ASSU Executive Meeting

Minutes

Friday, September 13, 2024 10:00 am

Present: F. Sadid (President), F. Kayed (Executive), M. Wong (Executive), G. Johnson (Executive), G. Nowlan (Staff), J. Seto (Secretary)

1) Approval of the Agenda

 MOVED (Johnson/Kayed): “To approve the agenda as presented.”

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2) Approval of the Previous Minutes

 MOVED (Wong/Kayed) “To approve the minutes of October 11, 2024 as presented.”

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3) Report of the President

F. Sadid reported that he met with Alexis from R. Boyagoda’s office to talk about civil discourse on campus and ways to engage students. The Executive talked about their ideas – which included inviting speakers to campus to share various viewpoints and holding actual debates.

F. Sadid attended the BPMH meeting with Professor Gazzale. There is talk to keep the program a float but New College has no interest because of the lack of tenured professors and the high turnover. PSY, RLG and PHL have all been asked to house the program but there is no interest. ASSU will talk to BPSU to see how we can help strategize on the next steps.

F. Sadid reported that he is meeting with PhySU, AU, MU and CSU on Monday to discuss their new joint journal project.

4) Report of the Executive

F. Kayed reported that she has followed up with Julian Weinrib on the Syllabus Archive Project that she started on last year. He has connected her with Clare Gilderdale – the Director of Innovations in Undergraduate Education and there is a virtual meeting with her on November 1st at 2 pm.

 F. Kayed also reported that M. Rodrigo has posted a Call for Papers and they will be interviewing Managing Editors after Reading Week.

 M. Wong reported that they have made 2 posts for the URC – one for submissions and one for the selections committee – these will also be included in the newsletter.

 G. Johnson brought up the idea of a podcast to help talk about different issues. We told her that ASSU did previously have one and she is interested in starting it back up.

5) Report of the Staff

J. Seto gave an update on the lawsuit. A law firm has been retained and will be sending documents to the courts soon to ask for a dismissal.

J. Seto also reported that the Hiring Committee will be making their decisions soon on the two new part-time employees.

G. Nowlan updated the Executive on the AST 101 midterm that took place on a Saturday – this was an extenuating situation, not best practice but it was necessary this time. Students will also be given lots of opportunities to write make-ups.

G. Nowlan also reminded the Executive about the policy on tests and assignments over Reading Week.

6) Midterm Donation Initiative

F. Sadid suggested that we raffle off a pair of Airpods Pro to entice students to donate their tests.

MOVED (Sadid/Kayed): “That ASSU purchase a pair of Airpods Pro for our test donation drive.”

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7) Other Business

F. Kayed mentioned that there were 2 suggestions in the Suggestion Box – one was to advertise our services more, specifically that we have Tylenol, band aids, etc. F. Sadid suggested we make a post reels again advertising these things.

J. Seto asked the Executive to stay on top of checking SLACK.

J. Seto reported that EXAM JAM would be on Wednesday, December 4th.

8) Adjournment

 MOVED(Johnson/Wong): “To adjourn.”

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Secretary to the Executive

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