

ARTS & SCIENCE STUDENTS' UNION

Fifth Council Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2023
Wilson Hall Rm 1017, New College

6pm

Attendance:

R. Crowley (USAS), Y. Wu (ASA), L. Rizk (AU), L. Nasu-Yu (AU), M. Guo (BMSSA), C. Zhou (BMSSA), M. Banerjee (BPSU), K. Abian (CANSSU), N. Bromige (CANSSU), H. Tyrrell (CSBSU), A. Li (CSU), A. Lai (CASA), Y. Santos (CASA), A. Gem Almonte (CASSU), T. Yue (CASSU), S. Borbolla Garces (CRIMSA), N. Persaud (CRIMSA), C. Iacovelli (SUDS), H. Ratnaweera (SUDS), K. Bormann (UESA), C. Wang (EASSU), K. Hobson (EASSU), M. Ghosh (EEBU), J. Kanchankoti (ESA), P. Ajit (ESA), N. Joseph (ESU), J. Sun (ENSU), M. Frenchette (ENSU), F. Northeast (ESSU), E. Frynta (FCU), T. Sharrock (TUGS), S. Hothi (HSSU), P. Khan (HSA), I. Patton (HASA), H. Million (HASA), H. Rajput (HPSUS), G. Liu (HBSU), M. Lin (IMMSA), C. Walcott (IRHRSA), T. Fu (IRS), I. Rishi (LCTSU), M. Chaudhury (MGYSU), A. Katsikaris (MGYSU), K. Reilly (NMCSU), S. Zehra (NMCSU), Y. Sharma (NAUS), K. Tran (NSSA), C. Huang (NSSA), T. Mei (PTSA), V. Hong (PCU), B. Seignour (PCU), I. Ovchinnikov (PhysU), K. Benevides (PhysU), A. Djordjijevic (APSS), N. Feng (UPPSA), I. Liu (UPPSA), F. O'Brien (ARS), J. Heath (USSU), L. Watson (SSU), R. Sacco (URSSU), M. Khalis (URSSU), C. Duru (WGSSU), F. Baker (ASSU Executive), J. Gan (ASSU Executive), A. Mahusudanan (ASSU Executive), F. Nami (ASSU President), S. Rana (ASSU Executive), F. Sadid (ASSU Executive), E. Seo (ASSU Executive), J. Seto (ASSU Staff), Y. Minoda (Secretary), G. Nowlan (Chair).

Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm

1) Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Chair made a land acknowledgement statement.

2) Approval of the Agenda

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

*CARRIED

3) Approval of Previous Minutes – November 15, 2022

MOVED(Million/Liu): "That the minutes of January 17, 2023, be approved as presented."

*CARRIED

4) Executive Reports

F. Nami updated council regarding absence declaration form. She said that the decision to decrease the absence declaration forms from 2 weeks to 1 week was set at central administration level and not set by the Dean's office. She also noted that you can renew the form after 1 week and declare your absence again.

She also updated on the issue regarding timeline for reviewing exams. She explained that the Dean's office is trying to move deferred exams to an earlier date allowing instructors to use the same test, which results in them restricting viewing of the exams until after Reading week. This will give time for everybody to write the exam and for the instructors to mark them.

She reminded council to buy raffle tickets to be Dean for the Day.

She encouraged council members to run for ASSU executives at the next council election meeting.

F. Baker reported that the Arbor Journal will be published soon.

E. Seo and A. Madhusudanan reported that they are working on a Speaker Series but the guest is still a secret, but the topic will be on climate change and the impact it will have on our future.

F. Sadid and E. Seo reminded council that the Open Mic Night (aka Coffee House) will be held on Friday March 3rd at the Cat's Eye from 6-9pm. Registration is now live, and the deadline for performers are next week and encouraged everybody to attend.

They also gave an update on their research guide and that the site will be ready by the next council meeting. They noted that the site is not limited to Life Sciences and they are hoping it to grow after the site goes live. A council member had a question regarding research for smaller programs and they answered that they hope to get some help from Course Unions to add more research opportunities from their respective programs.

S. Rana reported the huge success of the Undergraduate Research Conference that took place last Friday. She thanked everyone that helped promote and share the event.

J. Gan reported that episode 2 of the podcast featuring Dean Woodin is now live and encouraged everyone to share and have a listen.

5) Course Union Budget Request

G. Nowlan presented the CU budgets to Council.

- 1) Anthropology Students' Association – (\$2192.20) **\$2192.20**
- 2) Astronomy Union – (\$1552.98) **\$1552.98**
- 3) Book & Media Studies Student Association – (\$1150) **\$1150**
- 4) Buddhism & Psychology Student Union – (\$500) **\$500**
- 5) Canadian Studies Student Union – (\$1150) **\$1250**
- 6) Cell & System Biology Student Union – (\$1155) **\$1155**
- 7) Chemistry Students' Union – (\$50) **\$50**
-funding amount dependent on Fall Receipts
- 8) Cinema Studies Students' Union – (\$1825) **\$1589.50**
-max allowed is \$3000 for the year
- 9) Classics Students' Union – (\$1705) **\$1705**
- 10) Cognitive Science & AI Students' Association – (\$1090.69) **\$1090.69**
-funding amount dependent on Fall Receipts
-need more details about academic seminars
- 11) Contemporary Asian Studies Students' Union – (\$1841.72) **\$225**

MOVED (Yue/Heath): "To suspend Article VI: Section 3 of the ASSU Constitution for CASSU."

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CASSU pledged to attend the next Council Meeting.

- 12) Creative Expression and Society Student Union – (\$2050) **\$2050**
- 13) Criminology Students' Association – (\$1892) **\$1892**
-provide breakdown of honoraria for conference
- 14) Diaspora & Transnational Studies Union – (\$1318) **\$1318**
- 15) Society of Undergraduate Drama Students – (\$1960) **\$1960**
- 16) Undergraduate Earth Science Association – (\$1875.73) **\$1875.73**
- 17) East Asian Studies Students' Union – (\$2150) **\$2150**
- 18) Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Union – (\$2410) **\$2410**
- 19) English Students' Union – (\$2078.56) **\$2078.56**
- 20) Environment Student Union – (\$1650) **\$1600**
-headshots not covered
-need location of pub night
- 21) Ethics, Society & Law Students' Association – (\$1495) **\$1195**
-max allowed for merchandise is \$200
- 22) Equity Studies Student Union – (\$1250) **\$1250**
-need more details about academic seminar
- 23) European Studies Students' Association – (\$1200) **\$1200**
-funding amount dependent on Fall Receipts
- 24) French Course Union – (\$1347.50) **\$1347.50**
- 25) Health Studies Students Union – (\$2200) **\$2200**
- 26) History Students' Association – (\$1655) **\$1655**
-need more details about academic seminar
- 27) History of Art Students' Association – (\$2000) **\$2000**
- 28) History & Philosophy of Science Undergraduate Society – (\$850) **\$850**
- 29) Human Biology Students' Union – (\$1300) **\$1300**
-more details about formal
- 30) Immunology Students' Association – (\$1700) **\$1700**
- 31) Industrial Relations & Human Resources Students' Association – (\$1377.42) **\$1377.42**
- 32) International Relations Society – (\$2395) **\$2395**
- 33) Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology Students' Union – (\$745) **\$895**
-funding amount dependent on Fall Receipts
- 34) Society of Linguistics Undergraduate Students – (\$1540) **\$1540**
-funding amount dependent on Fall Receipts
- 35) Molecular Genetics & Microbiology Student Union – (\$1010) **\$1010**
- 36) Neuroscience Association for Undergraduate Students – (\$1550) **\$1050**
-submit SPF for CULSC
-need location of pub night
- 37) Nutritional Sciences Student Association – (\$2600) **\$1300**
-need more details about academic event
-funding amount dependent on Fall Receipts
-need new date for social – April 6th is last day to hold events
-provide breakdown of costs for Graduate Night and Career Event

- 38) Peace, Conflict & Justice Society – (\$680) **\$680**
-need more details about academic event
-funding amount dependent on Fall Receipts
- 39) Pharmaceutical Chemistry Student Union – (\$1805) **\$1805**
- 40) Physics Student Union – (\$1878.96) **\$1878.96**
-funding amount dependent on Fall Receipts
- 41) Undergraduate Physiology Students' Association – (\$1825) **\$1825**
- 42) Association of Political Science Students – (\$2172.59) **\$2172.59**
- 43) Psychology Students Association – (\$1570) **\$1570**
-need new date for event scheduled during Reading Week
- 44) Undergraduate Public Policy Students' Association – (\$1935) **\$1435**
-submit SPF for the Career Fair
- 45) Religion Undergraduate Student Association – (\$1300) **\$1300**
- 46) Undergraduate Sociology Students' Union – (\$2108.92) **\$2108.92**
- 47) Statistical Sciences Union – (\$1000) **\$1000**
- 48) Urban Studies Students Union – (\$1400) **\$1400**
- 49) Women & Gender Studies Student Union – (\$1100) **\$1100**

MOVED(Reilly/Madhusudanan): "To suspend Article VI: Section 3 of the ASSU Constitution for NMCSU."

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was a question regarding suspending the ASSU constitution to make a one-time change to allow an event to happen after April 6th (last day of classes). The Chair noted that there is a good reason behind this rule including accessibility reasons

MOVED(Madhusudanan/Seo): "That each Course Union budget to be approved as presented by the Budget Review Committee (BRC)."

*CARRIED

MOVED(Nami/Baker): "That the ASSU Executive issue funds to the Course Unions in accordance with the wishes and requirements set by Council."

*CARRIED

6) Other Business

Various Course unions promoted their upcoming events including HSSU, CANSSU, HASA, SUDS, CASA, and ENSU.

7) Question Period

None.

8) Lucky Draw

CANSSU, PCU, and CASA won gift cards.

9) Adjournment

MOVED(Borbolla Garces/Patton): "To adjourn."

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