Minutes of the ASSU Executive Meeting

Friday April 23rd, 2021

3pm EDT VIA ZOOM

Present: Ikran Jama (Chair), Paavni Grover, Foti Vito, Emma Davy, Fatemeh Nami, Martha Taylor, Jane Seto (Executive Coordinator), Gavin Nowlan (Secretary to the Executive) Guests: Basmah Ramadan, Sidrah Rana, Cianna Choo (after 4:09pm EDT)

The meeting was called to order at 3:11pm EDT

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED** (Taylor/Davy) “To approve the agenda as presented”

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1. **Approval of the Previous Minutes -Friday March 26th 2021**

**MOVED** (Vito/Nami) “To approve the previous minutes as presented.”

\*CARRIED

1. **Introductions**

Ikran Jama introduced the old Exec team and those who were present from the new Exec. The question was posed to those present “Is a hotdog a sandwich?” The various Executive answered the question to the best of their ability and said what year and program of study.

The meeting moved on without any consensus being reached.

1. **Report of the President**

Ikran Jama reported that it was the middle of exam period so not a lot has progressed since the last Exec Meeting.

Same Degree Same Fee

The update on this issue was that the cost of Computer Science degrees has moved toward the Budget process at the University Governance level. The update is also that the Faculty of Arts and Science will have student input for the upcoming budget cycle, which the ASSU Exec will participate in.

CARSSU Update

The CARSSU folks are very excited about being involved again with ASSU Council thanks to the constitutional changes.

CR/NCR

The changes to CR/NCR proposals passed at the Faculty Council so now permanent changes have been made. They do not include changes to CR/NCR for program requirements

1. **Executive Reports**

None

1. **Report of the Executive Staff**

Return to Campus

Jane and Gavin met with Kim McLean to talk about the return to campus and how the process to go back to full in-person classes. These decisions will be made before the end of July based on public health guidelines.

There will be step-by-step process to get students to campus as soon as possible, including international students.

At this point, it seems like they are still focused on getting back on campus, but we will have to wait.

Fiscal Issues

Most course unions have been great getting their receipts in digitally so most of this year’s finances will be sorted.

The auditor has been in touch with Jane about starting the process to get the audit done.

ASSU Awards

Some award winners have contacted us and asked about a video

Academic Issues

Gavin Nowlan brought up a number of issues regarding academics that are first and foremost during final assessments. One of them is the use of the ACORN Absence Declaration Form versus the VOI. Many instructors are not allowing students to use the ACORN form. G Nowlan asked for Execs to continue to forward student issues to him so that he can bring it to the Faculty.

1. **Dean’s Meeting Review**

Ikran Jama discussed preparation for the ASSU-Dean’s meeting that will take place on the upcoming Monday at 3pm. The discussion revolved around what issues to bring up with the Dean.

P. Grover brought up the major issue of 2nd year students trying to get into Residences and other issues regarding 2nd year students and coming back to campus.

The Exec will come up with a shared doc over the weekend to get their points straight before the meeting.

1. **Other Business**

Emma Davy brought up the EDI committee that she is on and who can take over for her when she leaves. Fatemeh Nami said that she could do it.

The Exec held a discussion about the Sarkar Award and who should win it.

**MOVED** (Jama/Davy) “To award the Sarkar Award to Leanne Toshiko Simpson”

\*CARRIED

Cianna Choo joined the meeting at 4:09pm EDT

1. **Adjournment**

**MOVED** (Taylor/Davy) “To adjourn”

\*CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:12pm EST

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