

## ASSU Executive Meeting

### Minutes

October 15th, 2021

3:00pm EDT

VIA ZOOM

Present: F. Nami (Chair), C. Choo, A. Madhusudana, S. Rana, B. Ramadan, J. Gan P. Grover, J. Seto (Executive Co-ordinator), Y. Minoda (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 3:14pm EDT

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

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

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#### 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

MOVED(Ramadan/Gao) : "To accept the previous minutes from October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as presented."

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#### 3. Report of the President

Nami reported that she finalized the budget consultation survey on Tuesday. With responses coming in, the Executives decided to divide up the questions and summarize them to present at the next budget consultation meeting with the Dean's office. There have been 354 responses and 7 responses from course unions. She also explained to the new execs about the Budget Consultation.

CU forms : F. Nami

Q. 1-4 : J. Gao

Q. 5 – S. Rana

Q. 6-7: C. Choo

Q. 8 : P. Grover

Q. 9: A. Madhusudanan  
Presentation : B. Ramadan

#### 4. Executive Reports

P. Grover reported that she will be meeting with CCR as a student representative and give feedback on the current CCR and student clubs. F. Nami asked for a report back after the meeting.

B. Ramadan reported on Arbor and that sent out the emails to applicants and put out a call for submissions, and they have received over 50 so far.

S. Rana reported on URC and that they will meet for orientation tomorrow for all the applicants (selection committee) at 2pm with C. Choo.

The 2 new Executives J. Gao and A. Madhusudana reported that they met with F. Nami earlier in the week to talk about their ideas. They both presented their ideas and the Executives gave feedback.

J. Gao's idea

1. Resource bank – some ideas of alternative to having on Quercus such as IG, posters around campus, social media)
2. 1<sup>st</sup> year support campaign – similar to know your rights, but for 1<sup>st</sup> year students (IG post, Q&A)
3. Laptop loan program – lots of international students don't have access or can't afford to buy a laptop

Executives liked her ideas, but had some concerns about the laptop program and how feasible it can be. Some questions raised were, how long would we lend it for, how would insurance work, is there a limit to how many times you can loan it? J. Gao will talk to offices that already have a laptop lending program and see what their rules and regulations are. The Executives gave the green light on the first 2 ideas.

A. Madhusudana's idea

1. Course Union Fair – to help 1<sup>st</sup> years pick their post in the second semester possibly in the Student Commons or online.
2. Social Media campaign on Accessibility Services

There was a lot of discussion surrounding her social media campaign and if it can be tied to S. Rana's current campaign. S. Rana noted that she was just about to post on

academic accessibility services. Since A. Madhusudana's campaign will focus more on the overall access on the Service they agreed that it is better to do a separate campaign. A. Madhusudana will do more research and get back to the group.

J. Seto commented on her Course Union Fair and how space bookings are unavailable so it will probably have to be an online event. She also talked about ASSU Day and March Break Open House. She explained that ASSU Day is to promote ASSU and the Course Unions, and the March Break Open House is run by the Faculty to help high school students and first years to pick their Post and program. She added that many Course Unions help their own department with the March Break Open House which is similar to what A. Madhusudana wants to do. J. Seto will find out if the March Break Open House is happening.

A. Madhusudana added on another idea of an upper-year networking event, where upper years talk to first-years about their program. B. Ramadan suggested adding onto their idea of a career fair and alumni speed dating event they are currently planning.

A Madhusudana will take all this information and get back to the group on what she wants to do.

## 5. Report of the Staff

J. Seto reported that she reached out to SS commons about having prayer space and said they are looking into it and will get back to us.

She also heard back from space management about room booking but it looks like nothing is happening right now.

She reminded Executives that she shared ASSU clothing info on slack.

Y. Minoda updated everybody on Project: Universal Minds. She said as of right now there are more tutors than students that have applied. She will reach out to the schools again for a second round of applications.

## 6. Dean's Meeting Agenda Brainstorm

The Executives discussed Dean's meeting agendas.

C. Choo wanted to bring up the issue with room bookings for review sessions and that they need to know how many students they are expecting before booking rooms and

limit the number of students that can attend and have multiple sessions or simply book bigger rooms.

S. Rana would like to bring up room bookings for student organizations and get the Dean's office to put pressure on the University. She noted that the fall semester was supposed to be a full- fledged return to campus and that means student organizations should be able to book rooms for in person events.

#### 7. Ikran Award Criteria

F. Nami started a discussion on the Ikran award and the required criteria. J. Seto noted that the award still has to go through UofT governance to make it an official UofT award. The Executives defined some criteria including:

- On OSAP
- On or off campus
- Can be paid or non-paid
- Have list of racialized communities

Due to the loss of quorum, the meeting ended.

The meeting ended at 5:21pm.

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