



Council on Student Services
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020
4 pm – 6 pm
Zoom meeting

Members: Desmond P., Nadia R., Tina D., Varsha P, Sheila J, Greg H, Erika L, James D, Sarah A, Lulu G, Eesha C, Tianna T, Bill F, Fae A, Kiana J, Sabrina P, Yansunan C, TJ H, Bruce C

Non-Members: Chris B., Tasneem N., (Acting Secretary) Kevin T., Christine S, Marg L, Mel D

Welcome & Introductions - Desmond Pouyat

Nadia R. began introductions and welcomed everyone. Nadia announced that she is the Chair until a Chair has been elected. Nadia then began the meeting with a land acknowledgement and introduced Desmond P. Desmond began preliminary remarks, welcomed everyone to CSS. He spoke about the Student Choice Initiative (SCI), and that he is not sure when it will return. There was a reduction in fees for spring, summer, fall due to the COVID pandemic. He also spoke about how the focus has been on health and safety of students, faculty and staff and that the university operations are contingent on information being received from Toronto Public Health and health experts that are guiding the country through this pandemic. The OSEW commitment to students is we are on campus and open to students. Although we are dealing with significant uncertainty, we will continue to operate, and make decisions based on these perspectives. Desmond said that all departments have been providing services virtually, with limited in person meetings, depending on TPH requirements and directives.

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Sarah A

Second: Eesha C

All in favour. Agenda approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 12th , 2020

Moved: Eesha C

Seconded: Sarah A

All in favour. Item approved.

Overview of CSS

Nadia R. welcomes everyone back to the meeting. Nadia R. begins talking about how the purpose of CSS was to support the students and contribute to the governing council. Nadia R. added that this is a great chance to provide feedback from the students, gain board experience, contribute to the student choice initiative, and get involved on campus.

Nadia R says that new positions have been developed and hired due to ideas, student input brought forward at CSS. Nadia mentions that there has been several impacts from the pandemic –the international students have been affected greatly. OSEW departments have restructured their work in order to adapt to new virtual requirements to

serve the student population. Nadia also speaks about the importance of mental health, anti black racism, in our communities and at the University of Toronto briefly.

Nadia R. then proceeds to explain the job of The Chair.

Election of CSS Chair

Lubaba G nominated Sarah A

Sarah accepted her nomination.

8 accepted, none opposed, no abstention.

Sarah A is nominated as chair of CSS.

Overview of COSS and nomination to COSS

Sarah asked if non-voting CSS member can be nominated, Nadia said it has to be a voting member. Desmond also adds in that it will be virtual so it gives all UTSC students the opportunities to attend. The CSS rep at COSS can bring back info to the CSS table and inform everyone.

Sarah A asks for nominations. Eesha C self nominates.

6 accepted, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

Eesha is voted as COSS representative.

Appointment to Advisory Committees

CSS Finance Advisory Committee: Nadia R announces that the finance committee membership is already predetermined. It will consist of all 4 presidents of student unions (SCSU,SCAA, RC, GSA)

Academic Advising & Career Center: Eesha nominates Lubaba. Lubaba accepts. All in favour.

Athletics & Recreation: Sabrina nominated herself, All in favour.

Health & Wellness Center: Bill nominated himself. All in favour.

Department of Student Life: Tianna and Yansunan nominated themselves. All in favour.

Enhancement Fund Sub-Committee: Sarah asked if non-voting CSS members sit on any of the committees.

Nadia said VP Campus life is already on the committee.

Eesha nominated herself. All in favour.

ByLaws Sub-Committee: Kiana and Fae nominated themselves. All in favour.

Equity & Community Fund: Nadia R mentions that the SCSU VP equity already sits on the committee, but the committee needs an additional CSS member.

Lubaba nominated herself. All in favour.

Adjournment

Moved: Lubaba G

Seconded: Eesha C.

All in favour. Meeting adjourned.