

Student Administrative Council

Meeting #9

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019

MINUTES

Present

Kaitlin Crow
Jennifer Iannessa
Thanveer Mecheri
Nilam Patel
Natassha Ruiz
Jahmoyia Smith

Observers

Arien Aubertin
Paul Masse

The meeting was called to order at 10:21 a.m. with Jahmoyia Smith as chairperson and Bonnie Williams as secretary.

Approval of Agenda

9.1 It was:

MOVED by Thanveer Mecheri, SECONDED by Natassha Ruiz and CARRIED to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

9.2 It was:

MOVED by Nilam Patel, SECONDED by Jennifer Iannessa and CARRIED to approve the Minutes from Meeting #8.

The approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next Board Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019.

Action Item Review

Jahmoyia noted the parking concerns are still outstanding and all additional Action Items that are outstanding will be addressed in the President's Report.

Director Status – Jahmoyia noted three Directors, Saralynne Mann, Jaylan Harvie, and Abhimanyu Sharma, in accordance with the Bylaws, will no longer be on the Board of Directors. Jahmoyia stated the individuals are aware and have each submitted a resignation letter which will be sent to the Board in the next meeting information correspondence.

9.3 It was:

MOVED by Jennifer Iannessa, SECONDED by Thanveer Mecheri and CARRIED to approve the removal of Saralynne Mann, Jaylan Harvie, and Abhimanyu Sharma from the Board, in accordance with the Bylaw requirements.

Jahmoyia explained a Bi-Election will be held to fill the vacant positions and noted an example of an application-based bi-election that was held in the past. Jahmoyia stated interested candidates would need to complete an application process, where the student completes a series of questions, as well as retrieving signatures, and completes a small speech in front of the Board. The Board would vote via secret ballot and the Board Member(s) would be elected that meeting. The Board was in support of this recommendation. Jahmoyia noted Bi-Election packages will be available on the FSU Website, under the Director tab, as well as in the FSU Office beginning at 2:00 p.m. today until Friday, February 1st, 2019.

President's Report – Jahmoyia Smith

Jahmoyia noted the Presidential and Director Elections are open and encouraged the Board to reach out to students to get pick up a package and run as it is an amazing experience. Jahmoyia will be filming an Election Promotion Video today to promote the positions to the students. Additionally, Jahmoyia stated the Coordinator Application Process will run in conjunction with the Presidential and Director Elections and is now open for applicants to apply.

Jahmoyia noted the Bathroom Stall Project is in its final stages and the team is currently looking into design concepts for the accessibility washrooms. The project and www.fsu.ca/mentalhealth, an online hub for all mental health resources on Campus, will be promoted at the end of the month during the Re:Tour Event. Jahmoyia explained the Re:Tour Event to the Board and noted the Human Library portion of the event where students share their mental health journey. Jahmoyia notes if any members of the Board are interested in sharing their journey to complete the application online.

Jahmoyia met with Mike, Lawrence and Rob Downie last week and noted an online survey via Instagram to poll students on timetables. Jahmoyia explained there will be four pictures of different schedules and students would vote 'Would you rather timetable 'x' or 'x'. Jahmoyia showed the Board the different types of schedules that will be used in the survey which included no gaps vs. gaps, no days off vs. 1 day off (longer day), early start vs. late start, and continuous hours vs. breaks between classes.

Jahmoyia provided an updated regarding the ongoing issues at the Downtown Campus. Jahmoyia noted all projectors at the SDPA have been changed and upgraded, there are now coloured printers in each computer lab in 130 Dundas Street, the network was serviced over the break and should be more efficient for wifi connectivity, and a space audit was conducted and cost of furniture for both SDPA and 130 Dundas Street are being explored. Jahmoyia noted it is the hope to have more furniture at the Downtown Campus for the Spring or Fall Semester. Jahmoyia provided an updated regarding the computer lab in the basement of 130 Dundas Street and noted the computer lab is still under construction and should be open by the end of the semester.

Jahmoyia is participating in the revision of the Sexual Violence and Prevention Policy which will ensure that survivors have a fair process and outcome. Jahmoyia noted the revision allowed for the formation of the Tribunal, which would allow more objectivity of the process, which Jahmoyia currently holds a seat.

Jahmoyia noted the FSU as well as other regional Colleges have written a letter to the Minister in response to the recent announcement on January 17th, 2019 regarding a province wide 10 percent tuition reduction and student fees. Jahmoyia shared the letter with the Board. Jennifer inquired as to if the FSU will be talking to the College in light of the announcement as one article noted it

was up to individual College's to decide which fees would be considered essential or nonessential. Paul noted discussions with the College have already begun and stated the FSU is waiting for the official documentation from the Minister, which should be received on Thursday, to clear up any grey areas. Paul explained there is a difference between Colleges and Universities and the amount of auxiliary fees that are paid and how the fees are managed, however, the College is aware of the services that the FSU provides and agrees the services are critical to students. Kaitlin suggested marketing the FSU services to students further Jennifer noted many students, especially Downtown Campus students, do not know about the FSU Services. Jahmoyia noted those were good ideas that were brought up by the Board. Jahmoyia explained other Student Union President's suggested a lock-out of services for impact, however, Jahmoyia suggested the promotion of services rather than the removal of them. Kaitlin suggested a video with the Coordinators and the Board to show support and that the FSU is here for students. Jahmoyia will send the letter to the Board for reference. Jennifer asked if the letter could be sent to other students. Jahmoyia noted that the letter could be shared. Jahmoyia noted a formal letter addressed to the Members will be shared on the FSU's Social Media accounts.

Action Item: Jahmoyia to send the letter to Minister Fullerton to the Board.

Board of Governors Report- Arien Aubertin

Arien attended the Annual Dinner at the Chef's Table and noted it was a great experience with a hands-on component for the attendees. Arien noted the next Board of Governors Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 24th, 2019.

New Business Items

- a. 2019/2020 Fees – Paul noted the negotiated 2019/2020 fees have been determined, pending approval from the Board, and will be presented when the official documentation from the Ministry, as more details are needed before the approval process.
- b. Student Impact Gala – Bonnie explained the FSU will be holding the Student Impact Gala, a night to appreciate all of the student leaders within the FSU, on April 4th in the Oasis. It was explained there are a series of awards handed out throughout the night which include Class Representative of the Year and the College Faculty/Staff Member of the Year which Board Members would contrite nominees for these categories. Bonnie noted the deadline of these nominations and stated nomination forms for these awards will be sent to the Board via email.

Action Item: Bonnie to send Student Impact Gala Nomination Forms to the Board.

Directors Reports

Kaitlin Crow- Kaitlin noted a concern of bullying that occurred during a discussion regarding the late policy for the class. Kaitlin noted the student was pointing out individual students and stating when they have been late in the past. Kaitlin noted the teacher did not say anything to resolve the situation. Jennifer asked if the professor was a full-time or part-time professor and if part-time professors receive training on how to deal with outbursts in class. Kaitlin noted the professor was full-time and Jahmoyia noted all professors, part-time professors included, have access to resources on how to deal with specific situations. Jahmoyia will follow-up with the incident.

Kaitlin noted a concern regarding mandatory textbooks with a code for online courses. Kaitlin noted when the code is used, the textbook cannot be returned or resold. Kaitlin was told that every course will have a blended course load of in-class and online classes, which will increase the amount of money a student is paying for textbooks per year.

Action Item: Jahmoyia to follow-up regarding blended courses with the Program Coordinator.

Additionally, Kaitlin explained a situation where the wrong textbook and code was sold to a student and the student was unable to return it as the code was already used, however, Kaitlin stated this is being looked into by the Bookstore.

Kaitlin asked about the possibility of having a bus bring students to Victoria Park on Friday to participate in the planned protest.

Action Item: Jahmoyia to look into the possibility of a bus to Victoria Park for students to attend the protest.

Kaitlin noted there have been more posters at the Downtown Campus which has increased the promotion of upcoming events for students and students have begun to venture outside of Campus for food services. Kaitlin noted an issue with the projectors at 130 Dundas Street and them not working properly.

Action Item: Jahmoyia to follow-up regarding projectors not working at 130 Dundas Street.

Jennifer Iannessa- Jennifer noted a concern from the GIS and Urban Planning Program regarding the Fanshawe TD Urban Design Charrette. Jennifer explained students are concerned about certain submissions are unwillingly exposed to other programs before the competition and thus students in the diploma program students are asking for the degree program students not to be included in the competition or not to be allowed to watch the diploma program's charrette to eliminate the 'upper hand' in the competition. Jennifer has reached out to Jahmoyia regarding this issue and emailed the Program Coordinator and the School of Design's Associate Dean to address the matter. Jennifer has not received any response as of yet. During this meeting, Jahmoyia received an email regarding this issue from Dayna Morningstar and will forward the response to Jennifer to discuss with the student.

Jennifer provided an updated regarding the SafeWalk Program. Jennifer reached out to the Western Foot Patrol and Laurier Foot Patrol to inquire how the program is structured at their Campuses. Jennifer noted Western Foot Patrol extends on-campus and off-campus, to the popular housing areas off Richmond, Western Campus', and has a SUV that extends to further popular student housing areas which un-paid volunteers service at night and paid employees administer the daytime shift. This program is funded by student fees and is insured through the University. Jennifer noted this program is advertised on campus, on social media, during volunteer fairs and mass email with all volunteers completing a screening process before they begin volunteering for the Foot Patrol. There is no program affiliation and the volunteers have

strict policies and guidelines to ensure volunteers know what to do in situations, ie. no physical interventions. All hours are added in a database and at the end of the year the hours are verified. Jennifer has not received a response from Laurier University as of yet.

Jennifer has a scheduled Class Representative Meeting on Thursday, January 24th, 2019.

Thanveer Mecheri- Thanveer is planning on holding a Class Representative Meeting this week and helped new students during the first week of school.

Nilam Patel- Nilam is planning on holding a Class Representative Meeting next week. Nilam inquired about the possibility of a student using an auditorium to practice singing. Jahmoyia noted media equipment can be rented from the library, however, space probably would not be provided to the student to use as a hobby.

Natassha Ruiz – Natassha spoke to the Program Coordinator of the PSI Program regarding the SafeWalk Program and stated the Program Coordinator thought the collaboration was a good idea. Natassha noted the Program is going through a revision process this year and there will be the potential to add the SafeWalk Program into the syllabus.

Natassha noted a concern regarding a student that needed to drop out of a program due to professor bullying and asked if there was a College policy to support the student.

Action Item: Jahmoyia to send Natassha the appropriate College policy to Natassha.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 5th at 10 a.m. in SC-2016.

Adjournment

9.4 It was:

MOVED by Jennifer Iannessa, SECONDED by and Kaitlin Crow and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting.