

Executive Meeting

Minutes

Monday January 24th, 2022

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

5:05 pm

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

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2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes - January 17th, 2022

MOVED(Gan/Ramadan): "To approve the minutes of January 17th, 2022, as presented."

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3. Report of the President

F. Nami talked about what items would be brought in the next Dean's meeting including concerns over assessments and marked term work during the hybrid period, possibility of individual instructors switching to online classes, and concerns on international students having to come back to campus just for March and April. G. Nowlan had concerns over instructors moving around assessments to be due during Reading week.

A. Madhusudanan wanted to ask why the process of switching to online is harder this semester than last. J. Seto noted that Dean's office has said that because we are officially in-person, it should be a harder process to switch to online from in-person. S. Rana wondered what the consequence would be for the instructor if they do not go through the official process and switch online without permission. G. Nowlan followed up by saying the instructor would get in trouble by the department, but she wanted to know in detail what it means to be in trouble.

F. Nami wanted to clarify what stance ASSU wants to take in terms of in-person or online. The general consensus was that online or hybrid does not make sense, and the best option would be to be back in person but have safety measures and accommodations for students who are in different situations but will bring up and push for the possibility of online final exams. F. Nami asked J. Seto to set up a follow up meeting after the Friday meeting.

F. Nami talked about Navi Finder, an online tool for mental health including searching for research opportunities. She said that they reached out to ASSU for promotion. The executives agreed that they can put their link on our website and to share on our social media.

4. Executive Reports

S. Rana reported that they finally got all the acceptance and rejections out and all that is left is to set up the webinar and start promoting by posting 1-2 times a week. She said all executives need to sign up to be a moderator. She also reported that during December she had a meeting with the Accessibility Service director regarding issues on the online forms and different processes. They said they will take all the feedback and misconceptions and make a post about it on their site. She will be meeting them for a follow up later.

A. Madhusudanan made an update on Post Exploration Day and that they finally gave her a list of what can be advertised. She asked J. Gan to add it to one of her first-year posts.

B. Ramadan had a question about K. Jung from UTSU asking for a collaboration supporting life science students academically. F. Nami will find out with those entails.

G. Nowlan asked if anybody knows what stance UTSU taking regarding return to campus. F. Nami will reach out to the president to find out.

5. Report of the Staff

J. Seto noted that she will be sending out the February newsletter on Jan 31st and to let her know if anybody wants anything added. F. Nami asked to put an announcement about Arbor.

She also mentioned nominations for ASSU elections (March 25) will open March 3rd and close March 17th, and will consist of 2 week nomination period and 1 week campaign period. The executives agreed to use the UofT voting system.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Adjournment

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

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