

ASSU Executive Meeting

Minutes

Friday September 17, 2021

3:00pm EDT

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

VIA ZOOM

The meeting was called to order at 3:23pm EDT

1) Approval of the Agenda

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

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2) Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes – July 28th, 2021

MOVED (Ramadan/Choo) “To accept the previous minutes from July 28th 2021 as presented”

*CARRIED

3) Report of the President

F. Nami reported on the Same Degree, Same Fee campaign and how it relates to the Faculty budget consultations that will be going on in the Fall. The Faculty has laid out a brief guideline for the consultations and how the ASSU Exec will have to create their own consultations before bringing them to the Faculty. C. Choo raised the point that the impression from the Faculty to the Exec was that this budget process was more for feedback as opposed to actual recommendations. If this is the case, how does consultations with our Course Unions relate to this process?

There was discussion among the Exec about the process itself and how the Exec will be able to propose changes to the Faculty.

The Exec discussed categories that they wished to discuss with students as part of the consultation process. S. Rana said that maybe a survey sent to all students/course unions could not hurt. The survey results would let the Exec decide what to focus on for the

whole budget process. J. Seto said that there was no need to have a survey focused on the actual budgeted amounts, but a broader discussion on what students want the Faculty to focus their financial resources on. There was discussion about whether to get the Colleges involved in this process, as the Colleges are a site where A&S students receive mental health/academic/general support.

The survey should be ready to go before the first or second council meeting so the draft deadline should be Friday September 24th 2021.

Arbor Journal

The call for editors is live now and things are underway.

URC

Cianna has agreed to join Sidrah as a co-chair of the URC so the team is ready to go.

4) Executive Reports

C. Choo raised a question about the podcast and whether they can film it as well as record it. The Exec were very excited about the possibilities. C. Choo asked if the Exec would be ok to pay for a transcription service for these videos. Choo will price out a budget for this podcast and bring it back to the Exec for approval.

Quercus Page

If the page is not approved by the Faculty, we can still post them to our website or a standalone page. The Exec will need to push the University on this as they are denying us access to quercus.

URC

S. Rana updated the Exec on where they are on the conference and the selections committee. One of the Faculty committee members cannot do it again this year, so Rana needs to find a new science committee chair.

5) Report of the Staff

J. Seto reported that the agenda for the first council meeting has been sent out. The course unions will be able to preregister for the meeting and add their information to the electronic ballot. Seto reported that the first council meeting has a lengthy agenda because it is the first meeting of the year.

Seto reported that they finished the course union organizing seminars and they were well attended. Every course unions have been to at least one, so now they should be aware of the budget and event planning and rules. The Exec will have to select which member besides Choo will sit on the Budget Review Committee for the year.

Y. Minoda reported that the Project: Universal Minds program is off the ground and have begun interviewing potential tutors. There has been a great response from students this year which might have to do with the flexibility of the online tutoring.

6) Other Business

none

7) Adjournment

MOVED (Ramadan/Rana) "To adjourn"

*CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm EDT

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