

Minutes
Student Administrative Council (SAC)
January 20th, 2020
FSU Boardroom

Present: Cole Ayerst, Board Chair
Christine Belanger, Secretary
Aravind Mohan, Director
Keren Nanneti, FSU President
Katyayini Thakur, Director

Thomas Hutchison-Hounsell, Board of Governors Student Representative
Bonnie Williams (Recording Secretary)

Observers: Paul Masse, General Manager

Regrets: Karyna Barabash, Director
Mercy Paula Barishaki, Director
Kate Seliverstova, Director

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

7.1 It was:
MOVED by Christine Belanger, SECONDED by Aravind Mohan and CARRIED to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

7.2 It was:
MOVED by Katyayini Thakur, SECONDED by Christine Belanger and CARRIED to approve the Minutes from Meeting #6.

Action Item Review

Keren sent the Downtown Hours to the Board.

Keren attended the Residence Committee Meeting and brought the issue of bed bugs in the Residences forward at the meeting. The attendees have been informed and noted the infested room and neighbouring rooms have been sprayed for the bugs. A discussion was held regarding the process of bed bug removal.

Action Item: Keren to follow-up re: Bed Bug Cleaning Protocol in Residences.

Keren emailed Darryl Bedford to remind faculty of the 'Don't Cancel Class' Program and is waiting for a response back.

As requested, Paul followed-up with Penny regarding In Camera Minutes and/or Notes. Penny did not receive any formal meeting minutes. Penny and Legal received direction from the Board

via email from the Chair. Additional – All meeting package(s) were returned to Penny, but did not contain any notes or correspondence beyond informal notes provided by the Chair.

Chair's Report – Cole Ayerst

Cole discussed the Board of Directors Banner with the Board. A discussion was held regarding placement of the banner and what information should be included on the banner. It was explained the banner would be printed by the FSU and decided the banner will be placed in the window of SUB-1016. It was noted the contact information for each Director will be included on the banner and will be printed after the completion of the Bi-Election.

President's Report – Keren Nanneti

Keren stated the FSU has hired a new Student Life Coordinator, Rebeca Shiferaw, and has started in the office this week. Additionally, Keren noted Meaghan Shannon has been hired by the College as the new Academic Integrity Manager.

Keren completed a President Welcome at the January Orientation and noted the overall event was a great success. Keren attended the Pastries with the Presidents events and noted a collaborative InSPIRE Mentorship Event will be held at the beginning of March in conjunction with Career Services.

Keren provided an update on Volunteers and noted there are 75 volunteers that attended the last Volunteer Training. Keren explained volunteer opportunities have been added onto the calendar for students to sign-up for shifts and the next volunteer training is scheduled on January 28th, 2020.

Keren noted a meeting was held with the Coordinators regarding the survey results and implementation and noted feedback will be provided to students in the upcoming weeks. Keren noted upcoming events which include the Volunteer Fair and the Alice in Winterland Event.

Keren explained Election Promotion for the upcoming Election is ongoing.

Board of Governors Report – Thomas Hutchison-Hounsell

No report at this time. The next Board of Governors Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 23rd, 2020.

Director Reports

Karyna Barabash – No report at this time.

Mercy Paula Barishaki – No report at this time.

Christine Belanger – Christine held a Class Representative Meeting on December 6th, 2019. Christine noted there were a lot of concerns regarding professional performance of professors and professors changing course plans throughout the semester in the School of Design.

Action Item: Christine to send Keren/Chelsea student concerns from the School of Design.

Action Item: Keren/Chelsea to follow-up with program coordinator re: student concerns in the School of Design.

Aravind Mohan – Aravind held a Class Representative Meeting with Katyayini on January 17th, 2020. Arvind explained there are less concerns regarding scheduling issues this semester from students as compared to the Fall Semester.

Arvind noted a concern regarding the lack of student jobs on Campus and asked about student jobs within the FSU. It was explained that there is a percentage of jobs that are set aside for students and the FSU is within the guideline for hiring students.

Action Item: Paul to follow-up regarding percentage of student jobs within the FSU.

Arvind noted the lectures are not being auditable for students due to a lack of microphone for the professor in T1003, a lack of power sockets in B1030 and a professor in overlapping subjects mixing up information on examinations.

Arvind explained International Centre Volunteer Opportunities are not being posted publically for students to sign-up and students are not receiving a response when they do sign-up for opportunities.

Arvind stated a concern regarding the Business and Information Systems Architecture (BIA) Program not being recognized by the Ontario Government. Arvind explained with the course creditability in question, students are worried about subsequent job opportunities in the field and work permits. A discussion was held regarding the accreditation process for programs and work permit issues. It was explained that more communications needs to be provided to students prior to enrollment regarding the creditability of courses, especially the Business and Information Systems Architecture Program.

Action Item: Keren to follow-up regarding communication on the Fanshawe Website regarding program creditability.

Arvind noted students at the London South Campus like the vending machine that was installed at the Campus, however, would like a similar self-serve cafeteria that is at Y Building. It was explained the self-serve cafeteria will be piloted at Y Building first for success before implementation at other Campuses. Arvind noted the London South Campus has no homework labs for students and is shut down at 8:00 p.m. which in turn students are asked to leave the Campus at this time despite working on projects and/or assignments.

Katyayini Thakur – Katyayini held a Class Representative Meeting with Arvind on January 17th, 2020. Katyayini noted several concerns in regards to the Downtown Campus specifically which include classrooms being dirty, garbage not being cleaned out of labs, washrooms sinks being backed up on the third and fourth floor of SDPA, and labs only being open until 11:00 p.m. Additionally, Katyayini noted three hours of classes are being held in the amphitheatre, however, there are not enough seats for all students and the seats are uncomfortable as there is no cushions on them.

Katyayini explained students in the Network and Security program would like to move a lecture that is held on Friday's to Monday's. Katyayini noted the professor is okay with the change, however, the administrative staff is being uncooperative. It was explained that all the students need to be in agreeance with the change and will be required to complete a survey that outlines the potential change. All students need to complete the survey and all the answers need to be in favour of the change for it to occur. It was explained this survey would be requested by the program manager of the academic school.

Kate Seliverstova – No report at this time.

New Business Items:

- a. Election Policy – Paul presented the proposed Election Policy to the Board. Paul noted the Election Policy was vetted through the Governance Committee and proposed changes came from discussion with the Chief Returning Officer, deputies of the Chief Returning Officer and feedback from students.

7.3 It was:

MOVED by Christine Belanger, SECONDED by Aravind Mohan and CARRIED to approve the Election Policy, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

- b. Vacant Director Position – It was explained that there is one vacant Director Position that needs to be filled on the Board of Directors. It was noted that it is up to the Board to decide the process of how the position is filled and it is the recommendation of the Governance Committee to complete an application with interview process rather than a full election. It was explained that there would be a special Board Meeting dedicated to the Bi-Election on February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and it was noted as a requirement for all Directors to be in attendance at that meeting.

7.4 It was:

MOVED by Christine Belanger, SECONDED by Katyayini Thakur and CARRIED to move forward with the proposed Bi-Election Process.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

- c. Chief Returning Officer – It was explained that a Chief Returning Officer will need to be selected for the upcoming FSU Election. It is the recommendation from the Governance Committee to have Greg Hessian as CRO for the election.

7.5 It was:

MOVED by Katyayini Thakur, SECONDED by Aravind Mohan and CARRIED to approve Greg Hessian as the Chief Returning Officer for the upcoming FSU Election.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

- d. Innovation Village Update – It was explained that there will be an Innovation Open House on February 5th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in F-Hallway for staff and students to look at the plans for the upcoming construction project. It was noted the Student Union Building will be phase three of the project and noted no space will be lost in the construction but rather there will be more flexible space for students. The Student Union Building will have a second floor which allow more open space for students and College space. It was noted that the FSU has committed 2.5 Million Dollars, as approved by the Board, for phase three only of the Innovation Village Project. There will be an Innovation Village Presentation at the February 10th, 2020 Board Meeting.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in SC-2016

Adjournment

7.6 It was:

MOVED by Christine Belanger, SECONDED by Katyayini Thakur and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.