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VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:05 PM in the Goldring Student Center

MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

Judiciary

PRESIDENT

Rowan DeBues

VP OPERATIONS

Enxhi Kondi

Assessor Members

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR

Bergita Petro

CHAIR

Gabriel Zoltan-Johan

COMMUNICATIONS

Sumeeta Farrukh

SECRETARY

Ally Scandolo

Commissioners

ARTS & CULTURE

Conor Tangney

COMMUTER

SaraLi Forouzanfar

SCARLET & GOLD

Olivia Klasios

LEVIES

GUESTS

UTSU DIRECTOR

Zach Morgenstern

UTSU DIRECTOR

Victor Lee

ENGSOC PRESIDENT

Teresa Nguyen

STUDENT

Alan McCallum

Not In Attendance

OFFICIAL REGRETS

NONE

ABSENT

ACADEMIC & PROF. DEVELOPMENT

Robert Fan

EDUCATION & EQUITY

Claire Wilkins

FINANCE

Ben Atkins

Enxhi moves to approve agenda. Rowan seconds. Unanimously approved.

ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS

Communications – Sumeeta

- Sock Project
 - Sumeeta: The sock project was Jade's creation and her idea was to sell Victoria College branded socks. We have a mock-up of what they would like currently and quotes have been determined. For 250 socks, it would cost \$3000 to order, which is the quote without shipping costs included.
 - Enxhi: We would have to charge roughly \$12 to break even on the costs.
 - Gabe: As someone who has worked with Jade on the patch and sock project, her intention was to complete this project with funds from Student Projects since they would not be VUSAC branded but Victoria College brand. I would talk to Angela Sun since she is Student Projects chair.
 - Rowan: Possibly look at alternative companies for the socks to decrease costs. In terms of selling clothing, Vic merchandise can be hard to sell. We have been trying to sell the VUSAC apparel we have for three years and I think we should look further into this before pursuing it since it could be costly.

JUDICIARY REPORTS

President – Rowan

- SCSU Meeting
 - Rowan: I am unsure of where Jelena left us all off in our discussions on the UTSU, but I have been in a series of meetings on the topics of UTSU fee diversion, summary reports and the purposed board of directors change. The first meeting was with the Scarborough union about their concerns with the Report from the Student Societies Summit. They thought the report was too vague on the topic of autonomy and thought that the university administration could manipulate the ideas put forth and intervene in student politics at the University of Toronto. The stance I took was that I empathized and said that our predecessors at St. George unjustly left them out in decisions made. I said we should work together to specify these ideas and replace the vague language of the letter. We finished with a consensus and under the impression that we could create a better letter with more accurate proposals. APUS decided to work on creating said letter and they sent out a letter that does not accurately reflect what was conspired at the meeting. The college presidents decided this was not reflective and APUS then returned to rewrite the inaccuracies in the letter. APUS sent back a letter that was only a rewording of the original, but this time was sent to many more student organizations on campus. The letter that bypassed us was also sent to university unions like Ryerson, York, Trent, and Guelph. These other organizations signed the letter and sent it to Governing Council and the provost's office. The stance I will be taking is I would like consistency and transparency; I would also like to be involved in any decisions made in the future. This is my personal position, not saying this is VUSAC's, but I do believe it is improper to discuss autonomy while bringing other student groups into our discussion that have no affiliation to U of T and its politics.
 - Zach: What has been your relationship to the ASSU in this discussion?
 - Rowan: We haven't had many discussions with the ASSU. We have not had specific one-on-one conversations but they were very vocal at the meeting and reasonable.

- Rowan: There has been the proposal to change the structure of the UTSU Board of Directors that is currently being passed by last year's board. It would replace the board of directors with constituency directors. There has been Facebook uproar and I think it is important to discuss. For now, there isn't much to be done, however I will really push come the end of the summer for VUSAC to become heavily involved in this issue.
- Rowan: Next, I'd like to give everyone some updates on Caffiends. I was told by Kelley Castle that Caffiends is moving and these plans are set in stone. I think that we should and do have a say in the process as students. I have been talking to many past presidents and Caffiends co-managers about this problem, and we should make sure the students are not paying for the fees towards moving it since it is has not been a student decision.
- SaraLi: Where would it move?
- Rowan: That is up for debate. The kitchen in the Cat's Eye or the Commuter Lounge in Goldring has been suggested.
- Enxhi: Regarding the board, just to be clear, will the current UTSU Board of Directors no longer be in their position if this new plan is passed?
- Victor: It would take effect the year after.
- Zach: I think the misconception is that the Board of Directors is being replaced with these constituency directors completely. We are trying to suggest having both and expand the board. We are hoping this will win since people have come forward saying they support this, including UTSU Executive members.
- Victor: Expanding the board is another possibility, though I do not see anything particular wrong with program and ethnicity reps. I have seen many debates about white males not having representation, but they will have representation through the program reps. Does this discussion about the importance of college representatives have anything to do with fee diversion?
- Rowan: That is up for debate, and really I could spend a whole meeting exploring it. The simplified story is that at Vic, we had a referendum that said Vic would divert fees and investigate such. After that, there was much more discourse and communication about this and other issues with the UTSU. I think we are better united than disunited; this would make U of T much stronger in its representation.
- Victor: They want to move college directors and they would like to keep the whole campus together. We will stay together and operate all as one. Yolen, the UTSU president for this year, has told us that we can make proposals to her and discuss more about how to structure these representatives .

Vice President Operations – Enxhi

- Constitutional Amendments

Motion 1.1: Enxhi moves to amalgamate the Winterfest amendments. Conor seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

- Enxhi: The changes to the Winterfest section create a differentiation in our constitution between Victoria College Winterfest and U of T Winterfest. There was a lot of debate about what is the Victoria College committee and what is the U of T Winterfest committee because of the usage of the title

‘Winterfest’. There have been changes to the structure of hiring committees because there were a few too many people on the committee and this amended structure is similar to the hiring committee for the Orientation Co-Chair selection.

- Enxhi: There are amendments being made to the clubs section of the constitution to include a second clubs fair during second semester at Winterfest. I think it is important to have a Winterfest clubs brunch to keep things together and functioning properly.
- SaraLi: Did you add the fact that co-chairs should be responsible for the Clubs Brunch or VPO?
- Enxhi: I just added that VPO is to work with the orientation co-chairs on both brunches.

Motion 2.1: Enxhi moves to amalgamate the Clubs Amendment. Rowan seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

Motion 1.2: Enxhi moves to approve the Winterfest amendment. Rowan seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

Motion 2.2: Enxhi moves to approve the Clubs Amendment. Conor seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

Motion 3: Enxhi moves to approve the VPO Amendment. Rowan seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

- Clubs Recognition

- Enxhi: Music for the Heart is a new club looking for recognition. They were a club recognized by UofT last year, but they realized they fit the requirements of being a Vic club, in terms of members being Vic students, so they decided to seek recognition from us. They are a travelling band that visits senior homes and plays music for the residents.

Motion 4: Enxhi moves to recognize Music for the Heart. Conor seconds.

- Rowan: Are they looking for a budget?
- Enxhi: They are looking for \$50 for a banner and an additional \$50 to pay for someone to make them a logo. None of this is imperative to them becoming a club. This recognition would be until September 30th so they can be a part of the clubs fair for free.
- Rowan: That is not much based on what we typically budget for clubs.
- Zach: Is it mandated that this club to be accessible since it is a Vic club??
- Enxhi: They said they were looking into holding jam sessions and possibly teach other students to play instruments.
- Victor: What would happen if more U of T students want to join?
- Enxhi: For all Vic clubs in general, they have to maintain at least 70% Vic membership, so if that has been reached, then they have to reject other UofT students from joining, until more Vic students join.

Motion passes unanimously.

- General Updates
 - Enxhi: I have made up a clubs handbook and it is now at the office desk. If any club heads come into the office asking questions, I would recommend checking the handbook first then redirecting them to me. I am also looking for VUSAC members to help me clean clubs storage and help me with a locker system for clubs.
 - Enxhi: There is also Open Vic coming up on Saturday, May 24th and it's an opportunity for first year students to visit Vic. I would like at least four VUSAC members to attend. For those who are coming, I would like to make up some banners and flyers for VUSAC this coming week.
 - Enxhi: The President's honorarium. The President's honorarium is officially released by VUSAC at the end of the year, but actually the President is already being paid in instalments.
 - Rowan: Typically the honorarium is paid off by the end of the summer but is voted on at the first meeting after the money is released. This is problematic to have this done after the money has already been given to the president.

Motion 5: Enxhi moves to release the president's honorarium. Conor seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Motion passes with one abstaining.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commuter – SaraLi

- Transition Handbooks
 - SaraLi: There are transition reports each year for every position on VUSAC and I think there are a lot of basic rules for each position that does not need to be repeated in reports each year. This can be used throughout the year but also during nominations when people are looking into the position.
 - Enxhi: I like the idea since there is not a lot of institutional memory for VUSAC and would really improve this for future members
 - Rowan: This is something to keep in mind and work on throughout the year as stuff occurs.

Arts & Culture – Conor

- General Updates
 - Conor: I am in talks with directors of the Bob and the Bader has been booked. I will need a lot of help with pushing my events and promoting them since they all .
 - Gabe: Do you have a special guest comedian yet?
 - Conor: We have a few people we're eyeing and will keep it a secret for now.
 - Enxhi: How much money does the Bob receive for their retreat each year?
 - Conor: It differs each year and there were complications last year, I view the Bob retreat as an important part of the experience and the budget will be decided soon. In the new year, I would like to create an Arts & Culture committee to help me with projects and have a say in the commission. I'd also like to say that I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year!

Motion 6: Rowan moves to adjourn meeting. SaraLi seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Motion Summary

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Motion 1.2: Enxhi moves to approve the Winterfest amendment. Rowan seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

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Motion 2.2: Enxhi moves to amalgamate the Clubs Amendment. Conor seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining. .

Motion 3: Enxhi moves to approve the Clubs Amendment. Rowan seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

Motion 4: Enxhi moves to approve Music for the Heart. Conor seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 5: Enxhi moves to release the president's honorarium. Conor seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Motion passes with one abstaining.

Motion 6: Rowan moves to adjourn meeting. SaraLi seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned.