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Council on Student Services
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, January 23, 2020
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm in room AA160, Arts & Administration

Members: Desmond P., Nadia R., Sheila J., Varsha P., Chemi L., Carly S., Senping Z., Niroban J., Qusai H., Shi Shi, Shagun K., Amanda N., Aaila W., Luisa G., Esma B.

Non-Members: Chris B., Tasneem N., Delicia A., Kevin T., Larry W., Aileen C., Greg H., Mohsin B., Erika L., Liana W., Joseph U., Shari R., Tracey B., Siva S., Ahil N., Juanita M., Zahra M., Jonathan C., Elsie O., Elsa K., Melanie C (Acting Secretary).

AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm. Chemi L. began with a land acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda

Move: Shagun K.

Second: Luisa G.

All in favour. Motion passes.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 14th 2020

Move: Senping Z.

Second: Amanda N.

All in favour. Motion passes.

3. Motion for Student Enhancement Fund - Round 2

Move: Amanda N.

Second: Esma B.

All in favour. Motion passes.

Chemi L. presented the motions to be voted omnibus: \$ 21,839.51 was requested in Round 2 and the Enhancement Fund Committee asked for approval for \$13,150.99.

Move: Shagun K.

Second: Amanda N.

Senping Z. is against. Shagun K. abstains.

Motion passes.

4. Budget Vote

Desmond P. began by welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Desmond P. again explained the raised change of fees is due to the government which has implemented a category called “mandatory fees” and a category of fees which students are able to opt-out of.

Desmond P. continued that the CSS Budget Vote by reminding members and attendees that in prior meetings each service area made presentations highlighting their services. Desmond P. explained that there had been a budget change since the pre-budget meeting nine days ago. There was a communication gap around the university’s decision to include

non-essential fees as mandatory due to the court's decision, therefore, instead of a 2.79% increase in fees there will only be a 2.43% increase in fees. Desmond P. asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked.

Nadia R. then presented the CSS budget vote presentation slides by giving an overview of everyone's role and what everyone is contributing to. The staff on this campus continue to offer effective oversight of student services and programs so that students are able to obtain good value for their investment in our services and programs. Nadia R. continued that CSS represents student's voice and interests at Tri-campus tables, gave the example of the Co-Curricular Record. Nadia R. pointed out that Desmond P. is a strong advocate and voice for student perspective and experience here at UTSC.

Nadia R. continued with a reminder of tonight's task, voting on all essential budgets. There needs to be a majority to pass the budget. Nadia R. reminded everyone who has a vote at the table. Staff also have a vote but the vote sides in favor of the student vote. Nadia R. again stated that the budget, as stated by Desmond P., has been lowered from 2.79% to 2.43%. Nadia R. stated that this is much lower compared to the other campuses who are around 4.47%.

Chemi L. commented that everyone has a right to ask questions about anything that they do not understand so that they are better able to make informed decisions and informed votes tonight.

Carly S. asked if we are voting for all categories as one vote. Nadia R. answered no, we will be voting line by line.

Senping Z. asked if the increase for academic support was \$4.00. Nadia R. answered that there is an individual increase for each category, however we are voting on the total. Senping Z. asked if we are voting on separate categories. Nadia R. answered yes, and all of the individual fees will add up to a \$9.76 increase in fees.

Chemi L. asked why the decrease took place. Nadia R. answered that projected enrollment at UTSC is increasing, meaning that there will be more students paying these fees, therefore the fees can decrease. Desmond P. also added that another reason is because optional fees do not increase every year, they are constant, and therefore with more students attending UTSC, we will have more people paying the fees and so the overall cost of fees per student will decrease.

Chemi L. asked if she could step down from chair in order to vote. Nadia R. answered no because there is quorum. At the time, no one is able to look up the bylaws, and so it is not known if the chair is allowed to step down if there is quorum. Chemi L. steps down as chair. Nadia R. takes over as chair.

Qusai H. joined the meeting via phone call.

Chemi L. stated that the vote is unfair given that the budget had been changed prior to today's meeting without anyone knowing. She believed that a notice should have gone out to inform all voting members prior to the meeting. Desmond P. commented that Chemi's voice has been heard. They are trying to do what they can but the CSI situation has been moved back and forth. They are trying to figure out a way to move forward with this change, but the problem is that they do not know how to move forward. They are trying to communicate all of the information. Desmond P. stated that as soon as he found out, they worked very hard to get all of the information out to everyone as fast as possible and that were able to get the information out to everyone in an appropriate time before the meeting. This included meeting with Chemi L. to discuss the change.

Nadia read the motions to the group:
Be it resolved that:

1) Health and Wellness

Motion to approve Health & Wellness.

Move: Chemi L.

Second: Carly S.

Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 2.01 % in the Health and Wellness Service Fee, from \$75.52 to \$77.04 per full-time student per session and \$15.10 to \$15.41 per part-time student per session. Members voted, raised hands, counted.

Staff: 3 yes Student: 10 yes No abstain Health & Wellness budget passes.

2) Athletics and Recreation

Motion to approve Athletics & Recreation.

Move: Chemi L.

Second: Carly S.

Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 0.93 % in the Athletics and Recreation fee, from \$145.93 to \$147.29 per full-time student per session and \$29.19 to \$29.46 per part-time student per session. Members voted, raised hands, counted.

Staff: 3 yes Student: 10 yes No abstain Athletics budget passes.

3) Career Services Fee

Motion to approve Career Services Fee.

Move: Amanda N.

Second: Senping Z.

Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 3.25 % in the Career Services Fee, from \$85.85 to \$88.64 per full-time student per session and \$17.17 to \$17.73 per part-time student per session. Members voted, raised hands, counted.

Staff: 3 yes Student: 10 yes No abstain Career Services budget passes.

4) Academic Support Fee

Motion to approve Academic Support Fee.

Move: Chemi L.

Second: Carly S.

Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 12.38% in the Academic Support Fee, from \$39.90 to \$44.84 per full-time student per session and \$7.98 to \$8.97 per part-time student per session. Members voted, raised hands, counted.

Staff: 3 yes Student: 2 yes 7 no 1 abstention Motion failed.

5) Student Buildings Fee

Motion to approve Student Buildings Fee.

Move: Chemi L.

Second: Carly S.

Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 0.03% in the Student Buildings Fee, from \$33.44 to \$33.45 per full-

time student per session and \$6.69 to \$6.69 per part-time student per session. Members voted, raised hands, counted.
Staff: 3 yes Student: 10 yes No abstain Student Building budget passes.

Qusai H. asked if this includes facilities and management. Nadia R. answered no, that is under the next category.

6) Other Student Service Fee

Motion to approve Other Student Service Fee.

Move: Chemi L.

Second: Amanda N.

Motion passes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year decrease of -4.17 % in the Other Student Services Fee, from \$20.64 to \$19.78 per full-time student per session and \$4.13 to \$3.96 per part-time student per session.

Qusai H. said that there are certain buildings on campus that do not hire the janitorial staff through U of T, they are hired by outside companies, and therefore he does not support this motion. Carly S. commented that this is not pertinent to the vote as the management and facilities staff are not covered under this budget. Qusai H. asked to confirm if hiring is covered under this. Nadia R. answered no. Qusai H. asked where that funding comes from to hire the janitorial staff. Chemi L. answered that it is out of U of T's operating budget.

Members voted, raised hands, counted.

Staff: 3 yes Student: 10 yes No abstain Other Student Services budget passes.

5. Adjournment

Move: Senping Z.

Second: Chemi L.

All in favour. Motion passes. Meeting ends at 5:54pm.