

Student Administrative Council

Meeting #3

Thursday, August 16th, 2018

MINUTES

Present

Harinder Kumar Bhatia
David Eigbe
Thanveer Mecheri
Abhimanyu Sharma
Jahmoyia Smith

Regrets

Saralynne Mann
Kamaldeep Singh

Absent

Pavneet Singh

Observers

Arien Aubertin
Paul Masse

Ombuds Presentation and Q&A – Rose Padacz - Rose Padacz completed a presentation to the Board regarding the role of the Ombuds and how the role could support the Board with issues that may arise from Class Representatives.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with Jahmoyia Smith as chairperson and Bonnie Williams as secretary.

Approval of Agenda

3.1 It was:

MOVED by Harinder Kumar Bhatia, SECONDED by Thanveer Mecheri and CARRIED to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

3.2 It was:

MOVED by Abhimanyu Sharma, SECONDED by Nilam Patel and CARRIED to approve the Minutes from Meeting #2.

Action Item Review

Jahmoyia sent the survey results from the food services survey to the Harinder and the Board.

Jahmoyia held a meeting with Thanveer to discuss the International Health Plan.

Jahmoyia noted Arien will not attend the next Board of Governors Meeting until the end of September. Jahmoyia has made a list of ongoing issues retaining to International Students that have been brought up during meetings which will be brought forward at the next International Advisory Committee Meeting.

Bonnie sent the Class Representative Distribution and Representation document and the time and date of the Insurance and Risk Presentation to the Board.

Chair's Report – Saralynne Mann

Saralynne was unable to attend the meeting and asked for the summary of the Risk and Insurance Presentation that was provided to be distributed to the Board.

Action Item: Bonnie to distribute Saralynne's summary report to the Board.

President's Report – Jahmoyia Smith

Jahmoyia attended a meeting at Innovation Works with Paul and noted it was a unique shared workspace. Jahmoyia noted the College has two separate spaces at Innovation Works and stated the FSU could use the space, if needed.

Jahmoyia noted Jeff White has been hired as the new Student Services Facilitator for the Downtown Campus. Jahmoyia stated Jeff will complete training in the FSU Office for the new role. Jahmoyia noted the LDB Building will be open to students on August 27th, 2018 to provide triage services to prepare students for the first day of classes.

Jahmoyia attended the Insurance and Risk Presentation by Jim Henry with the Coordinators, Paul and Saralynne Mann, Chair of the Board. Jahmoyia noted Jim Henry presented on insurance and liability for Clubs and Groups formed under the FSU.

Jahmoyia noted a meeting has been scheduled with the USC on August 29th, 2018. Jahmoyia noted the group will receive a tour of the Campus and participate in a round-table discussion about a potential partnership. Thanveer asked about the potential partnership and what it would be included. Jahmoyia explained the USC and the FSU have the same mandate, to serve students, and experience similar issues, transit and alcohol misuse, and are in the same city thus it is important to work collaboratively for the students. Paul noted there are no financial ties to this potential partnership and that the partnership with the USC was outlined in the Strategic Direction.

Jahmoyia has scheduled a College Meet-Up with a few of the Colleges in the region to meet informally to discuss some anticipated student issues and solutions for the upcoming school year. Jahmoyia met with multiple Colleges, via conference call, to discuss issues that retain to students which included student spaces and International fees. Jahmoyia noted Mohawk, Sheridan, and Humber participated in the phone call.

Jahmoyia stated two videos have been completed, the Meet the Coordinators 'Office Theme' and the Frosh Promotion Video.

Directors Reports

Harinder Kumar Bhatia – No report at this time.

David Eigbe – David requested an update regarding the International Health Plan and Options for Students. Jahmoyia noted a meeting with the Registers Office has been held and the Registers Office is looking into potential options for the plan. Jahmoyia explained two potential options for the International Health Plan; to mirror the domestic health plan to allow students health coverage in the Summer, when full-time in the Fall and Winter Semesters, or providing health insurance in the Summer for an additional charge to the student. Jahmoyia noted the Registers Office will get back to the FSU when the two potential options are discussed.

David noted a concern regarding poor maintenance of the smoking areas around Campus and suggested increasing the amount of times per day that these areas are cleaned. David recommended a more prompt action for program completion letters for students and a concern regarding strict staff members in the F-Building computer lab.

David will be unable to continue as a Director into the Fall Semester as David will be completing a Co-Op Term. David thanked the Board for the support and guidance and wished the Board good luck going forward.

Thanveer Mecheri – Thanveer met with Jahmoyia and discussed the International Health Plan, a concern regarding the Strike Relief Fund and items being taken from lockers the Student Wellness Centre. Thanveer explained it is the student's responsibility to lock their personal belongings up in a locker and if a student does not have a lock one could be rented from the Wellness Desk for \$1.00.

Thanveer noted a concern regarding the floods in India which has closed the airports. Thanveer explained the new students in September may be delayed for their arrival into Canada. Thanveer noted as a result the students may lose their seats in a program. Thanveer asked if it was possible to extend the deadline for these students. Jahmoyia asked if the students paid their fees because the student shouldn't lose a seat until the 10 day of the semester. Thanveer talked to the International Office and noted the International Office is aware of the situation.

Thanveer is following-up with the fee increase in second semester for International Students. It was noted that the fees should not have been increased and for students to collect their invoices. Arien explained Brianne in the International Office would be the contact regarding the fee increases. Arien will meet with Brianne and follow-up with Jahmoyia.

Action Item: Jahmoyia to follow-up with Arien re: International Fee increase.

Thanveer has informed students about the Class Representative Application and provided them with the link on the website.

Nilam Patel – Nilam noted a concern regarding a lack of materials for students in the Mechanical Program. Nilam explained there are only 10 stations and 20 students in the class. The stations are available at a first come, first serve basis. Nilam noted students have requested more lab time to complete projects, however, the labs are based on availability. David suggested separate lab times for different classes to eliminate confusion or issues. Jahmoyia asked for the students to come to the FSU Office to discuss and get more information regarding the issue.

Nilam expressed a safety concern regarding items being taken from the Student Wellness Centre, discussed in Thanveer's Report, and G Building. Nilam noted a locker was broken into in G Building and asked for the location of cameras be re-examined.

Nilam stated the process for an International Student to get an on-campus job is difficult. Nilam noted students do not know how to apply and sometimes the process is unfair. It was explained the application process is online for students. It was noted that students can go to the Career Services Office to get support completing application.

Abhimanyu Sharma – Abhimanyu expressed frustration regarding MAC computer users needing to download and use Windows Products to complete projects. David noted it may be more difficult however, the programs that are used are based on the industry standard. Abhimanyu noted class outlines should be updated to include what computer platform is needed for the program. It was noted the homework labs have both MAC and PC Computers to allow students to complete projects.

Kamaldeep Singh – Kamaldeep was unable to attend the meeting and the report was read by the Board. Kamaldeep expressed a concern regarding a staff member in the homework lab in F-Building. A list of scenarios and complaints were discussed. Jahmoyia will follow-up regarding the concerns brought forward against the staff member.

Action Item: Jahmoyia to follow-up re: homework lab staff member.

Kamaldeep noted a concern regarding the DJ at the Bollywood Night. Kamaldeep stated songs were not played in accordance to the requests by the students. Kamaldeep requested the DJ that played the previous Bollywood Night be brought back for future events.

Pavneet Singh – No report at this time.

Board of Governors Report – Arien Aubertin

Arien addressed the Saudi Arabia Conflict and the effect that it will have on the 28 students, 21 on scholarships, at Fanshawe College. Arien explained students have to leave Canada by the end of the month due to the conflict. Arien noted if any student needs support or accommodations to encourage the student to go to the International Office in E2025.

Arien noted the LDB Grand Opening has been scheduled for September 14th, 2018 and the first Board of Governors Meeting has been scheduled on September 27th, 2018.

New Business Items

- a. Director Status – Jahmoyia noted four Directors, David Eigbe, Kamaldeep Singh, Harinder Bhatia Kumar, and Pavneet Singh, in accordance with the Bylaws, will no longer be on the Board of Directors in the Fall. Jahmoyia noted a Bi-Election will be held in the Fall to fill the vacant positions. Jahmoyia explained a general election, similar to the election held in March, to allow candidates to campaign and all-Members to vote on the candidates. Jahmoyia noted Director signatures must be removed from personal email correspondence. Jahmoyia thanked David, Kamaldeep, Harinder and Pavneet for their commitment to the students and the FSU.

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 27th, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in SC-2016.

Adjournment

3.3 It was:

MOVED by Abhimanyu Sharma, SECONDED by Harinder Bhatia Kumar and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting.