

# Council on Student Services Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm in room AA160

Members: Desmond P., Nadia R., Sheila J., Varsha P., Tina, D., Nicole B., Ayaan A., Chemi L., Darshana K., Anthony L., Qusai H., Hassan

A., James R., Arda E., Aaheli M.

Non-Members: Mohsin B., Ruxandra P., Nisbeth A., Zahra V., Chris B., Scott M., Kevin T., Jonathan C., Francesca D., Rachel K., Erika L.,

Delicia A., Shawna-Kaye T (Acting Secretary).

## 1. Approval of Agenda

Move: Ayaan Second: Q Agenda approved.

2. Approval of Minutes- Tues, Jan 15

Moved: Ayaan Seconded: Q Minutes approved.

## 3. Motion for Student Enhancement Fund- Round 2

Nadia R. presented the motions to be voted omnibus: \$30,794.54 was requested in Round 2 and the Enhancement Fund Committee asked for approval for \$15,618.49.

James asked how much money was allocated in Round 1. Shawna responded (\$14,114.62).

Aaheli indicated that some of the applications were incomplete and so those groups were encouraged to apply for Round 3.

Arda commented that one application asked for in excess of \$13,000 but had enough revenue.

Ankit indicated that in Round 2 there were more applications and so more money was given than in Round 1.

Motion to approve the Round 2 Enhancement Fund proposals omnibus

Moved: Arda Seconded: Aaheli

All in favour. Motion Approved.

# 4. Budget Vote

Nicole began by welcoming and informing members and attendees that Nadia R. will chair the meeting. Nadia announced that the next item would be Desmond's budget presentation.

Desmond welcomed everyone and began by acknowledging the recent changes to OSAP by the government that affect students. He pointed out that the government has cut tuition by 10% starting in September 2019 and have frozen it at that level for the following year. Desmond also raised the change of fees wherein the government has implemented a category called "mandatory fees" and a category of fees which students will be able to opt-out of. The change in the ways fees work will possibly have a significant impact on the way university fees and funding work. At this stage, the university is in the process of engaging with the government to determine the facts. Though there have been many articles and items in the press, our Vice-Provost is working with the Provost Office and other universities to communicate with the government concerning what these changes will really mean. As of now, that is not fully known. Desmond pointed out that the impact will really be felt in the next three years or so. There will be communication with students explaining what these changes mean as well as the process of opting-out. Desmond raised the point that this is a time when students, faculty and staff will need to come together and work with our goals and values in mind. The university has a strong commitment to accessible education so if a student qualifies and is admitted, it is likely that the university will step up and assist with the situation. What the cut means is that there will be less money for all colleges and universities, and there will be impacts. Desmond closed his preliminary comments by opening the floor for questions concerning the changes. No one asked questions.

Desmond began the CSS Budget Vote by reminding members and attendees that in prior meetings each service area made presentations highlighting their services. Desmond then presented the CSS budget vote presentation slides

Arda asked about the CSS Clubs funding. He noted that there are two club funding items on the budget slide (green sheet).

Nadia provided clarification that one was the Student Enhancement Fund and the other, the Campus Life Fund.

Desmond explained what happens in the case of a "no vote". Desmond explained that can go to the campus council and request an increase using UTI and CPI.

Desmond opened the floor for questions before moving forward with voting.

Desmond raised the request to use a show of hands for voting as opposed to secret ballot in the interest of time.

Nadia raised the motion of hand raising as a visible vote. Chemi, Q and Nicole pointed out that an open vote would be more appropriate. For the SSF fund, Arda E. asked that a secret ballot be conducted. This was approved.

Desmond provided a reminder on the proposed increases:

SSF	3.17%
Health & Wellness	2.0%
Athletics & Recreation	2.0%
Overall	2.54%

Nadia read the motions to the group:

Be it resolved that:

#### 1) Athletics and Recreation

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 2.0 % in the Athletics & Recreation fee, from \$143.07 to \$145.93 per full-time student per session (\$28.61 to \$29.18 for part-time)

Members voted, raised hands, counted.

## 2) Health and Wellness

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 2.0 % in the Health & Wellness fee, from \$68.99 to \$70.37 per full-time student per session (\$13.80 to \$14.07 for part-time)

Members voted, raised hands, counted.

# 3) Student Services

#### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 3.17 % increase in the Student Services Fee, from \$183.00 to \$188.81 per full-time student per session (\$36.60 to \$37.76 for part-time).

Ballots distributed, members voted, ballots collected.

Nadia asked for 2 volunteers to act as scrutineers. Volunteers were Aaheli M and James R.

Shawna-Kaye counted and recorded the votes, Aaheli, James, and Nadia witnessed the counting and recording of votes.

## **Athletics**

Staff: 4 yes Student: 10 yes No abstain Athletics budget passes.

**Health & Wellness** 

Staff: 4 Yes Student: 10 yes No abstain Health & Wellness budget passes.

**Student Services Fee** 

Staff: 4 yes Student: 8 yes, 2 no No abstain SSF budget passes.

Nadia raised the motion to destroy the ballots of the SSF. Motion approved by all.

Qusai asked about Francesca whether the Family Care Office been having appointments at UTSC and if there was much student uptake. Francesca indicated yes to both questions.

# 5. Adjournment

Moved: Ayaan Seconded: Arda

All in favour. Meeting adjourned.