January 7th Minutes

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Ratification of Minutes (Appendix 1)
5. Governance Announcements
   a. Constitutional Review: Demerits
      • Manraj: updating demerits
6. Member’s Announcements • Mark Grinberg • Hasan Ahmed
   Karnig: office hours starting this week, don’t leave unattended because of money, VP elections when back from reading week, two weeks after is dep-rep elections
   Amar: which meetings are for elections and which are for motions?
   Karnig: can bring motions up at any meetings

Mark: hosting neuroscience info session, plz share event w first years for whom the event is for

Hasan: SSDAC Annual Report (Finance Committee Report)
   • How money was distributed, etc.
   • Questions from Seth, Victoria.
   • Breakdown of how much of budget went to each substituent program
   • Alex: suggestion of an abstract-like summary placed at the beginning of the report

7. Western Song
8. Land Recognition
9. Presentations to Council
10. Council Business
   a. Motion 1: Motion for a vote of confidence for all acclaimed voting member positions

Questions to Peter and Cheryl

Motion ACCEPTED, changes to the the constitution will be made.

b. Motion 2: Motion for Incoming USC Councillors Voting in Department Representative Elections (Brought forward by Cheryl)

Debate point: Seth (Why should a USC counsellor get to vote on a dep-rep when there is no relation between the two [ecology vs micro biology, for ex.], or when the counsellor doesn’t know anything about the dep rep’s position?)
11. Executive Reports
   a. Vice-President Academic
      • COMPASS - went great!
      • Wellness Wednesday: Yoga and Yogurt, great w/ sponsorships, well received
      • WW: New Year, New You (Jan 9)
      • Western Perspective Project: Launched today w/ Mitch
      • Reimbursements: submitted 2, so will get money back soon
      • Pitch the Prof: Explain why you should choose their program, you can pitch why they should choose you etc. (pitch lab etc.)
      • ITR event: March 12
      • Neuroscience Entry Info Session, Mark Grinberg
      • Trivia Rocks! Keelan
      • Studying the Earth, Keelan, March 9th (about outreach)
      • Review of Event 101
      • Role advisory document, drafted over winter break
   
   b. Vice-President Communications
      • Shawn Hook and VIIV coming to Alex
      • Profs read Mean Reviews
      • Mid Year Review Completed this morning
   
   c. Vice-President Student Events
      • Whether or not to continue lecture series
      • Another bar night (after midterms likely)
      • Ronald McDonald House Charities on Saturday (ctd.)
      • Marble Slab Charity Scoop (Moved to 2nd semester) - owner disappeared lol
      • Blood drive - Canadian Blood Services - March 14, 11AM to 4PM
   
   d. Vice-President Finance
      • SSDAC presented today
      • Paypal payments
   
   e. President
      
      Karnig discussing elections in March (voted for all on one day, not two separate days!)
      
      Transition reports due Feb end.
   
12. Senate Reports
   a. Science Senator
      i. Now have midterms on Sundays (went through senate, and overruled)
   
   b. Schulich Senator
13. Commissioner Reports
   a. Advocacy
   b. Charity
   c. Communications-at-Large
   d. The Current
   e. Internet
   f. Research and Policy
   g. Orientation
   h. Videography
   i. Photography
   j. Student Events-at-Large
   k. Student Support

14. USC Report
   - Antisemitism addressing motion passed
   - Elections coming up for USC

15. New Business

16. Adjournment