normally working on Fridays after the 15th of May, but that they are available as needed.

G. Nowlan briefly updated the Exec on some ongoing student concerns regarding academic offenses. One of the issues is the volume of weak cases being sent to OSAI which take months to resolve yet cause undo stress to students.

Nowlan also let the know that the social media accounts will all be reset and given to the Exec to do with them as they please.

1. **Other Business**

F. Nami asked if the current meeting time would work for the rest of the summer. The Exec agreed it would and the next meeting would be in two weeks at the same time. May 26th at 10am.

1. **Adjournment**

MOVED (Ramadan/Rana) “To adjourn”

\*CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:06am Eastern Time

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