

# ARTS & SCIENCE STUDENTS' UNION

## THIRD COUNCIL MEETING 2025/26

### Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Sidney Smith Hall, 2118

#### Attendance:

N. Sokoloff (USAS), E. Pasternak (USAS), D. Hui (ASA), A. Anaig (ASA), M. Szpigiel (AU), I. Laing (AU), M. Wong (BUSS), A. Sarma (BUSS), P. Gupta (BCBSA), N. Hassan (BCBSA), M. Wong (BMSSA), N. Tseng (BMSSA), J. Pham (BPSU), E. Wing (BPSU), C. Stipleman (CANSSU), J. Reardon-Manek (CANSSU), C. Han (CSBSU), M. Mundhra (CSBSU), O. Leng (CSU), H. Bolton (CSU), L. Lomax (CLASSU), M. Mastroouk (CASA), A. Arora (CASA), E. Palaypay (CESSU), J. Parsons (CESSU), B. Lachmanen (CRIMSA), C. McNeil (CRIMSA), M. Kotikela (DTSU), A. Yoo (DTSU), A. Ivantchenko (SUDS), G. Huestis (SUDS), E. Moossavi (EEBU), Y. Jo (EEBU), E. Ward (ESU), N. Lalla (ESU), H. Haghgoo (ENSU), T. Reyes (ENSU), J. Ankenmann (ES&LSA), C. Jiang (ES&LSA), E. Ozols (ESSU), S. Rahim (ESSU), T. Streibel-May (ESSA), C. Huang (ESSA), T. Nguyen (FCU), O. Jan-Kurrek (FCU), J. Yin (TUGS), V. Streibel-May (GSSU), . Sagermann (GSSU), J. Apolinario (HSA), A. Shahid (HSA), M. Smith (HASA), S. Kimchand (HPSUS), S. Bogin (HPSUS), M. Zhao (HBSU), J. Jakher (HBSU), S. Caandeepan (IMMSA), K. Kassen (IMMSA), R. Ibrahim (IRHRSA), M. Guo (IRHRSA), D. Geng (LMPSU), C. Gonzalez (SLUGS), A. Kao (SLUGS), S. Dobson (LCTSU), I. Hamid (MU), R. Grewal (MU), A. Machava (MGYSU), A. Daniel (NMCSU), Z. Ali (NMCSU), L. Guzman (NAUS), E. Meade (NSSA), Y. Wu (NSSA), C. Ciju (PCJS), R. Ali (PCJS), J. Pingol (PCSU), P. Bhamia (PCUS), J. Wu (PTSA), M. Kamran (PCU), E. Chee (PCU), A. Teixeira (PhySU), D. Asnaashari (PhySU), A. Bhandari (UPSA), B. Timbol (PSA), T. Yang (PSA), B. Chan-Long (PHSU), A. Zorbakhsh (PHSU), M. Crabtree (RUSA), H. Sucee (USSU), E. Lee (USSU), O. Cao (SSU), W. Yang (SSU), K. Chan (URSSU), P. Gorn (URSSU), P. Inzunza (WSSU), S. Bannon (WGSSU), F. Kayed (ASSU President), Q. Liu (ASSU Executive), L. El-Dakhakhni (ASSU Executive), S. Kodikara (ASSU Executive), D. Tessaro (ASSU Executive), G. Nowlan (Chair), J. Seto (Secretary)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

#### 1) Land Acknowledgement Statement

G. Nowlan acknowledged the land that we were meeting on.

#### 2) Approval of the Agenda

MOVED (Apolinario/Wong): "That the agenda be accepted as presented."

\*CARRIED

#### 3) Approval of the Previous Minutes

MOVED (Lalla /Kamran): "That the minutes of October 1, 2025 be accepted as presented."

\*CARRIED

#### 4) Executive Report

F. Kayed read G. Johnson's report out to Council: ASSU recently held their first Speaker Series event last week with Dr. Everton Goodin, President and CEO of North York General. She has lined up Medhi Hasan for the Winter term and we hope to include UofT professors in this next event as well. G. Johnson and Z. Netthey will also be restarting the Podcast shortly – and are looking for anyone who may be interested in being a guest.

F. Kayed reported that the new Executives have been onboarded and have started helping with current projects and working on their own advocacies as well. For projects: Sandini and Zayne are taking care of the Arbor Journal; Quintina and Dean are organizing the URC; Grace is in charge of the Speaker Series and Layla is helping with that and putting on the Open Mic.

F. Kayed also updated Council on some other issues that were brought at a previous meeting : ensuring that practices are being followed when it comes to academic offences; in regards to the Faculty keeping

confiscated spyware, they are really concerned about actual “spy type” gadgets – not phones or apple watches; regarding the disproportionate scholarship funding between colleges, the Faculty has no control over that as those funds are raised by the colleges – however, the Faculty does give funds to all colleges as Emergency Funding and there is currently a matching donation project going on to raise more money for colleges.

Regarding CR/NCR, F. Kayed reported on her recent meetings with the Tri-Campus working group – though its looking like it will be just ASSU and UTSU continuing the work. She asked Council for their input on how ASSU should proceed and it was agreed that ASSU would not push for a policy change but would push for an increase in the percentage of marks to be given back before the deadline.

Finally, she attended a recent BPMH event. It does look like the program is still scheduled to shut down. Currently, they are trying to merge the program with Environmental Science. ASSU should still continue to support them despite the fact that the program is still going to close down.

D. Tessaro reported that a date has been set for an AI panel discussion with Professor Susan McCahan and AI instructors – January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Q. Liu reported that things are moving along for the URC and things are getting done earlier. Abstract Submissions are now open. She is also looking at Indigenous advocacy on campus in the form of a possible program change where 0.5 Indigenous Course credit must be completed to graduate.

L. El-Dakhakhni spoke about the food insecurities project that she is going to be assisting with. Eat after Eight is a program at VIC which repurposes leftover dining hall food, and collaborations with student unions to mitigate food waste and hunger. Layla is hoping to reach out to other dining halls to see if something similar can be set up with them.

5) Financial Statement

J. Seto presented the Financial Statement to Council.

MOVED(Nettey/Kayed): “That ASSU Council approve the Financial Statement for the period of May 1, 2025 to November 12, 2025 as presented.”

\*CARRIED

6) Report from the Audit

G. Nowlan presented the Audit to Council.

MOVED(Kayed/Nettey): “That ASSU Council accept the Audit Report prepared by MNP LLP Chartered Accountants.”

\*CARRIED

MOVED(Kayed/Nettey): “That ASSU Council appoints MNP LLP Chartered Accountants as the auditors for the Arts and Science Students’ Union for the 2025-26 fiscal year.”

\*CARRIED

The meeting adjourned because we ran out of time.

Secretary to the Executive

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