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Council on Student Services
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, January 22, 2015
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm in room AA-160

Members: Desmond P., Laura B., Scott M., Liza A., Tahsin C., Nicole D., Sabine A., Marshall A.,
Lukas Z., Camille G., Aimalolo A., Yoser A.

Non-Members: Siva T., Alyssa G., Ron C., Laurie W., Megan L. (Secretary)

Since quorum was not met the Chair began the meeting with agenda item four.

4. Athletics Summer Programming

Scott M. briefly introduced topic before Ron C. and Laurie W. began their presentation. They explained that Athletics & Recreation needs to vacate TPASC from May 17th to September 15th for the PanAm games. Aquatics, weightlifting and other programs will be suspended during the closure, however, this presents an opportunity for new programming. A&R staff is working on summer programming to ensure students get value. A&R mission was kept in mind while creating programming.

R258, R249, and Valley trailer will be used as office space during the closure while Valley fields, tennis courts, trails and campus footprint will be used for program space. Registered programs will be free for the summer. Sport social programs will be held (TFC trip, beach volleyball, driving range and golf trips) and there will be a focus on expanding outdoor recreation programs (treetop trekking, dragonboat, rock climbing, horseback riding, paddleboard, overnight camping).

Scott M. emphasized the employment and leadership opportunities available for students in A&R, stating programs are offered by student leaders. He also mentioned transportation will be free for all trips with possibly a small fee associated with some for budget support not cost recovery.

Tahsin C. asked whether the All Star camp would be happening this summer with the closure. Scott M. said since there is no indoor space for the camp in the event of inclement weather, a mini-university camp will be offered instead, providing students with arts, science, math, and drama programming. Currently staff is working on building a sport-based camp that would run alongside the mini-university camp in summer 2016.

Scott M. highlighted that the outdoor recreation program is a big step in A&R moving forward and growing.

Desmond P. shared that McMaster University's outdoor recreation program has huge benefits especially for the international student population on campus who may not otherwise get to experience "Canadian" activities.

Scott M. also said that A&R is looking at offering prayer space in TPASC and would like to start a dialogue as their staff is currently finalizing studio programming through spring 2016. They are currently looking at alternatives for dance clubs and prayer space while R260 is under construction.

Desmond P. said the issue of prayer space continues to be raised and it is a good time to have the conversation.

5. DSA and Club Services

Liza A. began by saying there has been some concern over DSA and club bookings so she has asked Alyssa G. to briefly explain the system.

Alyssa G. discusses the support provided to DSA's from the DSL (workshops, mix n' mingles, monthly emails, funding consultations, 1to1 meetings, liaise with faculty, daily drop in hours, scheduled meeting times, funding).

Alyssa G. discussed the space booking policies and new online system. Liza A. clarified students no longer receive emails from the DSL with the new online system. Rather the onus is on the students to check the status of their events. Alyssa G. confirmed the Registrar's should be migrating to the new system in the summer which should increase efficiency in space bookings.

Camille G. asked that events for DSA's be scheduled for the fall since most teams aren't assembled in spring/summer and that DSA's and the DSL need to get together so everything can be explained.

Alyssa G. answered a lot of complaints are based on confusion because many students don't understand how the system works. Liza A. reinforced that the new system relies on the students to check the status of their events.

Camille G. said the types of bookable spaces is also an issue for DSAs who want to access nicer spaces, for example the Ralph Campbell Lounge.

Liza A. explained the history of booking the RCL and said that no student groups have access to it, however, DSAs are able to book the RCL through their faculty liaison. Alyssa G. said campus groups orientation is held once a month and the DSL would be more than happy to come to DSA Council to explain the system.

Camille G. said who attends the orientation and meetings is important since different executives in the DSAs and not just the presidents, need access to information. Liza A. agreed and suggested this would be a good discussion to have at a future date. Liza A. wanted to know about the relationships between faculty liaisons and DSAs. Camille G. said that it is case by case and some work better than others. Liza A. and Alyssa G. both agreed that the DSL can try to address that with the liaisons.

1. Approval of Agenda

Since quorum was still not met, Nicole D. vacated the role of Chair to become a voting member. Liza A. became Chair.

Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Tahsin C.

Seconded: Lukas Z.

3. Enhancement Fund (DSL)

Liza A. explained a total of \$189,000 was requested over three rounds and \$32,000 was granted. This year some funds came through the 50th Fund. Liza A. asked if there were any questions and then asked if the resolutions could be voted omnibus.

Moved: Tahsin C.

Seconded: Nicole D.

All in favour, resolutions voted omnibus and all resolutions passed.

Liza A. explained the funding application will be moving online in the summer which will simplify the application and reimbursement process. Desmond P. added CSS should also be electronic for next year. Desmond P. suggested due to the amount of funding requested by groups and the ambitious nature of the events possibly increasing the allotment for the Enhancement Fund for 2015-16. Liza A. said DSAs are encouraged to apply for the DSA Fund and/or Partnership Fund.

4. Adjournment

Moved: Lukas Z.

Seconded: Tahsin C.

