SSC Meeting Minutes: October 29\textsuperscript{th}, 2018
NCB Room 114 – 6:30 p.m.

Absent: Peter Denezis, Bahar Entezari, Victoria Forcina, Evie Kapur, Naressa Karmali, Karnig Kazazian, Hans Lin, Alex Ly, Teodora Marginean, Elliot Polster, Monica Rupik, Tristan Tsvetanov, Marco Herrera

1. Governance Announcements
   - Karnig:
     - Feedback about the office booking process – it is messy, we should formalize it
       - Doing it through OWL
       - OWL Calendar
         - Book it for the day
         - Check the OWL page
         - Post of FB if you want so people can stay clear of it
         - Can still book on weekends
     - Meeting regrets
       - Google Forms
       - Submit regrets there and put your proxy and proxies email just in case
       - 48 hours before (Saturdays at 6 p.m.)
     - Facilities
       - Arranged with them to clean the floors
       - Proper cleaning supplies

2. Member Announcements
   a) Daniel
      - Sunday midterms are coming to senate in the motions
      - Students were not consulted about it
      - Majority of the faculties are against it, some are neutral, some are for it
      - Feedback and discussion sessions about what you have heard from student
      - Rationale:
        - Enrollment is increasing
        - Fall reading week makes it difficult to book rooms and get rooms for makeup
          - Students are having midterms shifted to finals
        - Argument: Motion was rushed and not enough student feedback
        - Secondary suggestions:
          - Looking at having it only for first semester
          - Only end up affect 3 or 4 summers between reading week and drop deadline
          - Can’t have it during fall preview day, HOCO, and weekend following fall reading week
          - Weekends before reading week (Saturdays) having midterms then
        - Beth: If this were to be improved, would it be implemented next semester
          - Daniel: January
        - Max: Study spaces
        - Victoria: If the motion gets passed on Friday, will it affect second semester midterms this year?
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- Daniel: Affecting first semester midterms next term, but could put it this year.
  - Peter: Worried about reaching the compromise because in a year, they are going to come back and be like let’s make it all Sunday --- do not pass it
    - Victoria: In the event that you have two midterms back to back, you would have class for 5 days, use Friday and then Saturday and Sunday for studying and then another 5 days. 14-day of constant school, mental health affects.
    - Daniel: Fall preview day exacerbated the underlying issue
    - Victoria: Orientation week being strictly O-WEEK, instead of extension into the Winter Break, use the two days from O-WEEK
  - Frank: Does the faculty support this or the student senators (FIMS)?
    - Daniel: Does not know
    - SCAFA 90% in favour of bringing this to senate
  - Mark: Sunday is a religious day for a lot of people
    - Midterms would not be in the morning but the late afternoon
    - Students have to choose between religious service and exam in the morning, but want to study more so not commit to religious activities in the morning
  - Rishika: Saturday after reading?
    - Daniel: Weekend before thanksgiving and the following week
      - Weren’t sure if they were actually being scheduled
      - Underlying issue is play around with the schedule
      - Pushing the drop deadline later

- Current strategy is to table it
  - 5 years ago western did have Sunday midterms

- Riley: As of now, are they suggesting midterms can happen at any point?
  - Daniel: Anytime, busses restricts it to 10 am instead of 9am
  - Victoria: Fall reading week took 4 years to pass, but did we see this on the agenda previously
  - Daniel:Sudden
    - Montana: Academic concerns committee, spoke about this motion. Danny was very surprised how sudden it was – were not discussing it but discussing about challenging it
    - Compounded with the faculty you are in
    - Shifting and compounding with religious can only make it worse
    - Engineering VP brought up then, it is terrible – huge issue because it is not reasonable, science is in a similar boat

- Daniel: Does USC have an official stance?
  - Montana: Danny did not communicate anything.

- Peter: Fall reading week is up for review next year and why not roll this into that?
  - Daniel: Can be suggested, tabling 2019 and 2020 because there is a conflict with O-Week for 2020
Reach out for Faculty of Science Senators and make your concerns heard
5 Schulich Senators and 5 Science Senators more

3) **Presentations to Council**
   - Presentation from Ally Western

4) **Western Song**

5) **Land Recognition**

6) **Council Business**

7) Executive Reports

   a. **Vice-President Academic**
      - Montana: Updates:
        - Wellness Wed – Nutrition Edition
          - Successful
        - Dep-Rep Events
          - Halloween Games Night – 25 people came!
        - In progress:
          - Fall Preview Week
            - Different volunteer roles
            - Rough schedule is posted
          - Graduate Studies Fair
            - Helpful event
          - What to do with a science degree
            - Originally in orientation week but was fixed
            - Livestreamed event
          - Dep-Rep Emailing
            - Email profs in your department about the two events

   b. **Vice-President Communications**
      - Aileen:
        - Week-at-a-glance on Facebook
        - Communications-at-large had their first meeting
        - Pay for stickers

   c. **Vice-President Student Events**
      - Bahar:
        - Updates:
          - Discovery Week coming up soon
          - Monday: Cronyn Observatory
          - Tuesday: Graduate Studies Fair
          - Wednesday: Exodus Escape Room
          - Thursday: Science Experiments
          - Friday: Ceeps
          - Lecture series on the come-up
          - Charity:
            - Ron Mcdon and Boys and Girls Club (10 spots per visit)
            - Marble Slab Charity Scoop is in the works
d. Vice-President Finance
   - Ayma:
     o Lowest opt-out rate this year ($407,000+)
     o Committee for finance is meeting this week

e. President
   - Frank:
     o Tri-Sci Purple Frost meeting was last Wednesday
       ▪ Science council will be buying tickets from the USC and selling them
     o OUSA is happening this weekend, Victoria and Frank will be heading there
       ▪ Survey on Facebook will help understand student needs and what to speak about at the meeting
     o Faculty strike
       ▪ Last stage of negotiations
       ▪ Professors and administrators do not want to strike
       ▪ Earliest on November 1st
     o Check-ins with Frank during November

12. Senate Reports
   a. Science Senator
      – Nothing to report
   b. Schulich Senator
      – Nothing to report

13. Commissioner Reports
   a. Advocacy
   b. Charity
      – Photobooth on Wednesday (10:00 – 1:30)
   c. Communications-at-Large
   d. The Current
   e. Internet
   f. Research and Policy
      – Just added on a portfolio
        o Constitutional review committee
        o R&P will propose amendments to make council more representative and process how council members are elected or appointed
        o International Student Experience sub-committee
          ▪ How they are adjusting and how we can help them
        o Working draft of a survey for data collection for students in science, what student needs are to have evidence-based advocacy
   g. Orientation
      – Process of selecting the new head soph
h. Videography
i. Photography
j. Student Events-at-Large
k. Student Services
l. Student Support
   – Wellness day on October 17th, collaboration with WMA and Jack.Org
     o Campus-wide support for mental health
     o Tentative dates set for the rest of the year and event directors have been selected for each event
     o Nov 7, 21, 28 – nutrition edition on Nov 7
     o Reached out to Loblaws, Sobeys
   – Wellness Wednesday website
     o Photos have been taken to be posted
     o Sweater names and sizes have been taken down
   – Taylor Meet and Greet Series
     o Looking at the logistics

14. USC Report
   – Advocacy committee is reviewing a policy paper
     o Danny worked on this paper for increasing availability of information for course feedback
     o Increase the use of open educational resources, versions of online textbooks
       ▪ Get professors to adopt online textbook equivalents so students would not have to buy textbooks
       ▪ Working group is created to eliminate textbook resources for purchase
       ▪ Expand the role of peer-tutoring resources
       ▪ Consider teaching quality in hiring and promotion
   – Student experience is looking at the peer-support coordinators who drafted and compiled the accessibility checklist
     o Victoria drafted a motion to hopefully implement giving this checklist to all student clubs and phasing it into things that we do at Western
   – All USC Councillors had to go to Sexual Violence Training
     o Safecity London – report anytime you are feeling uncomfortable and it will show up on the website

16. New Business

17. Adjournment
   - Moved by Frank, seconded by Montana
   - Meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.