SSC Meeting Minutes: April 3rd, 2018
UCC Community Room – 6:30 p.m.

Absent: Rishika Geda, Max Jiang, Savio Joseph, Keelan Kells, Teodora Marginean

Motion to call to order by Frank, seconded by Bahar
Motion to approve the agenda by Montana, seconded by Firmino: Motion carries.
Motion to ratify the minutes – automatic call to question: Motion carries.

1. Governance Announcements
   a) Motion 1: Motion to Approve Council Speaker
      - Motion to approve Karnig Kazazian as council speaker until speaker is elected.
        o Motion moved by Frank, seconded by Bahar. Automatic call to question – motion passes.

2. Member Announcements
   - No member announcements

3. Presentations to Council
   - No presentations to council

4. Western Song

5. Council Business

6. Land Recognition

7. Council Business
   a) Motion 2: Motion to Divide the Director of Videography and Photography Role into the Directory of Photography and Director of Videography
      - Motion moved by Alex, seconded by Frank.
        o Mover: Motion was put forth because in prior years it was thought that one individual could perform both duties. However, videography is a niche talent, and for maximum success, we should split the joint position into two distinct positions.
        o Seconder: Hesitant to expand the number of commissioner positions to 15 at first, however since we recently removed a position (now at 14), we now have room to expand and add another commissioner position
      - Question and Answer Period:
        o Peter: How was Michael Lambert chosen for the position of Director of Photography?
          ▪ Frank: Michael applied and was interviewed for Director of Videography and Photography and notified in an email that he would assume the position pending a vote.
        o Victoria B: How are the positions going to be split?
          ▪ Alex: Tristan is currently the Director of Videography and Photography. We want Michael as Director of Photography, and Tristan as the Director of Videography.
      - Debate Period:
        o None
      - Automatic call to question: Motion passes.
   b) Motion 3: Motion to Shuffle and Update Executive Portfolios.
      - Motion moved by Frank, seconded by Alex.
        o Mover: Motion is two-fold; firstly, add positions to portfolios that are not currently stated, e.g. communications at large, it was assumed that they were under VP
Comms, but was never stated in the constitution. Secondly, shuffling Presidents’ portfolio and adding senators, because they currently do not belong to one; the position fits in well with Presidential duties (representing the student voice). Additionally, charity does not fit in advocacy or research and policy, as they are more event-based, so move charity to the events portfolio.

- Question and Answer Period:
  o Anas: How are you planning to integrate charity into events?
    ▪ Frank: Last year there was no relations between the two, and both had their own structure and events. The plan is for charity to be under the events portfolio; this way they will be more in-tune and in-line. However, charity will still be allowed to run autonomously, events will just provide guidance. It will also ensure events are not clashing, i.e. last year Charity Marble Slab was during Discovery Week.

  o Victoria: What was the process moving Research and Policy to President?
    ▪ Frank: Research and Policy was assumed to be under a portfolio but never defined to be under one. Research and Policy roles fall better under the Presidents’ Portfolio, in terms of interacting with student groups, Deans, Counselling.

- Debate period:
  o No debate period

- Automatic call to motion: Motion passes.

c) Motion 4: Motion to Add Additional Responsibilities to the Communications Committee.
  - Moved by Peter, seconded by Frank.
    o Mover: Add the small responsibility to communications committee, to provide mid-year and end-year updates about council. This should be ingrained in the constitution; so future councils will do it and it will engage the students-at-large.

- Question and Answer Period:
  o None

- Debate Period:
  o Frank (Amending the motion): The goal of the executive is to expand communication to the students-at-large, which is why a new position was added to communications. Constitution is general in its wording, so we can adapt to changing circumstances. For this reason, we are hesitant to add specific clauses. By tasking the communications positions, we are increasing the chance of people being there for resume, just doing their limited tasks. The plan is to amend the action clause to read that council task the communications committee for 2018-2019, not making a constitutional change.
    ▪ Questions based on Frank’s amendment?
    ▪ Victoria B: Directed towards Alex, what are your thoughts on this?
      • Alex (Against the original motion): Changes to communications are always up to the VP Communications, this year the goal was to rebrand, not to be transparent. This year we have the time to better vocalize our services. It is best to have a mid-year review, so we do not have to give a lot of small updates throughout the year.
- Automatic call to order for change of the motion, change has been made.
- Question period for the actual motion:
  - None
- Points of Discussion/Debate:
  - Seth: Are there any mechanisms in place currently to ensure communications is accountable for relaying updates to the general student body?
    - Frank: Every single meeting, there has been a council report.
- Automatic call to order for the motion in its changed form, one against, motion passes.
d) Motion 5: Motion to Elect One (1) Second Year Chemistry Year Department Representative
  - Moved by Montana, seconded by Frank.
  - Automatic call to question, motion passes.
e) Motion 6: Motion to Elect One (1) Council Speaker
  - Moved by Ayma, seconded by Frank
  - Automatic call to question, motion passes.

8. Executive Reports
   a) Vice-President Academic
      - Nothing to report
   b) Vice-President Communications
      - Nothing to report
   c) Vice President Student Events
      - Nothing to report
   d) Vice-President Finance
      - Nothing to report
   e) President
      - Condensed all reports
      - Hired 14 commissioners after 142 applications were submitted
      - Natural Sciences 108 is to be evicted, relocating to the 2nd floor of NCB
        - Natural Sciences is owned by Western, not the science faculty
        - Concern of where the furniture will be going, but if everything is set up by move-out day, everything will be relocated free of charge
        - Looking to get money back from renovations that were done two years ago, as we did not get to utilize the room for long
      - Finance:
        - SDAC, producing an infographic for students about where their donation fees are going
        - SDAC – Student Donation Allocation Committee (75$ fee that all science students can pay), 20% of students opt out, but we want to encourage more students to stay in it for Extra-Curriculars, Advocacy Events
        - If you are a returning member, and still need reimbursements, speak to Andry
      - Communications:
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- Working on a first-year guide for orientations week, updating the website, storyboards for videos, hope to sell merchandise this year to earn a greater profit
- Making a look book with different department clubs so they can also sell merchandise (pending club approval)

  o Academics:
    - Dep reps to meet with clubs, Med Sci dep reps to meet with BMSA later tomorrow

  o President:
    - Working on power bars, met with facilities management
    - Has first Science Academic Dean meeting yesterday, spoke about a wide range of topics, including SDAC, power bars, finances
    - Possible reform to the department club elections, research and policy to look towards a more transparent system
    - Frank is going to Toronto to speak to stakeholders in the provincial sense, voicing concerns that affect post-secondary education students
    - Reached out to the mature students’ society, being the first faculty club to reach out to mature students
    - Today, we are having speaker elections and chemistry rep elections. Speaker is an extremely important position, they must know Robert’s Rules and be able to facilitate discussion between 50+ people.

  o Events:
    - Working on first year dance and a monthly lecture series
    - Bahar is meeting with SPO to discuss how she will support science

- Question and Answer Period:
  o Peter: What are they doing to the office?
    - Frank: No idea.
  o Kelvin: Will office hours be in Nat Sci or NCB?
    - Frank: We will have to adopt a more open office hours system and have ticket sales at a booth. Academic counselling and the Dean’s office are moved there now, it will be the science hub. There will inevitably be less traffic that in Nat Sci 108.
  o Femi: What is happening with updating the minutes and website?
    - Frank: That is the duty of the Internet Commissioner, they will be updated and posted on Owl once they are ratified.
  o Daniel: Suggestion, how about we reach out to Residence Councils to promote the First Year Dance?
    - Bahar: Looking to have the First Year Dance closer to the beginning of the year. We will be working with Sophs to continue the Orientation Week hype.

9. Senate Reports
   a) Science Senator
b) Schulich Senator  
   - No report

10. Commissioner Reports  
   a) Advocacy  
      - Not here  
   b) Charity  
      - Nothing to report  
   c) Communications-at-Large  
      - Nothing to report  
   d) The Current  
      - Nothing to report  
   e) Internet  
      - Minutes will be updated  
   f) Research and Policy  
      - Nothing to report  
   g) Orientation  
      - The new Soph team was made  
   h) Videography & Photography  
      - Nothing to report  
   i) Student Events-at-Large  
      - Nothing to report  
   j) Student Services  
      - Nothing to report  
   k) Student Support  
      - Nothing to report

11) USC Report  
   - Presentation by the USC Councillors:  
     o What is the USC? Elected by the students-at-large, students who vote on changes, motions passing.  
     o Why do we care? Representing all students in science, higher level changes that are not under the department of Science  
     o AGM: Last month, old council was de-ratified, SPO was chosen, changes to the number of counsellors per faculty (one counsellor per every faculty, for every 1000 students, an additional counsellor is elected)  
     o Standing committees: subcommittees of council that can get tasked to review things within council, 0 on governance and finance, 5 on student experience, 2 on advocacy.  
     o Meeting tomorrow with 12 motions being discussed, including:  
       ▪ Female representation issue for PVP slates, commissioning a report to address this problem  
       ▪ Reduce the financial barriers for Faculty, OC, and affiliate Sophs  
         • Promoting faculty Soph team reserve which is a $7000 fund set aside that Sophs can apply for that can subsidize fees
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- Task the SPO to create an anonymous system so Sophs can apply for it in a comfortable and ideal manner
  - Internal elections

12) Elections
- Motion for a 10-minute recess to get organized for elections
  - Moved by Frank seconded by Montana
  - Motion passes
- 2nd Year Chemistry Department Representatives Elections
  - Candidates: Elyse Hudson, Christopher Zhang
  - Elected: Elyse Hudson
- Speaker Elections
  - Elected: Manraj Khurana
- Motion for a 10-minute recess to count the Speaker election votes
  - Moved by Frank seconded by Ayma
  - Motion passes

13) New Business
- No new business

14) Adjournment
- Moved by Frank, seconded by Montana
- Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.