

ASSU Executive Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021

10 am

Present: F. Nami (Chair), C. Choo, S. Rana, B. Ramadan, J. Seto (Executive Co-ordinator), G. Nowlan (Secretary to the Executive)

VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am EDT

1) Approval of the Agenda

MOVED (Ramadan/Rana) "To adopt the agenda as presented"

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2) Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes - June 9th, 2021

MOVED (Ramadan/Nami) "To accept the previous minutes from June 9th 2021 as presented"

*CARRIED

3) Report of the President

F. Nami reported that they are thinking about a survey to ask students about their return to campus and their fears/concerns. C. Choo raised that although they are in different programs there are still a large number of students who have different concerns about return to campus. B. Ramadan raised the issue of how the questions would be phrased to keep the answers useful. C. Choo raised the point of whether the answers could be anonymous to the survey. G. Nowlan said that students had already contacted ASSU with concerns about the Dean's announcement from June 22nd. C. Cianna asked about what the concerns were. Nowlan said that one of the major concerns was commuting to campus.

F. Nami asked the Executive what were items that should be included in the next Dean's meeting. C. Choo raised the issue about class sizes and whether there would be cleaning changes to classes or whether there would still be a campus-wide mask mandate. Another issue raised is class availability and whether there is any information on if class offerings have gone down. This could also lead into a discussion about the CAUT censure and

what the effects could be if there was a widespread adoption of the censure by potential sessional instructors.

F. Nami brought up the ongoing budget consultation that the Dean has asked ASSU to be a part of in the Fall. There are no dates set yet as the schedules for Executives in the Fall have not been set. The Dean has asked the ASSU Executive to meet with the Course Unions to have pre-consultations about the budget before the Fall discussion. C. Choo asked if the Exec could meet with the CUs before the Fall to discuss what they want discussed with the Dean. There was discussion among the Exec about whether the Dean would provide the budget documents to the Execs before the consultation so that the Exec can familiarize themselves with the budget itself. Discussion then went into asking the Dean to provide a budget at the next Dean's meeting.

S. Rana raised a question about back to campus in the Fall regarding whether the Dean can respond to student concerns about what type of online material would be provided. C. Choo said that it would be left up to the instructor which might be the bare minimum. S. Rana said that under this proposal students with accessibility issues could be left in the dust again.

F. Nami asked the Executive about what the relationship and coordination was going to be with the UTSU this year. The discussion revolved around a project by project basis where there is clear outcome and delineation of duties. The Exec discussed the difference between the organizations when it comes to work they focus on, and whether both organizations could be served by a set collaboration policy. J. Seto brought up past working relationships with the UTSU and how working together can be beneficial.

4) Executive Reports

B. Ramadan

Reported on the Quercus Module and discussion with Prof. Bill Ju. Prof Ju. was very enthusiastic about the proposal so there is a good chance that it will be set up before the end of the summer.

5) Report of the Staff

J. Seto reported that the auditor came to the office last week and has done all the in-person tasks. The report should be out to council sometime before the Fall.

J. Seto reminded the Executive to provide their direct deposit information so that they can get their honorarium

6) Other Business

F. Nami reminded the Exec that they have sessions planed over the next two weeks and are looking forward to the planning for the year.

7) Adjournment

MOVED (Ramadan/Rana) “To adjourn”

*CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 EDT

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