Council on Student Services Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in SL-232


1. Approval of Minutes
Liza A. asks everyone to review November 12, 2012 minutes.

Motion to approve Nov. 12th minutes:
Moved by: Brandon M. Seconded by: Liza A.

Motion:A. Liza A. to present CSS Sub Committee resolution after A. Comella’s presentation Moved by: Adrian D. Seconded by: Brandon M.

2. Presentation from Lucy Fromowitz – Assistant Vice-President, Student Life, U of T, St. George
“The Division of Student Life brings coherence to complexity and creates opportunities to build skills, foster community and integrate learning.” Lucy F. discussed the Student Life portfolio. The departments include: Academic Success Centre, Accessibility Services, Career Centre, Counselling and Psychological Services, Centre for Community Partnerships, Centre for International Experience, Family Care Office, First Nations House, Health Service, Housing Service, Multi-Faith Centre, and Sexual & Gender Diversity Office. Lucy F. mentioned that areas in which all 3 campuses work together include First Nations House and Multi-Faith Centre. The Centre was fortunate enough to win a grant to train up to 1000 students to become religiously diverse. Town Hall meetings will take place in all three campuses for the Co-curricular Record.

3. Presentation from Bruce Kidd – Warden, Hart House
B. Kidd presented on Hart House. Hart House is an educational centre for students, staff and faculty that is open 365 days a year. It enables a variety of learning communities by encouraging a Canadian perspective on global citizenship as well as ceremonial and social events. A large number of events are hosted by non-Hart House student groups. All U of T students have access to the Hart House and can book rooms for free. B. Kidd discussed the budget request and is proposing a balanced budget for the 2013/2014 year. The proposed increase to student fees is 5.2%. Some of the challenges experienced include the inability to meet all students’ demands upon the House as a result of the current insufficient budget and the urgent need for infrastructural renewal. There was further discussion about creating a group to promote Hart House to UTSC students.
4. Presentation from Anita Comella – Assistant Dean, Co-curricular Physical Activity & Sport
A. Comella presented on the Co-curricular Physical Activity & Sport. “The Faculty is responsible for offering active healthy co-curricular opportunities, including high performance sports, for the entire student body, as well as faculty, staff and members of the community of all ages and abilities.” It hosts a number of events with the purpose of engaging students to give them learning opportunities outside the campus to socially network, learn, and enhance their abilities. Programs include Physical Activity Programming, Intramural Programming, and Intercollegiate Sport Programming. Examples of collaboration across all three campuses include “Move U” campaign and ParticipACTION. A number of capital projects are currently taking place. The Faculty will be hosting field hockey in the new double turf fields.

5. CSS Enhancement Fund Resolution
There are 2 groups awaiting approval.

Liza A.: Motion to pass enhancement funding in the amount of $10,660.00 Moved by: Adrian D. Seconded by: Brandon M.

6. Presentation from Scott McRoberts – Director – Athletics & Recreation
Scott M. stated that 35% of students, including current and new students have considered the new facility when deciding to attend UTSC. Athletics and Recreation has the largest student employment with 130 on campus. Some of the highlights from 2012 include Terry’s Cause, Green Path Program, Grants/Community outreach, SECAP – Student Engagement Committee on Athletics Planning, as well as groundbreaking of the new facility. Athletics and Recreation is involved in the Move U campaign. “The purpose of this campaign is to engage first year students by promoting and supporting the active healthy living opportunities that will encourage a successful transition at University.” Athletics and Recreation is in the process of reviewing its policy as the Athletics environment prepares for change in order to reflect its commitments to students.

7. Presentation from Liza Arnason – Director, Student Life
Liza A. stated that the Department of Student Life “creates opportunities dedicated to the holistic development and empowerment of students”. The Student Life portfolio includes First Year Experience Programs (FEP), Leadership Development Program (LDP), Campus Life & Special Events, Community Engagement Programs (CEP), and International Student Centre (ISC). FEP has 900 mentees, 200 mentors, and 44% are first generation students. There are 300 first generation students participating and 25 Peer Academic Coaches. LDP has three certificate streams (iLead, uLead, & weLead) with a combined 50 leadership workshops for 2012-2013. Campus Life has 151 recognized student organizations with over 20 uLead sessions planned for the academic year. CEP has the Imani Academic Mentorship Program, Indigenous Education, Multi Faith Training, and “Build. Act. Change.” Project. ISC has international cafes and cultural events, workshops, and one-on-one advising for international students. Other programs include the English Conversation Partners and Study Abroad Ambassador Program.

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