

Executive Meeting

Minutes

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

Monday January 17th, 2022 5pm EST VIA ZOOM

The Meeting was called to order at 5:10pm EST

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

*CARRIED

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

MOVED (Ramadan/Gan) "To approve the previous minutes as presented"

*CARRIED

3. Report of the President

F. Nami and B. Ramadan have finalized the articles for submissions and associate editors have finished making edits and suggestion. The edits have been sent to the authors for approval and implementation which will be completed by the 28th.

J. Seto asked if they are planning on printing, and if so, how many. F. Nami said that they plan to print around 75, just for the people that were involved with it.

4. Executive Reports

C. Cho reported on the URC and that acceptance for oral and poster presentation for sciences and humanities have been sent out. She said they are having issues communicating with the social science committee but will be sending out acceptances and rejections by tomorrow. Her and S. Rana met with G. Nowlan to talk next steps on the conference and will reach out to the executives once they have details on the different rooms for them to sign up. They have also secured a keynote speaker for the conference, A.W. Peet, who will be talking about black holes. A. W. Peet has asked to donate the honorarium to an organization that promotes trans and queer activism.

J. Gan reported that the first-year support guide has been going well and that she has seen increased engagement on email and private messages. She said her next post will be on subject post. A. Madhusudanan mentioned that once she has more information on the Faculty Program Exploration Day, she will share it with J. Gan.

F. Nami asked A. Madhusudanan for clarification and next steps on Program Exploration Day. A. Madhusudanan said that she is in communication with the Faculty and will update everybody once a concrete plan is set.

B. Ramadan asked everyone on ideas and fun facts for the Did You Know campaign that she started working on before the break. She said everybody can check out the design for the campaign on Canva. Some fun facts that she has found so far are cheaper printing at UTSU (3c/page) and Insomnia offering 20% off to UofT students.

P. Grover reported that the Career Center's Next Step Conference is happening soon, most likely in January which ASSU will help promote. She will also be working on creating a survey asking what resources students want regarding grad school applications and career opportunities.

5. Report of the Staff

G. Nowlan made a quick addendum to URC that Zoom has changed their webinar function and now has a separate thing called Zoom Events (\$132/month) allowing separate lobby, discussion rooms, allowing multiple sessions in the same event which will be a great function to be used for the conference. F. Nami asked about added security functions for Zoom Events and he said that they will make sure to pre-register everyone before the event with their UofT email so that it will not be an open event.

He also mentioned that ASSU has been receiving a lot of messages regarding student issues since the faculty canceled exams and returning to online learning, but that the students really appreciate ASSU for advocating on their behalf.

G. Nowlan made one last point that UTSG did not close today for snow day.

J. Seto reported that she has updated the financial statement but not much has changed. B. Ramadan asked if the \$1000 Journal line item was just for printing. J. Seto said that it is for any cost regarding the journal, not just printing.

She also reminded everyone to start thinking about candidates for ASSU awards. She said she will send out a blurb for each of the awards.

Lastly, she mentioned that ASSU scholarship awards application deadline is coming up. She will be printing out application packages and setting up a scholarship meeting to pick the winners. She asked for 2 executives to sit on the committee alongside one ASSU staff, one course union rep, and one staff member from the Dean's office which has usually been A. Boland.

Y. Minoda reported on Project: Universal Minds and that she has been interviewing new potential tutors in time for the new semester. She also mentioned that this year she has seen increased number of students that are having trouble communicating and committing to the program but has been in constant communication with the tutors to help them through it.

6. Other Business

A Madhusudanan brought up a discussion regarding holding potential online office hours while the physical office is closed. After some discussions about other offices not having success in having virtual office hours, it was agreed that it is better to make a post and remind students that they can make an appointment via email.

J. Seto asked about the CRO for the ASSU election, and C. Choo said that they decided on R. Atindehou.

7. Adjournment

MOVED (Nami/Rana) "To adjourn."

*CARRIED

ym
cupe1281