



**Council on Student Services**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022**  
**4 pm – 6 pm**  
**In-Person meeting**

**Members:** Neel J., Nadia R., Sheila J., Yumna A., Dallas B., Amrith D., Thai D., Hycil F., Syeda G., Michelle H., Greg H., Diala I., Erika L., Victoria M., Afshana M., Varsha P., Michael S.

**Non-Members:** Heaven D. (Secretary), Nicole B., Lee B., Carmina E., Lyndsay E., Pratik G., Marg L., Colleen R., Tahira R., Shari R., Larry W.

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Nadia R. welcomes everyone, and Yumna A. opens the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

**Welcome & Introductions – Neel Joshi**

Neel J. discusses some highlights including the Revival FROSH hosted by SCSU, 1265 Bistro development and Welcome Day hosted by Student Life. Neel continues by discussing five themes for the next five years: Inclusive Excellence, Healthy Campus Initiative, Housing Master Plan, Supporting academic and career success of students and Improving and enhancing culture and community.

Sheila J. discusses the Healthy Campus Initiative, where she explained that it will be used to ensure that student health is a priority including equity, nutritional health, cultural arts, physical arts and physical space among others. Neel J. passes it onto Greg H. who discusses the Housing Master Plan where he discusses the new residence building, plans for what the next 20-25 years. Varsha P. discusses the different services of the AA&CC such as academic support for students and discussed their collaboration with AccessAbility Services. Neel J. discusses that community building will be done through SCSU. Nadia R. discusses that a Student Chair will be elected to the CSS as a Student Representative and the Bourinot's Rules of Orders will be followed in order to do the voting.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Yumna A.

Second: Michael S.

All in favour. Agenda approved.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

Moved: Michael S.

Seconded: Thai D.

All in favour. Meeting Minutes approved.

## **Overview of CSS**

Nadia R. began discussing the purpose of CSS, to support students and contribute to the governing council. She added that this is an excellent opportunity to provide feedback, gain board experience, contribute to the student choice initiative, and get involved on campus such as developing new positions due to ideas and student input at CSS. Nadia discusses that this helps students hold accountability. CSS is charged to approve any incidental fee changes. She discusses the CSS process as well as their authority and discusses how this opportunity can translate into future governing positions. Nadia discusses the responsibilities such as reviewing annual operating plans of programs and services, advise proposals for expansion or reduction of student services and serve as a forum for discussion of student experiences at UTSC. She discusses the student membership of the CSS. The student vote is the most important component. Nadia continues that voting members will be deciding on the cost for different mandatory services. She discusses the Agenda Planning and Meetings. She discusses that students should vote based on knowledge after they ask questions to decide their vote. She then proceeds to explain the job of The Student Chair.

## **Election of CSS Chair**

Thai D. nominates Michael S. as Chair

Michael S. accepts the nomination.

Amrith D. nominates himself.

Michael S. presented his pitch by sharing his experience with students such as involvement with the Canadian Federation of Students among his other involvements. He discusses how he can see student issues from an international student perspective as well as discussing his experience as a FROSH Orientation Coordinator, Senior Leader as well as other involvements within the SCSU.

Amrith D. presented his pitch by sharing his involvement with different clubs, for example, DSA, IDSSA and IDC. He discusses how he wants the students' voices to be heard and discusses his experience with members on the table. He closed by sharing how he will push for the agenda to be completed and how he wants to maintain transparency.

Votes for Michael S. as Chair:

In favour:

Afshana M.

Thai D.

Victoria M.

Yumna A.

Votes for Amrith D. as Chair:

In favour:

Amrith D.

Syeda G.

Michelle H.

Diala I.

Hycil F.

Amrith D. is nominated as chair of CSS.

## **Overview of COSS and nomination to COSS**

Nadia R. provides a brief overview of COSS.

Thai D. nominates himself.

Michael S. nominates Thai D.

Thai D. is voted as COSS representative.

### **Appointment to Advisory Committees**

Amrith D. discusses the different Advisory Committees. Nadia R. discusses the committee and how their membership will function.

#### *Academic Advising & Career Center:*

- 8-12 students to be a part of the committee to get feedback from October to February.
- Afshana M. nominates themselves. All in favor.

#### *Athletics & Recreation:*

- Connecting students and engaging them in intramural programs and physical activity.
- Victoria M. nominates themselves. All in favor.

#### *Health & Wellness Center:*

- For students passionate in overall student health & wellness.
- Syeda G. nominates themselves. All in favor.

#### *Department of Student Life:*

- Heartbeat of the campus and helps students learn outside of the classroom
- Hycil F. and Diala I. nominate themselves. All in favor.

#### *Student Services Enhancement Fund Sub-Committee:*

- Encouraging students and enhancing campus life.
- Michael S. and Thai D. nominate themselves. All in favor.

#### *ByLaws Sub-Committee:*

- Only meet if bylaws need to be changed.
- Diala I. nominates themselves. All in favor.

#### *Equity & Community Fund:*

- Afshana M. nominates themselves. All in favor.

### **Adjournment**

Moved: Yumna A.

Seconded: Victoria M.

All in favour. Meeting adjourned.