

Minutes
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Wednesday, April 6th, 2022
Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm with Franck Albert Sigah as chairperson and Eva Amaya as secretary.

16 Members in attendance were noted and a rollcall was completed. Quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Agenda

1.1 It was:

MOVED by Dany Joshua Bilapati, SECONDED by Cadie De Kelder and CARRIED to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

1.2 It was:

MOVED by Cadie De Kelder, SECONDED by Sana Abidi and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Annual General Meeting on April 12th, 2021.

FSU President's Report

R. Souza

Ricardo recapped the Work-Pillars for the year based on data research, student experiences, FSU Strategic Directions and Fanshawe Goals. The FSU Pillars and main messages for 2021/2022 included Diversity, Mental Health, Student Leadership and Development. The goal of the Work-Pillars is to address and organize all the initiatives planned for the academic year, including collaborations with several Fanshawe College departments, such as the International Centre, Counselling and Accessibility Services and the Library Learning Commons, to name a few. After one academic year, the FSU team created 63 initiatives under the three main pillars, including Sexual Awareness Week (Mental Health Pillar), My Identity Fanshawe (Diversity Pillar), Past Presidents and Future (Student Leadership and Development Pillar) and many more.

Ricardo noted some initiatives focused on Student Support, including a one-time \$100 credit (as approved by the Board of Directors) to full-time upper-level students – where 6222 students benefited; Student Emergency Support, in partnership with the International Centre to support students impacted by a house fire on February 1st; Fanshawe College and the FSU partnered to financially support Ukrainian and Russian students by contributing \$300 gift cards for immediate needs; The Adopt a Student Family 2021 campaign raised \$2000 and supported five student families; the Chili Cook-off, in collaboration with United Way, raised \$350; lastly the Sharing Shop, in collaboration with United Way, distributed \$18,600 in gift cards to students and supported over 207 students.

The Class Representative Program was restructured this year under the Executive Team's leadership and included mandatory orientation, regular meetings, meet and greets, Class Rep of the Month/Year, biweekly questions, exclusive workshops and feedback surveys. Currently 194 Class Representatives have been trained with 350 CCR hours were claimed. Ricardo noted several events and initiatives, that were held during the year, including Fall Orientation, Take Back our Campus, Donut Cheat initiatives, Kindness Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Orange t-shirt day, Financial Literacy Month, and FSU Monopoly. The pandemic moved some initiatives online with promotional videos and social media posts, such as Falcon Pride Stories, My Identity Fanshawe, Mental Health Video Series, Past President and Future Video Series, A Day in the Life and the Black History Month Video Series. Lastly, Ricardo noted some final remarks around the successful negotiation of the LTC Bus Pass for Fully Online students at a subsidized rate, numerous sponsorships and donations to the community and virtual and/or hybrid social programming.

The FSU advocated not only for our student population, but also on behalf of all students within the province during the potential Faculty Strike situation. The FSU and 20 other college student associations across Ontario sent open letters to the College Employers Council, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. The FSU took the lead and responded to all media inquiries. Furthermore, the FSU actively participated in "The Future of Student Advocacy" conference with student leaders from across the province. Lastly, the FSU signed an open letter, along with 44 other colleges and universities, supporting the Toronto Youth Cabinet's menstrual equity initiative, calling on the province to require universities and colleges to provide menstrual products campus-wide.

Ricardo noted some key partnerships that took place this year, including Research Project sponsored by the FSU in the "Hiring and Retention Strategies to Remove Barriers to International Students' Employment"; Landscape Design students' participation in the development of Innovation Village; and including many other Fanshawe College departments. Ricardo extended his thanks to the FSU Executive Team, FSU Board of Directors, FSU Management, FSU Staff, Fanshawe College Partners, FSU Volunteers and finally the FSU Membership. Ricardo ended his presentation with the Year in Review 2021-2022 video and the introduction of the new FSU Executive Team and FSU Board of Directors.

1.3 It was:

MOVED by Dany Joshua Bilapati, SECONDED by Barbara Burger and CARRIED to accept the FSU President's Report, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

New Business Items

- a. **Presentation of the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements:** The [2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements](#) were presented to the Members. It was explained that the Fanshawe Student Union is a non-for-profit operation which includes all

the services the FSU provides including the health plan (domestic only) and bus pass which requires an independent audit to be completed each year. The audit was completed by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Financial Statements have been approved by the Board. The Financial Statements are posted on the [FSU Website](#) and published in the Interrobang as well. It was noted that if any Members would like to further discuss the Financial Statements or have any questions to contact Paul Masse, FSU General Manager.

b. Appointment of the Auditors

1.4 It was:

MOVED by Sana Abidi, SECONDED by Barbara Burger and CARRIED to approve the firm PricewaterhouseCoopers as the engaging auditors until the next Annual General Meeting of the Members.

A vote was held and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

c. Election Results

- i. Presentation of the Election Results: The Election Results were presented to the Members and is also available on the [FSU website](#).
- ii. Presentation of the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Election Report: The [Chief Returning Officer \(CRO\) Election Report](#), created by Alan Bushell, was presented to the Members. The report noted that there were no discrepancies found within the reported results and the election process was held in accordance with the FSU Bylaw and Policy. The CRO certifies and validates the results of the March 2022 FSU Election. The CRO recommended that the FSU confirms its role with the Fanshawe College Board of Governors' student election; and that the FSU consider various methods to increase voter and candidate participation, including in-person engagement, awareness campaigns, as well as general diversity in representation.

1.5 It was:

MOVED by Cadie De Kolver, SECONDED by Dany Joshua Bilapati and CARRIED to approve the March 2022 Election Results.

A vote was held and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

d. SAC Honoraria

1.6 It was:

MOVED by Cadie De Kolver, SECONDED by Barbara Burger and CARRIED to approve the 2022-2023 SAC Honoraria as follows:
Maximum Director Honoraria per. semester of \$465.00 and
Maximum Chair Honoraria per. semester of \$185.00.

A vote was held and the motion was passed by majority vote of the Members.

Other Business from Members:

There was no business brought forward by the Members.

Adjournment

1.7 It was:

MOVED by Dany Joshua Bilapati, SECONDED by Cadie De Kolver and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm.