

Executive Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

10 am

Present: F. Nami (Chair), C. Choo, P. Grover, S. Rana, B. Ramadan, J. Seto (Secretary)

1) Approval of the Agenda

MOVED(Ramadan/Rana): "To accept the agenda as presented."

*CARRIED

2) Approval of the Previous Minutes

MOVED(Choo/Rana): "That the minutes of May 12, 2021 be accepted as presented."

*CARRIED

3) Report of the President

F. Nami reported that she met with Alex Erickson about an A&S Quercus page and that he was not planning on taking leadership on a Quercus page for A&S students – he thought ASSU should take it on. It was decided that the Executive would work collaboratively on setting something up. C. Choo is going to find out who to talk to about creating a Quercus page. We will use google docs to work on modules for the page.

F. Nami attended a Provost Undergraduate Student Advisory Group Meeting last week. It was mostly just an introduction to UofT's Finances. Also, most student leaders shared a concern about the high increase to international student fees.

F. Nami suggested, that in light of stepping back from SMART, ASSU should set up a new Mental Health committee made up the main student groups and the College student unions. It would be a smaller group and a great place for unions to share information with each other and to help each other set up similar resources. F. Nami will contact the other groups to see if they would be interested in joining.

F. Nami discussed setting up a new scholarship in Ikran Jama's name. It was decided that the criteria would be demonstrated financial need, from a racialized community, and extra-curricular activity (on or off campus).

MOVED(Nami/Ramada): "That the ASSU Executive create a new scholarship named after Ikran Jama in the amount of \$3000 (\$1500 to the winner and \$750 each to two runner ups)."

*CARRIED

4) Dean's Meeting Agenda

Our first Dean's meeting is next Wednesday at 10 am. The Executive discussed items for the agenda:

- 2nd year students attending campus for their first time - needing more consideration from their instructors
- academic offences – the fact that there are more of them and that some seem so minor
- safe return to campus – read over Dean's email to see if we have comments/concerns
- UofT censure – ask what the Dean's thoughts are – citing that our Faculty and students will be affected because of speakers cancelling and refusing to participate

5) Report of the Executive

C. Choo presented some financial files that she has been working on for presentation of our financial statement and for keeping track of expenditures. J. Seto will share the ledger that she prepares in the shared google folder.

B. Ramadan will start a google document for discussion on the Quercus page.

P. Grover reported that she is meeting with the Career Centre on June 2nd.

6) Report of the Staff

J. Seto presented the new proposal from our copier leasing company 4-Office Automation. We currently pay \$438/month and they have offered \$225/month for 36 months with the same warranties, terms and service.

MOVED(Nami/Ramadan): "That ASSU agree to the new 36-month contract with 4-Office Automation at \$225/month."

*CARRIED

7) Adjournment

MOVED(Nami/Ramadan): "To adjourn."

*CARRIED

Secretary to the Executive