

# ARTS & SCIENCE STUDENTS' UNION

## FINAL COUNCIL MEETING 2024-25

### Minutes

Friday, March 21, 2025

Sidney Smith, Rm 2117

#### Attendance:

C. Gilliland (USAS), D. Prasuhn (USAS), G. Wills (ASA), M. Vevecka (ASA), Z. Klouchnikov (AU), M. Szpigel (AU), T. Feng (BUSS), A. Sarma (BUSS), P. Gupta (BCBSA), Y. Qi (BMSSA), M. Jakobsen (BMSSA), J. Pham (BPSU), N. Violet (BPSU), C. Stipelman (CANSSU), T. Hasnat (CANSSU), G. Lin (CSBSU), O. Leng (CSU), A. Kalendsian (CSU), F. Liu (CINSSU), K. Pandurangadu (CINSSU), T. Mladin (CLASSU), C. Sa (CSSU), Y. Chen (CSSU), D. Tessaro (CRIMSA), A. Bhatti (DTSU), N. Mallia (UESA), K. Wang (EASSU), N. Lalla (ESA), E. Ward (ESU), T. Reyes (ENSU), M. Phan (ENSU), J. Ankenmann (ES&LSA), G. Rickwood (ES&LSA), AG. Rans Kolakovic (ESSA), C. Huang (ESSA), A. Xiao (FCU), J. Yin (TUGS), R. Qin (GSSU), P. Hays (HSA), I. Gaitan (HSA), G. Liu (HBSU), M. Mamun (IMMSA), S. Caandeeppan (IMMSA), S. Lambert (IRSOC), J. Baca (IRSOC), S. Ding (LMPSU), R. Alvarez (LMPSU), S. Pastor (SLUGS), A. Hu (SLUGS), H. Weininger (LCTSU), C. Ding (LCTSU), A. Grzyb-Reed (MCSSU), M. Bagnell (MCSSU), A. Mann (MU), M. Pickett (MGYSU), E. Cho (MGYSU), N. Khan (NAUS), R. Mukherjee (NAUS), M. Ly (NSSA), N. Rudder (PCJS), A. Sandhu (PCSU), J. Wu (PTSA), M. Kamran (PCU), E. Chen (PCU), A. Teixeira (PhySU), I. Ovchinnikov (PhySU), K. Seo (UPSA), E. Dobrovnik (APSS), Q. Liu (APSS), T. Yang (PSA), H. Xu (PSA), A. Saleh (UPPSA), M. Crabtree (RUSA), M. Zhang (RUSA), J. Yuen (USSU), H. Shim (SSU), W. Yang (SSU), Y.E. Wang (URSSU), P. Gorn (URSSU), P. Inzunza (WGSSU), F. Kayed (ASSU Treasurer), F. Sadid (ASSU President), M. Wong (ASSU Executive), G. Johnson (ASSU Executive), M. Rodrigo (ASSU Executive), S. Zaman (ASSU Executive), Z. Nettey (ASSU Executive), G. Nowlan (Chair), J. Seto (Secretary)

#### Observers:

A. Kusumakar, I. Cordero, T. Ravindran, G. Pascual, K. Abian

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm.

#### 1) Land Acknowledgement Statement

G. Nowlan made a land acknowledgement statement.

#### 2) Approval of the Agenda

MOVED (Gilliland/Bhatti): "That the Agenda be accepted as presented."

\*CARRIED

#### 3) Approval of Previous Minutes

MOVED (Hays/Wang): "That the minutes of February 3, 2025 be accepted as presented."

\*CARRIED

#### 4) Executive Report

F. Sadid spoke on a number of issues: There was a big turnout for ASSU's award ceremony – we have a very accomplished community in our Faculty. He raised the idea of having alumni networking events within the Faculty – the Dean is working with the Advancement team and has said that they will provide funds to support Departments that need it for these types of events. He met with the Faculty to discuss the findings of the CR/NCR survey, specifically that students wanted to have the option available to them after they received their final grades. The Faculty were willing to consider this, if all three campus agreed. In regards to the Speaker Series, it will not happen this year, as organizing went too slowly. He met with the UofT Working Group on Sexual Violence Policies – where he proposed two things: make clear the disciplinary and investigative action that will be pursued and set the tone, firmly, during orientations to preemptively address the matter. Finally, Robarts will be extending their hours until 2 am during the final exam period.

Z. Nettey and G. Johnson reported on their fourth episode of their Podcast. If anyone is interested in being on their podcast, please get in touch with them. Open Mic Night is happening on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cat's Eye – sign up to showcase your talent!

M. Wong reported that the URC went well – with 6 guest speakers and 60 student presenters. She thanked J. Seto for her help with the organizing of the day's events.

M. Rodrigo reported that everything was on track for the Arbor Journal.

F. Kayed reported that it was a competitive year for our ASSU Awards. In regards to the issue she has been working on this year, the percentage of returned work before the drop date, the Dean's office do not want to mandate a specific percentage. However, we feel it would be good to have a suggestion in the handbook.

S. Zaman thanked those who attended the URC. She talked about the accessibility issue within departments – she met with the SOC Department to address accommodation issues. ASSU and CUs should continue to keep an eye out on this issue.

5) Financial Statement

F. Kayed presented the Financial Statement to Council and answered questions.

MOVED (Kayed/Nettey): "That the Financial Statement for the period of May1, 2024 to March 20, 2025 be accepted as presented."

\*CARRIED

6) Summer Budget

F. Kayed presented the Proposed Summer Budget to Council and answered questions.

MOVED (Kayed/Johnson): "That ASSU Council approve the 2025 Summer Budget."

\*CARRIED

7) Other Business

A few members of Council would like a discussion about the Executive Honoraria – it will be added to the September 2025 Council Meeting agenda.

F. Sadid thanked J. Seto and G. Nowlan for all their support this year.

8) ASSU Elections

G. Nowlan turned the Chair over to the CRO for the elections – Bob Gillespie.

Candidates addressed ASSU Council and answered questions from Council.

B. Gillespie announced the results of the election – the following were elected to the 2025-26 ASSU Executive:

President – Farida Kayed; Executive – Zayne Nettey, Grace Johnson, Michelle Wong, Dean Tessaro

MOVED (Lalla/Wills): "To keep the ballots for 2 weeks and then recycle them."

\*CARRIED

9) Course Union Matters

A number of issues were brought up during this discussion:

- workshops for Course Unions on a number of topics – including equity issues and policies
- CU relationships with their College – some college-based CUs do not have the same privileges as College clubs
- how can ASSU help CU's with Department matters
- what should CUs do if one of their Executives stops responding or showing up
- look at clearing up the language/funding of CU journals under SPF

10) Question Period – n/a

11) Lucky Draw

J. Seto drew names for ASSU t-shirts and tote bags.

12) Adjournment

MOVED (Mladin/Bhatti): "To adjourn."

\*CARRIED

Secretary to Council