

ARTS & SCIENCE STUDENTS' UNION

Third Council Meeting 2022-23

Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Sidney Smith Hall, Rm 1071

5 p.m.

Attendance:

M. Ogbeiwi (ASCU), S. Ali (ASCU), G. Sachdeva (AU), M. Szpigel (AU), Y. Li (BMSSA), M. Guo (BMSSA), L. Wang (BPSU), A. Xie (BPSU), N. Bromige (CANSSU), C. Miranda-Radbord (CANSSU), S. Chan (CSBSU), K. Gambell (CSCU), C. Young (CINSSU), A. Hurnanen (CLASSU), J. Lautens (CLASSU), A. Shmanova (CASA), Z. Bajwa (CASA), A. Goyal (CSSU), A. Mehrota (CSSU), J. Han (CASSU), S. Borbolla Garces (CRIMSA), E. Abraham (CRIMSA), K. Cheng (UESA), Z. Uzunel (UESA), J. McLean (EEBU), M. Ghosh (EEBU), K. Kanchankoti (ESA), P. Grover (ESU), M. Cheng (ESU), J. Sun (ENSU), M. Frechetti (ENSU), P. Akhtari (ES&LSA), S. Pesikan (ES&LSA), F. Northeast (ESSU), N. Giebler (ESSU), M. Keli (ESSA), S. Chow (FCU), S. Abboud (FCU), G. Faseemo (TUGS), S. Hothi (HSSU), E. Murray (HSSU), E. Case (HSA), T. Million (HASA), K. Zhang (HASA), H. Rajput (HPSUS), V. Ruhela (HPSUS), A. Bejoy (IMMSA), M. Saadati (IMMSA), K. DaSilva (ISSU), C. Walcott (IRHRSA), H. Song (IRHRSA), M. El Sharkawy (IRS), M. Kieffer (IRS), N. Lim (SLUGS), A. Koutlemanis (SLUGS), I. Rishi (LCSTSU), K. Wood (LCTSU), D. Heydary (MU), J. Bona-Landry (MU), D. Mamatkulova (MGYSU), A. Katsikaris (MGYSU), A. Liu (NAUS), E. Pugliese (PCJS), L. Chun (PCJS), M. Zabinski (PCSU), S. Ziadat (PCSU), S. Lee (PTSA), B. Sieghneur (PCU), K. Benevides (PhySU), I. Ovchinnikov (PhySU), A. Lee (UPSA), H. Chang (UPSA), S. Fatemi (PSA), A. Saleh-Singh (UPPSA), O. Huisman (RUSA), T. Atkinson (RUSA), F. O'Brien (ARS), B. Gulyas (ARS), J-D. Heath (USSU), S. Malik (USSU), K. Bhavsar (SSU), W. Rizal (URSSU), R. Sacco (URSSU), D. Ahmed (WGSSU), C. Duru (WGSSU), F. Baker (ASSU Executive), J. Gan (ASSU Executive), A. Madhusudanan (ASSU Executive), F. Nami (ASSU President), S. Rana (ASSU Executive), J. Seto (Secretary), G. Nowlan (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

1) Land Acknowledgement Statement

G. Nowlan made a Land Acknowledgement statement.

2) Approval of the Agenda

MOVED(Miranda-Radbord /Case): "To approve the agenda as presented."

*CARRIED

3) Approval of Previous Minutes

MOVED(Hothi/Lautens): "That the minutes of October 6, 2022 be approved as presented."

There was a question about the PhySU rave – if a location had been found yet – still not yet.

S. Borbolla Graces reported that part of her name was missing from the minutes.

*CARRIED

4) Executive Report

F. Nami welcomed everyone back from Reading Week. She reported that ASSU had completed their second budget consultation with the Dean's Office. We surveyed students to see what their main concerns were which focused around access to financial aid. These concerns and our recommendations were presented to the Dean's Office.

F. Nami also reported that the two new Executives, F. Sadid and E. Seo have taken on new projects of their own and will report about them at the next Council Meeting.

She announced that EXAM JAM will be returning this December 9th, where instructors will hold review sessions and we will run de-stressing programming and offer free healthy snacks.

ASSU has created a 2nd Year Involvement Award – 6 awards at \$250 each. We have also increased the award payments for our 1st Year Involvement Award to match these.

Finally, F. Nami stated that we continue to work with students, helping them with individual course concerns; we are still collecting term tests for our test library raffle and that we have tickets to sell for our Dean for the Day raffle!

S. Rana reported that for the URC, they received over 90 abstracts and are hoping to narrow it down to 30 presenters. The URC is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 27th – there have been issues with booking

space with the University, but we are hoping this gets resolved soon. S. Rana answered a question about who was on the Selections Committee and how they worked.

J. Gan announced that the first episode of the ASSU Podcast had been recorded, starring Gavin Nowlan. It will be released later this week. She is hoping to advertise CU events at the end of each one – so if CU's have events to advertise, please email short blurbs to her.

Also, she reported that the laptop program is ready to go, but still having some problems installing the security software. She is also working with F. Sadid on the 1st Year Support Guide that she started last year – he will be taking it over.

F. Baker and A. Madhusudanan reported that they have finalized their Editorial Board for the Arbor Journal and have received about 160 submissions. Currently the team is editing and short-listing the submissions. They are hoping to publish in April. They are still looking for a Graphic Designer to do the cover and to format the journal for printing.

5) Financial Statement

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

MOVED(Madhusudanan/Nami): "That ASSU Council approve the Financial Statement for the period of May 1, 2022 to November 14, 2022 as presented."

*CARRIED

6) Report from the Auditor

A. Madhusudanan presented Audit Report to Council and answered questions.

MOVED(Madhusudanan/Nami): "That ASSU Council accept the Audit Report prepared by MNP LLP Chartered Accountants."

*CARRIED

MOVED(Madhusudanan/Nami): "That ASSU Council appoints MNP LLP Chartered Accountants as the auditors for the Arts and Science Students' Union for the 2022-23 fiscal year."

*CARRIED

7) Other Business

J. Seto reminded Council to pick up their grant cheques – they can see her after the meeting.

8) Question Period

There was a question about whether CUs can hold events on the weekend – not unless approved by the BRC.

There was a question about CUs holding joint events with other CUs and how they should ask for funding. J. Seto replied that each CU should ask for individual amounts on their own budgets and submit receipts the same way.

9) Lucky Draw

Five (5) Council members from EEBU, SLUGS, URSSU, IRS and MGYSU won \$15 gift cards to Second Cup.

9) Adjournment

MOVED(Ovchinnikov /Keli): "To adjourn."

*CARRIED

Secretary to Council