

# ARTS & SCIENCE STUDENTS' UNION

## FINAL COUNCIL MEETING 2023-24

### MINUTES

Friday, March 22, 2024  
Sidney Smith Hall, Rm 2117

5 pm

#### Attendance:

R. Crowley (USAS), N. Sokoloff (USAS), G. Sachdeva (AU), Z. Klouchnikov (AU), V. Mak (BUSS), T. Johnson (BUSS), A. Manderfro (BCBSA), S. Choi (BCBSA), M. Jakobsen (BMSSA), L. Hong (CSBSU), D. Liu (CSBSU), E. Donald (CSCU), O. Leng (CSU), V. Huang (CINSSU), T. Fan (CINSSU), T. Mladin (CLASSU), S. Im (CASA), J. Wang (CASA), C. Fairchild (CSSU), A. Gautam (CSSU), E. Qin (CASSU), D. Tessaro (CRIMSA), A. Joshi-Dave (DTSU), Z. Uzunel (UESA), K. Stevenson (UESA), Z. He (EASSU), J. He (EASSU), S. Peters (EEBU), M. Gupta (ESA), A. Lai (ESU), J. Chi (ESU), J. Sun (ENSU), S. Roy (ENSU), S. Pesikan (ES&LSA), L. Dikic (ES&LSA), F. Sohail (ESSU), S. Abboud (FCU), G. Serabian (FCU), S. Hoiseth (TUGS), K. Abian (TUGS), T. Streibel-May (GSSU), E. Haertel (GSSU), W. Wynne (HSSU), K. Zhang (HASA), A. Spurr (HPSUS), J. Scott (IMMSA), L. Saito (IRHRSA), Z. Zhou (IRHRSA), A. Lysenko (IRS), P. Vij (IRS), R. Lee (LMPSU), E. Wong (SLUGS), B. McPartland (SLUGS), H. Weininger (LCTSU), I. Li (MGYSU), P. D'Souza McDonough (NMCSU), N. Khan (NAUS), J. Arsenault (NAUS), J. Zhao (NSSA), N. Frigon (PCJS), A. Sandhu (PCJS), L. Yechayahu-Sharabi (PCU), M. Kamran (PCU), A. Zhang (PhySU), T. Markel (UPSA), G. Yang (APSS), T. Yang (PSA), A. Ma (PSA), I. Liu (UPPSA), M. Gryneuyeh (UPSSA), K. Klanreungsang (RUSA), H. Henderson (ARS), C. Bridon (ARS), E. Mastracci (USSU), L. Watson (SSU), R. Sacco (URSSU), B. Terry (URSSU), S. King (WGSSU), A. Madhusudanan (ASSU President), F. Sadid (ASSU Executive), F. Kayed (ASSU Executive), S. Lopez (ASSU Executive), S. Zaman (ASSU Executive), M. Wong (ASSU Executive), J. Seto (Chair), E. Mao (Secretary)

#### Observers:

M. Rodrigo

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

#### 1) Approval of the Agenda

MOVED (Sandhu/Terry): "To approve the agenda as presented."

MOVED TO AMEND (Sadid/Joshi-Dave): "To move ASSU Elections to new agenda item #7."

\*AMENMEND CARRIED

\*ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

#### 2) Land Acknowledgement Statement

A. Madhusudanan acknowledged the land that we are meeting on today.

#### 3) Approval of the Previous Minutes

MOVED (Arsenault/Mandefro): "To accept the minutes of February 5, 2024 as presented."

\*CARRIED

#### 4) Executive Reports

A. Madhusudanan reported on the year's achievements (i.e. services and grants), as well the Council and the union working to uphold union values. She thanked her Executive and the ASSU Staff.

F. Sadid reported that the Robarts Library hours were extended until 2am for the exam period. Sadid additionally said the special project review was coming together, and the scholarship committee has finished work. Additionally, the Arbor Journal has mostly completed its work.

F. Kayed reported that the syllabus initiative has now passed to the Vice-Provost, with analysts to take it to an institutional level. She mentioned that such technology would be kept updated and current. Arts and Science Faculty still has no deadline, which Kayed wants to bring up in future meetings.

S. Lopez presented a final report on the URC and its success.

M. Wong reported on the progress of the Arbor Journal, with accepted authors notified and cover selected. Work with both the BRC for special project funding and the university for an undergraduate research fund is continuing smoothly.

S. Zaman reported on the success of the Grad Info sessions, as well as the continuing work for a feedback program with UTSU through to the Fall Session.

5) Financial Statement

F. Sadid presented the Financial Statement to Council.

MOVED (Sadid/Lopez): "That the Financial Statement for the period of May 1, 2023 to March 21, 2024 be approved as presented."

\*CARRIED

6) Summer Budget

F. Sadid presented the Summer Budget to the Council.

MOVED (Sadid/Wong): "That ASSU Council approve the Summer Budget for 2024."

\*CARRIED

7) ASSU Elections

J. Seto announced that due to the weather, the CRO - B. Ramadan could not make it down to campus and asked if there were any objections to having S. Hothi step in to run the elections. There were no objections from Council or the candidates. J. Seto turned the meeting over to S. Hothi.

S. Hothi invited the candidates (F. Sadid and E. Seo) for the position of ASSU President to come up to the front. Each candidate was given 3 minutes to address Council. Candidates then answered a couple of questions from Council before sitting down again.

S. Hothi invited the candidates (A. Gautam, F. Kayed, M. Rodrigo, M. Wong and S. Zaman) for the ASSU Executive positions to come up to the front. They were each given 2 minutes to address Council and they also answered a couple of questions from Council.

S. Hothi declared F. Sadid elected as ASSU President and the following elected to the ASSU Executive – M. Wong, F. Kayed, S. Zaman and M. Rodrigo.

MOVED (Fairchild/Yechayahu-Sharabi): "To keep the election ballots for 2 weeks before destroying them, in case of vote count discrepancy."

\*CARRIED

8) Constitutional Amendment

A. Madhusudanan presented the proposed amendment to ASSU Council.

MOVED(Madhusudanan/Kayed): "That ASSU Council approve the following new additions to the ASSU Constitution and renumbering current Articles VIII to XIII.

**Article VI: Council, Section 4**

*d) adjudicating complaints by members of the union as outlined in Article VIII and recommending remedies as needed*

**Article VIII: Complaints Process**

*Any member of the Union who believes that the Executive has not followed the letter and spirit of this*

constitution and bylaws, or failed to perform their duties as outlined above, may initiate a formal complaint process.

*Procedures:*

- a. The complainant shall make a written submission outlining the nature of their complaint and any relevant facts and address it to the President, or if the President is the named party of the complaint, the Executive as a whole.*
- b. The President, or if the President is the named party, a delegated member of the Executive will respond in writing to the complainant within one week.*
- c. If the complainant is not satisfied with the response, they may request a meeting with any named party to try to effect a mutually satisfactory resolution. This meeting shall be mediated by the President, or if the President is the named party, a mutually agreeable third party. This meeting shall take place no more than two weeks after the written response to the complaint is received.*
- d. If the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily at the meeting, the complaint shall be forwarded to the next regularly scheduled ASSU Council for adjudication. If the next regularly scheduled ASSU Council meeting is more than 30 days away, a special meeting of council shall be called.*
- e. At ASSU Council, one representative from each side shall present their case and answer questions from the council. Once Council has heard the case, the resolution of the complaint shall be decided by majority vote of council members present and voting.”*

\*CARRIED

9) Other Business

Numerous Course Unions made announcements about their upcoming events and invited Council members to attend.

10) Question Period

No questions.

11) Lucky Draw

We gave away 6 ASSU t-shirts and 6 ASSU tote bags.

12) Adjournment

MOVED (Mladin/Sohail): “To adjourn.”

\*CARRIED

Secretary to Council