ASSU Executive Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, July 2, 2024                                                                                                                          5:00 PM

Present: Firdaus Sadid (President), Farida Kayed (Executive), Safia Zaman (Executive), Jane Seto (Secretary)

Called to order at 5:26 pm

1) Approval of the Agenda

 MOVED (Kayed/Zaman) “To approve the agenda as presented”

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2) Report of the President

F. Sadid and S. Zaman will be meeting with the CSSU this Thursday at 9 pm to discuss designing a
 new ASSU website.

 He met with Eriks (President of CUPE 3902) to discuss the possibility of a monthly TTC pass for
 Students.  He will discuss this further in Other Business.

F. Sadid is hoping to meet with Angelique, the UofT Registrar, sometime after July 8th to discuss
amending the Absence Declaration to allow for multiple usage.

He reported trying to reach out to Scott Mabury a few times to discuss room booking fees but
has had no response yet.

He is attending a tri-campus meeting tomorrow to discuss pushing the deadlines for CR/NCR.

He is meeting with an alumni to learn more about a mentorship app that she has designed and he
 is also still interested in linking blog posts from intelligence.com to our website or having the
 Executive take turns writing their own short blog posts.

The free ice cream truck initiative will be pushed to the 2nd or 3rd week of July.

F. Sadid has been in touch with UTSU regarding orientation and is still waiting to meet with Tala to discuss collaborating with UTSU for the Fall orientation. He has also reached out to Avreet.

3) Report of the Executive

F. Kayed has emailed Julian Weinrib about the Syllabus Project, but has not heard back.

S. Zaman plans to work on the discrimination in courses project now that she is down summer school.

4) Report of the Staff

J. Seto reported that she has sent the UTSU multiple emails about a contract for Orientation that
is similar to previous years – where we pay a bulk sum to cover Course Union tables and an ASSU Table at the Clubs Fair. She asked Firdaus to bring it up with he meets with Tala – but we need an agreement ASAP so our CUs can start reserving tables with us.

She has not heard back from Hart House yet – but has reached out to them again for a quote.

SMC orientation has reached out to ASSU to inquire if we wanted to include something in their Orientation kits (1200 of them). The Executive thought it was a good idea and will also reach out to the other Colleges. They will decide on what they want to include.

5) ASSU Website

The Executive agreed that they wanted a modernized website. They talked about what they wanted and sites they liked. They will continue their discussion after this meeting and come up with ideas to take to their Thursday meeting with CSSU.

6) Amended Travel Grant

F. Sadid has made an amendment to the travel grant request form to include a section asking if there are other circumstances that need to be taken into consideration. It was also decided that unless there were other circumstances, J. Seto should grant travel requests based on the funding rubric and forward any others to the Executive for discussion.

Also, for the Deferred Exam Fee Grant application, the statement “be thorough in your explanation” will be added to the form.

7) Other Business

There was discussion on whether the Executive thought students would subsidize a monthly TTC pass for everyone. At present – the monthly fee would work out to $70 per student. The majority didn’t not think that students would pay this extra amount. If UofT was willing to put money towards and if the monthly cost could be brought down to maybe $30 a month – then students might support it. It was decided to post on IG to see what students’ opinions might be.

There is a new Introduction to the Executive that M. Wong has been working on – it was decided
that the first questions would be Favourite Study Spot and a Fun Fact. Please send in chat along with your Major, Specialists, etc.

F. Sadid asked F. Kayed to start working on the suggestion box for the office.

8) Adjournment

 MOVED(Zaman/Kayed): “To adjourn.”

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Secretary to the Executive

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