

ASSU Executive Meeting
Minutes

November 15th, 2021

5:00pm EDT

VIA ZOOM

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm EDT

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

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2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes – October 25th, 2021

MOVED(Choo/Rana): "To accept the previous minutes from October 25th, 2021 as presented."

*CARRIED

3. Report of the President

F. Nami reported that her and B. Ramadan have been working on Arbor and have finished going through all the submissions making sure that they fit the criteria. They have now handed it over to the editors to go over the submissions and review them.

She reported that Varsity reached out to her for comments on Reading week asking about when/why it was created and the purpose of it and how students should be spending it. She responded using the faculty guidelines on the academic handbook, and adding that the way it is used depends on the student.

Lastly, she reported that she shared the budget consultation results to SDSF and told that ASSU will no longer be part of their campaign. A. Madhusudana asked why ASSU decided to pull out of the campaign and F. Nami explained that SDSF have used up all avenues of advocacy possible, it is not something that the administration wants to follow up on, and that ASSU has done everything that can be done.

5. Executive Reports

S. Rana reported that her and C. Cho have been busy over the weekend with URC. She said they have finished going through all the abstracts and have handed it over to the committees and the professors. She asked for suggestions on keynote speakers. G. Nowlan asked if they wanted a keynote speaker from UofT. They agreed that somebody local would be the best option.

A. Madhusudana reported that she finished choosing her recommendations on URF. She also started a discussion on what can be given out during exam season. Many ideas came through, but everybody agreed to do something simple like grab and go snacks or care kits. A. Madhusudana will come up with a list and present it at the next meeting with a budget.

J. Gan updated everybody on the laptop program and shared a document with the group on rules and regulations and invited them to make any edits. She also said that her first year support campaign went well, and many messaged her directly surrounding preparing for exams and talking to professors. Lastly, she added that she started working with C. Cho and B. Ramadan on the resource bank.

MOVED(Nami/Gao): "To approve the purchase of 4 Chromebooks for \$229.99 each at Best Buy."

*CARRIED

6. Report of the Staff

G. Nowlan reported that he is still dealing with some students that had trouble with reading week deadlines and assignments but said that pressure to the Dean's office about this helped a lot with the minor issues.

J. Seto said that sweatshirts will be ready and picked up this week. She mentioned that award applications have all been updated and will be open for submission with the deadline being in January. She also reminded that the November Council meeting is tomorrow November 16th at 5 pm.

She reported back on A. Madhusudana's question about Program Exploration Day and that the Faculty is planning one in February and is happy to work with CU and ASSU for the event and will connect A. Madhusudana with them.

She also added onto A. Madhusudana's discussion on exam season and giving out free snacks/care kits. She talked about Exam Jam, a de-stress event where SS lobby/classrooms is taken over with review sessions and tables with different activities and free healthy snacks and suggested doing something similar virtually like a games night. A. Madhusudana suggested a make your own care kit. A. Madhusudana will bring it up in the next Council meeting and discuss with Council for more ideas on a virtual

exam jam.

7. Other Business

The Executives discussed Dean's meeting agenda.

B. Ramadan brought up LWD and wanted to ask why there is a limit of 3 and possibly changing the number or removing the limit.

S. Rana brought up possibly extending deadline for LWD and/or CR/NCR until after the exam period since many students are still struggling with the transitioning back to in-person classes. J. Seto added that they may be more likely to extend the deadline for CR/NCR since the University wants student to keep moving forward on completing their degree. B. Ramadan asked why LWD appears on the transcript. G. Nowlan also added that instructors have been pushing back even on CR/NCR because they think that the faculty is taking away the ability to teach dedicated students. He suggested possibly pushing on course retake policy and ask to take away the restriction of program entry requirement.

F. Nami noted that she would like to ask for a follow-up on in-person activity on campus.

8. Adjournment

MOVED(Nami/Cho): "To adjourn."

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