

Executive Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

11 a.m.

Present: F. Nami (Chair), C. Choo, P. Grover, S. Rana, B. Ramadan, J. Seto (Executive Coordinator), G. Nowlan (Student Advisor), Y. Minoda (Secretary)

1) Approval of the Agenda

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

*CARRIED

2) Approval of the Previous Minutes

MOVED(Nami/Rana): "To approve the minutes of May 26, 2021, as presented."

*CARRIED

3) Report of the President

F. Nami asked the Executive if they want to release a statement regarding the recent incident of Islamophobia in London, Ontario. After much discussion, the Executives agreed that a statement will be released by the end of the week.

F. Nami reported that M. Elsharkawy reached out to her to ask for ASSU's sponsor and help in planning the Speaker Panel Series that involves Course Unions. The Executives discussed about who the speakers will be, if they will be UofT professors, and agreed that involvement will be contingent on the situation regarding the UofT censure and will circle back closer to the event which will be in August.

F. Nami reported that the UTSU VP Professional Faculties reached out to her for a meeting to ask about ASSU's success in the CR/NCR campaign, and get some input on how they can implement it towards professional faculties. G. Nowlan added that this was a long process over a number of years with many discussions, proposals, and surveys with students. F. Nami said that she will meet and share the policy proposal document for them to use as template.

4) Report of the Executive

P. Grover asked if any Executives want to join her for the next meeting with the Career Centre in July. She said they will be discussing on expanding career advancement opportunity and making it more accessible to students. C. Cho and S. Rana agreed to go with her. F. Nami asked an example of a career advancement opportunity, and P. Grover mentioned one as being internship programs.

B. Ramadan updated everybody on the Quercus Resource Bank and that she is continuing to add links and encouraged others to do so as well. C. Cho said that she was told by the St. Michaels Assistant Dean that a staff member will have to request the Quercus page to be added. The staff agreed to figure that out on their end. She also asked if this would be possible to have it accessible to all students automatically. G.

Nowlan recommended the Executive meet directly with the Quercus people so that they can be trained on how it works.

B. Ramadan asked if they can create an ASSU handbook for Course Unions. J. Seto noted that she conducts organizing seminars with Course Union Presidents and Treasurers at the beginning of each year and go through everything with them and hands out materials with all the information that they need. The Executives will work on putting together a handbook as a supplementary so that Course Unions can access these materials online when needed.

S. Rana reported that meeting with Accessibility Services got pushed to next week. She continued saying that she was talking to disability advocacy groups and was told that the Director of Accessibility Services has no control over the structure or policies of the service. She also mentioned that all Ontario universities have funding access to pay notetakers, which came as a shock to her and is determined to find out why they are not taking advantage of that. G. Nowlan offered to work with her to figure out these issues.

5) Report of the Staff

J. Seto reminded everybody that she will be in the office next week (15th, 16th) to meet with the auditor.

G. Nowlan reported on students that are still dealing with last semester's academic offenses, and that he is continuing to flag things.

He also mentioned that he got a request to promote an event on academia on Gaza that is coming up this weekend organized by Palestinian students at UTM and asked how comfortable the Executives were for ASSU to advertise it during the UofT censure. Executives expressed that they were torn, but in the end agreed to promote the event since the event topic is very much related to the ASSU statement that they made regarding the issue.

G. Nowlan mentioned the possibility of opening up the office once the province lifts restrictions. He said the staff will discuss and figure out the right timing.

Y. Minoda reported that she is catching up with all the things that she missed and she will continue to do so. She also mentioned that she will be attending a professional development seminar on Mentorship program at the end of the month and hope to make some positive changes to the Project: Universal Minds program.

6) Other Business

F. Nami reminded the Executives that she received a follow-up email from J. Haas regarding an appointee for the CRCSS. Executives agreed that she will let him know that they will not be sending anyone since there are no candidates.

The Executives had a quick debrief on the Dean's meeting on the SS Redevelopment Plan. C. Cho asked if they mentioned where they are going to relocate the students during the construction, and J. Seto answered that anybody that occupies space there will have to get shuffled around to any available space on and around campus that the University owns. G. Nowlan added that the SS building is considered one of the most

famous modernist Canadian architecture, so there will be people that will try to save the building.

7) Adjournment

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

*CARRIED

Secretary to the Executive

ym
cupe1281