ASSU Executive Meeting

Minutes

Friday September 6th, 2024                                                                                                                    10am SS room 1068  
  
Present: Firdaus Sadid (President), Mia Rodrigo (Executive), Safia Zaman(Executive), Gavin Nowlan (Secretary), Jane Seto (Executive Co-ordinator)  
  
The meeting was called to order at 10:25 am  
  
1) Approval of the Agenda   
  
 MOVED (Zaman/Rodrigo) “To approve the agenda as presented”

CARRIED

2) Approval of the Previous Minutes July 23rd 2024

MOVED (Rogrigo/Zaman) “To approve for the Previous Minutes from August 13th 2024 as presented”

CARRIED

3) Report of the President

F. Sadid reported that they had a number of excellent chats with the course union leaders at the social the night before. They will report more at item 8 regarding potential academic events.

Sadid met with the Vice Dean about a potential speaker co-sponsored with the Dean’s office. This conversation is ongoing

CR/NCR extension project is still ongoing with more meetings planned during the next little while before making their proposals to the Dean’s office.

Sadid also said that they were really happy with how orientation went and are excited with how many students have reached out about running for the position.

4) Report of the Executive

S. Zaman reported that they have been meeting with different students and professors regarding the syllabus research project they proposed during the summer.

M. Rodrigo also reported that they have been working with Zaman about the project.

Zaman reported that they were starting to work with Wong about URC planning and have started the conversation about which type of speaker they will try to book for a keynote. The plan is to have the call out for the URC team which will begin this weekend.

Sadid presented some of their ideas about how best to increase the attendance to the URC and how best to encourage the best students to participate. One thought was to have an actual competition with the participants.

Rodrigo asked about the timeline for the publication of the Arbor journal and best times to start the call out for both the editorial board and submissions. The plan is for the submissions be due around Dec 31st 2024 and then the editorial team and take the 2nd semester to get the journal finished. The editorial team call out should be posted in the next week or two.

5) Report of the Staff

G. Nowlan reported that he had a number of academic issues that he will wait until item 8 for discussion.

J. Seto reported that they Sid Smith multifaith re

6) Website Revamp Remuneration

F. Sadid proposed an honorarium for the website developer Jenny of $2,000

MOVED (Sadid/Zaman) “To pay Jenny Kwon $2,000 for the redesign of the ASSU website”   
\*CARRIED

7) Appointment of the CRO

F. Sadid proposed a CRO for the upcoming ASSU by-election

MOVED (Sadid/Zaman) “To appoint Anusha Madhususbadan as CRO for the September by-election”

8) Discussion on Potential Academic Initiatives

F. Sadid presented a number of items for discussion at the upcoming Dean’s meeting in September.   
Moving the drop date further into the term so that students had a better idea of how they were doing in the course. If that was not possible, having more of the course mark returned to students before the deadline.

Many universities in Canada do not let instructors have assignments or assessments due in the last two weeks before final exams. Other universities do not let instructors have anything due within two weeks of your final exam. If not having final assessments allowed in the final two weeks is possible, then changing the maximum percentage of the assignment allowed should be pushed.

G. Nowlan asked for a policy telling instructors and departments that they cannot send academic misconduct allegations until after the end of the final exam period to ensure students’ academics are not impacted by a false allegations.

G. Nowlan also asked why the final marks from the term are so delayed every year. The Exec would push the Dean’s office for an actual plan for how to return final marks in their own stated time.

F. Sadid brought up the final exam schedule and the meeting he had with the Faculty Registrar about why the final exam schedule is so delayed every year.

9) Other Business

S. Zaman asked where ASSU could push the University about how accessibility services were not really available over the summer and how students find accessing services so complicated

10) Adjournment

MOVED(Sadid/Zaman): “To adjourn.”

\*CARRIED

the meeting adjourned at 11:06am

Secretary to the Executive

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