

# ARTS & SCIENCE STUDENTS' UNION

First Council Meeting 2022-23

## Minutes

Friday, September 30, 2022  
Sidney Smith Hall, Rm 2135

5 p.m.

### Attendance:

M. Ogbeiwi (ASCU), Y. Wu (ASA), K. Beukboom (ASA), E. Shore (AU), Z. Klouchnikov (AU), F. Cui (BUSS), Y. Li (BMSSA), R. Wen (BMSSA), J. Pham (BPSU), M. Banerjee (BPSU), K. Abian (CANSSU), H. Tyrrell (CSBSU), N. Ho (CSBSU), K. Gambell (CSCU), A. Li (CSU), R. Pachar (CINSSU), E. Dekel (CINSSU), J. Liao (CLASSU), T. Mladi (CLASSU), A. Shmanova (CASA), A. Narang (CASA), M. Gagnon (CESSU), K. Wong (CESSU), Z. Jivraj (CRIMSA), E. Abraham (CRIMSA), E. Matsui (DTSU), C. Iacovelli (SUDS), H. Ratnaweera (SUDS), K. Bormann (UESA), A. Guillerez (UESA), J. McLean (EEBU), M. Ghosh (EEBU), M. Cheng (ESU), M. Todoroska (ESU), J. Sun (ENSU), M. Frechette (ENSU), P. Akhtari (ESLSA), S. Pesikan (ESLSA), F. Northeast (ESSU), N. Giebler (ESSU), G. Hrelja (ESSA), A. Faiola (ESSA), S. Chow (FCU), K. Pilling (TUGS), A. Zarina (TUGS), S. Hothi (HSSU), W. Wynne (HSSU), E. Case (HSA), E. Porter (HSA), I. Patton (HASA), T. Million (HASA), A. Spurr (HPSUS), M. Chan (HBSU), N. Horace (HBSU), V. Xie (IMMSA), M. Lin (IMMSA), K. DaSilva (ISSU), N. Diena (ISSU), Y. Yoon (IRHRSA), J. Cheng (IRHRSA), M. Kieffer (IRS), T. Fu (IRS), B. Yang (LMPSU), R. Lee (LMPSU), L. Wrightman (SLUGS), I. Rishi (LCTSU), D. Heydary (MU), E. Sackeyfio (MU), M. Chaudhury (MGYSU), V. Yin (NSSA), I. Oberto (NSSA), E. Pugliese (PCJS), H. Yin (PCJS), T. Ho (PCSU), S. Lee (PTSA), R. Yang (PTSA), K. Benevides (PhysU), I. Ovchinnikov (PhysU), A. Lee (UPSA), H. Chang (UPSA), C. McGarry (APSS), G. Young (APSS), Y. Shafi (PSA), M. Rouleau-Tang (PSA), O. Huisman (RUSA), T. Atkinson (RUSA), F. O'Brien (ARS), J. Heath (USSU), B. Cheng (USSU), A. Takeuchi (SSU), J. Xu (SSU), R. Sacco (URSSU), W. Saiful (URSSU), F. Baker (ASSU Executive), J. Gan (ASSU Executive), A. Madhusudanan (ASSU Executive), F. Nami (ASSU President), S. Rana (ASSU Executive), Y. Minoda (Secretary), J. Seto (Executive Coordinator), G. Nowlan (Chair)

Observer: B. Panu, E. Seo, F. Sadid

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

### 1) Land Acknowledgement Statement

G. Nowlan made a Land Acknowledgement statement. F. Nami made a special statement in recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

### 2) Approval of the Chair

MOVED(Nami/Baker): "To approve Gavin Nowlan as Chair for ASSU Council meetings 2022-23."

\*CARRIED

### 3) Approval of the Agenda

MOVED(Pachar/Heath): "To approve the agenda as presented."

\*CARRIED

### 4) Approval of Previous Minutes - March 25, 2022

MOVED(Abian/Benevides): "That the minutes of March 25<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 be approved as presented."

\*CARRIED

### 5) Executive Summer Report

F. Nami introduced herself and welcomed back everybody to the first in-person council meeting since the pandemic. She went on to report on what has been happening during the summer, such as on-boarding new and returning executives, and preparing for orientation as well as the upcoming academic year. Some of her priorities were to update the current test bank by having raffle prizes to encourage students to donate. She hopes to bring back many in-person events such as exam jam. There was a question from council about having a syllabus bank. F. Nami said she will look into it since it would be helpful for many students, but noted that there may be some pushback from some faculty members.

S. Rana introduced herself as a returning executive and reported that she is the co-director of the URC this year. She continues to say that they are currently recruiting the selections committee and that the abstract forms will go out soon and strongly encouraged council members to share it with their students. She noted that they are only accepting completed research.

J. Gan also introduced herself as a returning executive and reported that she has been working on a laptop rental program where students will be able to rent laptops from our office for 48hr period. She said that there are currently 4 laptops available, and hopes to have this service running by mid-October. She also added that she will be hosting the ASSU podcast where she will feature members of faculty and staff and talk about topics ranging from accessibility, health and wellness, to the Dean's office.

A. Madhusudanan and F. Baker reported together that they are co-chief editors for Arbor this year. They said that they are hiring for editors and designers, and encouraged council to share with their members.

6) Striking of the Elections Appeals Board

The Chair explained that this board will only meet if there is an appeal, and that 5 council members are needed.

MOVED(Nami/Rana): "That the Election Appeals Board be struck in accordance with the Fall 2022 election procedures."

\*CARRIED

T. Atkinson (RSSU), M. Chaudhury (MGYSU), W. Wynne (HSSU), I. Ovchinnikov, S. Hothi (HSSU) were acclaimed to be on the Elections Appeals Board.

7) Executive By-Election

The chair turned the meeting over to the CRO, B. Ramadan. B. Ramadan announced that there are 3 candidates for 2 positions. Each candidate made a speech followed by a question period.

Voting results are as follows:

Bhavnoor Panu - 44      **Eugene Seo - 51**      **Firdaus Sadid - 52**

The CRO announced the newly elected members of the ASSU Executives as E. Seo and F. Sadid.

8) Summer Financial Statement

A. Madhusudanan presented the Financial Statement to Council and answered questions.

MOVED(Madhusudanan/Gan): "That ASSU Council accepts the Summer Financial Statement from May1, 2022 to September 28, 2022 as presented."

9) Proposed Budget 2022-23

A. Madhusudanan presented the Proposed Budget to Council and answered questions.

MOVED(Madhusudanan/Beker): "That the ASSU Budget, for the period of May1, 2022 to April 30, 2023, be accepted as presented."

The question was called and was supported by Council.

\*MAIN MOTION CARRIED

10) Striking of the Budget Review Committee

MOVED(Nami/Rana): "That the Budget Review Committee (BRC) be struck to review Course Union budget requests as per the ASSU constitution."

\*CARRIED

E. Dekel (CINSSU), M. Rouleau-Tang (PSA), H. Yin (PCJS), C. Iacovelli (SUDS), V. Xie (IMMSA) were elected.

11) Question Period

There was a question about future meetings not being held on September 30<sup>th</sup> - It was noted with apologies.

Someone asked if in the future, budget items could appear earlier on the agenda - The agenda is set up according to the ASSU constitution.

A member asked if CUs were allowed to speak to BRC members about their SPFS – shouldn't be a problem.

There was a question about if Council Meetings could be hybrid for accessibility reasons – yes ASSU would consider this.

12) Other Business

J. Heath (USSU) asked the other social sciences CUs to meet with USSU after the meeting.

J. Seto reminded Council of submitting by Sunday for the October ASSU newsletter.

13) Lucky Draw

J. Seto drew six (6) Course Union names for gift cards.

14) Adjournment

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

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