

Student Administrative Council

Meeting #10

Tuesday, February 5th, 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 10:04 a.m. with Jahmoyia Smith as chairperson and Bonnie Williams as secretary.

Approval of Agenda

10.1 It was:

MOVED by Jennifer Iannessa, SECONDED by Kaitlin Crow and CARRIED to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

10.2 It was:

MOVED by Natassha Ruiz, SECONDED by Jennifer Iannessa and CARRIED to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting (December 12th, 2018).

Approval of Minutes

10.3 It was:

MOVED by Jennifer Iannessa, SECONDED by Natassha Ruiz and CARRIED to approve the Minutes from Meeting #9.

Action Item Review

Jahmoyia sent the letter that was sent to Minister Fullerton to the Board.

Bonnie sent the nomination forms to the Board for the Student Impact Gala.

Jahmoyia noted a bus was provided for students to attend the protest at Queen's Park in Toronto. Jahmoyia noted coffee, tea, and Timbits were handed out to students at the London protest.

Jahmoyia stated the projectors at 130 Dundas Street have been fixed. Kaitlin noted the problem projectors are now all working.

Jahmoyia will send Natassha the appropriate College Policy to support the student after the meeting.

Jahmoyia noted the discussion regarding blending courses, in-class and online classes, with the Program Coordinator is still ongoing.

Director Status – Jahmoyia noted one Director, Thanveer Mecheri, has submitted a resignation letter to be removed from the Board. Jahmoyia has asked Thanveer to stay the duration of the meeting to provide advice and opinion for the bi-election, as Thanveer was elected by the Members. Jahmoyia explained there will be four open positions instead of three with Thanveer's resignation. Thanveer noted the resignation was for personal reasons, time commitment for academics and working. Jahmoyia noted Thanveer will be unable to vote in the bi-election.

10.4 It was:

MOVED by Jennifer Iannessa, SECONDED by Nilam Patel and CARRIED to approve the resignation of Thanveer Mecheri from the Board.

Jennifer asked if the bi-election needed to be switched to a general election now that there are four vacant positions. Paul explained when the decision was made with the knowledge that there would only be three vacant positions, not four, when it was approved by the Board. Paul noted it would be alright to proceed with the previously decided bi-election, however, it would be up to the Board whether to put it out to the Members. It was explained that the Board was elected by the Members to make informed decisions on behalf of the members and the eligible candidates were required to get support from the Members with the required 30 signatures in the nomination package. Kaitlin asked if the students that are elected today would be non-voting or voting members of the Board. A discussion was held regarding voting and non-voting members of the Board. Jahmoyia noted good points were discussed, however, for this bi-election, the elected students would be voting members at the next Board Meeting.

Director Bi-Election – Jahmoyia explained the process of the election to the Board. Jahmoyia discussed the notion of conflict of interest and encouraged the Board to disclose any conflict of interest if present. Natassha stated a potential conflict of interest as Natassha is friends with one of the candidates running in the election. Jahmoyia asked Natassha if an impartial decision would be able to be made about the election and candidates. Natassha stated an impartial decision could be made for the election. Jahmoyia explained each candidate will have the opportunity to complete a small speech and will be required to answer three questions; 'What do you know about the FSU?' 'What are the responsibilities of a Director?' and 'From the perspective of a Fanshawe College student, what would you expect from your Student Union?' Additionally, Jahmoyia noted the submitted answers from the nomination package will be read to the Board prior to the candidate speaking to the Board. Paul explained the voting for the election and noted the vote would be a ranked ballot, ranking candidates from 1-7 with 1 being the best fit candidate.

Cole Ayerst, Imani Rampassard, Madhumidha Manoharan, David Eigbe, Jessica Boudreault, Kayon Barrett and Vanessa Peart via email interview, spoke to the Board about 'Why They Would be the Best Person for the role of FSU Director'. Each candidate answered a series of questions related to the role and a vote completed by secret ballot was conducted. A vote was held and Kayon Barrett, David Eigbe, Madhumidha Manoharan, and Jessica Boudreault were voted in as FSU Directors for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year. Jahmoyia informed

the Board that all candidates, successful or un-successful, will be connected by Wednesday, February 6th at 12:00 p.m. with the results of the election.

10.5 It was:

MOVED by Kaitlin Crow, SECONDED by Natassha Ruiz and CARRIED to approve Kayon Barrett, David Eigbe, Madhumidha Manoharan and Jessica Boudreault as FSU Directors, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year.

10.6 It was:

MOVED by Jennifer Iannessa, SECONDED by Nilam Patel and CARRIED to approve the destroying of ballots.

Board of Governors Report- Arien Aubertin

Arien attended the Board of Governors Meeting and noted Fanshawe will be taking on two major projects; Innovation Village and a New Campus, in the upcoming months.

Arien explained Innovation Village will include renovations on Fowell Hall, the Library and Leap Junction which will increase space in all three areas. Arien noted there will be a decrease in the number of books in the library and contractors have been contacted to begin the process. Arien will be sitting on a Committee for Innovation Village to ensure that student space is incorporated into the design.

Arien noted Fanshawe has purchased the old Westervelt College and the new Fanshawe Campus will open Fall 2019. Arien noted the new Campus will focus on International growth and have 2 year programs for these students. Arien expressed the concern regarding transportation and housing for these international students which will be addressed before the Campus opens in the Fall.

President's Report – Jahmoyia Smith

No report at this time.

New Business Items

- a. Appointment of Chair and Secretary – Jahmoyia asked the Board if anyone would like to nominate themselves or another Board Member for the position of Chair. Jennifer Iannessa nominated herself for the position of Chair. Jahmoyia asked the Board if anyone would like to nominate themselves or another Board Member for the position of Secretary. Natassha Ruiz nominated herself for the position of Secretary.

10.7 It was:

MOVED by Kaitlin Crow, SECONDED by Natassha Ruiz and CARRIED to approve Jennifer Iannessa as Chair for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year.

10.8 It was:

MOVED by Kaitlin Crow, SECONDED by Nilam Patel and CARRIED to approve Natassha Ruiz as Secretary for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year.

Directors Reports

Kaitlin Crow- Kaitlin suggested the FSU complete a campaign regarding the recent announcement from Minister Fullerton and where student's auxiliary fee money goes in terms of services the FSU offers. Kaitlin suggested pop-up shutdowns of services paired with information on where students could go to get more information. Jahmoyia noted a video is being filmed and explained the concept to the Board. Jahmoyia stated if any members of the Board would like to participate in the filming to let Jahmoyia know. Jennifer asked if there would be advertisement and posters to explain services to students. Paul explained the strategy currently is to get as many of the services that the FSU offers into the essentials bucket and noted campaigning is ongoing with focus on present and incoming students. Jennifer asked if the formal documentation has been received from the government yet. Jahmoyia noted the official documentation has not received, however, Jahmoyia noted the following services, as per a statement from the government, would be considered essential; athletics and wellness, career services and academic help, transcript and convocation services, financial aid, walk safe programs, bus pass and health plan with opt out options, etc. Jahmoyia noted program associated fees would still be considered essential and would be included in tuition.

Kaitlin asked about having designated hours for Directors at the Downtown Campus to ensure that someone is there for students. Kaitlin noted a lot of students do not know where the FSU Office is located and suggested having arrows to direct students to the location. A discussion was held regarding how to get the FSU more noticed at the Downtown Campus. It was noted that the FSU Banner Stand will be suggested to be left outside the office to bring focus to the office and allow students to know where the office is located.

Kaitlin participated in the marketing commercial for the Downtown Campus and noted the previously scheduled Class Representative Meeting has been rescheduled.

Jennifer Iannessa- Jennifer noted a concern regarding a teacher showing slides in class with photos but not releasing the slides because the teacher does not want to cite the specific sources within the powerpoint in the History of Period Design class within the Interior Design Program. Jennifer noted the quizzes are based on these slides which comprise of 60% of a student's grade and each powerpoint includes 200 plus slides which makes it difficult to make notes and take photos especially when the professor compresses the class into two hours rather than the allotted three hours. Jennifer noted this class does not have rubrics, grade breakdowns or a course information sheet. Jennifer noted students are looking to appeal last terms grades due to the persisting issues and explained the students were given Christine Belanger's email. Jennifer has emailed the Associate Dean of the Interior Design Program regarding these concerns and is waiting for a response.

Jennifer noted students that were in first year Interior Design during 2017-2018 did not have the opportunity to complete co-op due to the strike and thus these students are not able to graduate with a co-op endorsed diploma. Jennifer explained these students want to make sure that this does not happen again to other students.

Jennifer noted students are thrown into the first year toolbar class, for example, drafting, and are expected to know how to use the programs. Jennifer noted the suggestion to include more of an introduction to drafting would be beneficial as students were often confused because it took longer to learn the foundational skills. Jennifer noted the concern that the teacher may not be qualified to be teaching the class as the teacher does not know how to use the program and cannot answer student questions. Additionally, it was suggested the colours class should be a three hour long class for future classes as there is not enough time to complete assignments and grasp concepts. Jennifer noted students would like to be taught about more styles as students are only learning about the foundational styles, however, students would like to be taught classic/traditional as well as what is current in the field.

Jennifer noted a concern regarding a teacher showing student work and insulting it in front of the class as well as the admittance from the teacher that it is the first time teaching the course and is confused as the teacher does not have knowledge on the subject in the Event Planning Program.

Jennifer noted there are not enough computers for all students in the VEE1 program which is held in M2028. Jennifer noted the suggestion from the student to use 'the pit' in M Building on the 1st floor as no one uses the PC's only the MAC's. Jennifer noted some students within the VEE1 program feel the teachers are too lenient on students considering it is a post-graduate program and thus feel it is not worth putting in the effort when other students are getting extensions for projects.

Jennifer provided an update regarding the Safe Walk Program and noted is still waiting on a response from Laurier Foot Patrol. Kaitlin suggested reaching out to the Trent Safe Walk Program and provided Jennifer with the contact information. Jennifer has a meeting with Jahmoyia tomorrow regarding the Safe Walk Program.

Jennifer noted a Class Representative Meeting will be scheduled before Reading Week and a meeting with Jahmoyia and Michelle Giroux has been scheduled for Friday, February 8th to formulate a concrete plan of action for the Safe Walk Program before the next Board Meeting. Additionally, Jennifer will follow-up with the concerns from the Interior Design and VEE1 Programs.

Nilam Patel- No report at this time.

Natassha Ruiz – Natassha is working with the Canadian Blood Services to bring students from the Police Foundations Program to participate in a blood clinic. Natassha noted participation is voluntary, however, depending on numbers there may be a blood clinic scheduled separately for the program.

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

Adjournment

10.9 It was:

MOVED by Jennifer Iannessa, SECONDED by and Natassha Ruiz and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting.