

Minutes

Student Administrative Council (SAC)

Meeting #10

January 8, 2024

SC 2016

Present: Stephin Sathya, FSU President
 Shade Dias – Director, Chair
 Krystina Chase – Director, Secretary
 Jitendra Singh Rathore – Director
 Zain Nizamuddin – Director
 Sooraj Sudevan – Director

 John Riddell, Executive Director
 Greta Robertson (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Ritchie Regidor – Director
 Janki Hiteshkumar Gosai – Director
 Shabnoor Abdul Lateef – Director

The meeting was called to order at 11:08am.

Shade Dias passed the Chair to Stephin Sathya.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations of conflict were stated.

Approval of Agenda – Meeting #10

10.1 It was:

 MOVED by Krystina Chase, SECONDED by Shade Dias and CARRIED to
 approve the Agenda for Meeting #10.

Mission Moment

Stephin explained the Adopt-A-Family program that the Fanshawe Student Union (FSU) runs during the holiday season and how it works. This year the team reached out to various College departments to get involved in this program and this allowed the FSU to support 11 families in total. John Riddell added that he had the opportunity to assist with deliveries of gifts and food to some of the families and it was a great experience, an emotional moment. It is an example of how the FSU can reach out and really make a positive impact on the life of a student.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

10.2 It was:

MOVED by Krystina Chase, SECONDED by Jitendra Singh Rathore and CARRIED to approve the meeting minutes from Meeting #9.

2022-2023 Audit – Financial Statements

John reported that the financial statements that were sent to the Board are the same draft statements as presented in the fall, including the changes that were discussed with the Board at that time.

10.3 It was:

MOVED by Krystina Chase, SECONDED by Jitendra Singh Rathore and CARRIED to approve the 2022-2023 Financial Statements, as presented.

President's Report

Stephin reported on the upcoming referendum and that he would like everyone to have a part in the storytelling. He stated that there is an important need behind this referendum and the FSU is prepared to meet this need and ensure that the benefits of the decisions made today ripple across the years. Student leaders have the responsibility to educate and empower the student body through words and personal experiences. This referendum is an opportunity to unite the student community. It is the opportunity for students to be the hero in someone's life, an opportunity to make a difference.

Stephin reported that he is working with the University Student's Council (USC) on a local advocacy week, which will be happening January 15 – January 19, 2024. The USC has identified four items in the City of London's budget that are of priority for students and the USC and FSU will be meeting with Councillors and bureaucrats to advocate on these issues. The campaign will include letter writing, informal meetings with councillors during city wide pop ups, and social media posts.

Stephin reported that the United Way is starting a new campaign called "Make it Livable" on January 15th. The reason for this campaign is "For decades, social assistance rates have fallen far short of meeting basic needs for people who live on the margins. Today, food inflation and rent escalation are adding hardship to hardship. Rates for Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program are just not livable. Join us – and add your voice – in this moderated town hall conversation about poverty and concrete ways to make social assistance rates livable." If anyone is interested in more information, please let Stephin know.

Stephin reported that CASA is going to start their campaign for spreading awareness and advocate for educational fair dealing. The campaign will be around educational material costs and it will include letter writing to MPs, social media posts & tables hosted across various campaigns. This will begin at the end of January. Please let Stephin know if you're interested in being involved.

It was asked where the meetings for the local advocacy week would be held, and Stephin

answered that they could be anywhere in the city, there are no set locations. On January 29 there is a public meeting regarding the multi-year budget for the City of London.

10.4 It was:

MOVED by Sooraj Sudevan, SECONDED by Zain Nizamuddin and CARRIED to accept the President's Report, as presented.

Executive Director's Report

10.5 It was:

MOVED by Jitendra Singh Rathore, SECONDED by Sooraj Sudevan and CARRIED to accept the Executive Director's report, as presented.

New Business

a. 2024 Elections – Chief Returning Officer (CRO)

The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) is an individual appointed by the Board, who serves as the impartial, highest-governing figure responsible for overseeing and executing the FSU election. Specific duties and responsibilities of the CRO are further outlined in the Elections Policy.

John b. Young is a former long-term employee of the FSU who retired in 2018. Prior to working for the FSU, John was a Fanshawe student and served as FSU President in 1975-76. John has also worked as an elections officer on a number of occasions, for municipal, provincial and federal elections.

10.6 It was:

MOVED by Shade Dias, SECONDED by Krystina Chase and CARRIED to appoint John b. Young to serve as Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the FSU 2024 Elections.

b. 2024-2025 Program and Ancillary Fees

John reported that FSU staff (the FSU President, Executive Director, Controller, and Senior Director of Operations) have met twice with representatives from the Fanshawe College Registrar's Office to review the proposed program and ancillary fees for the 2024-2025 academic year.

FSU staff recommend the following changes to the FSU ancillary fees:

- An increase of 3.8% to the student activity fee, from 85.25 to 88.50 per term, to accommodate inflationary increases in operating and service delivery expenses.
- An increase of 5% to the transit pass fee, from 274.07 to 287.77 per year, in negotiation with the London Transit Commission, it being noted that this fee is a substantial discount from any pass available to other LTC riders.

- An increase of 3% to the student health plan fee from 230.00 to 237.00 per year, to cover the additional cost of the addition of the WeConnect program to provide enhanced mental health and wellness support services to students.

10.7 It was:

MOVED by Shade Dias, SECONDED by Krystina Chase and CARRIED to approve the 2024-2025 FSU Ancillary Fees, as presented.

Next Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2024 @ 11:00am

Adjournment

10.4 It was:

MOVED by Jitendra Singh Rathore, SECONDED by Krystina Chase and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting @ 12:19pm.