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Council on Student Services
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, January 21 2016
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm in AA160

Members: Desmond P., Tina D., Laura B., Jennifer B., Scott M., Liza A., Nicole D., Camille G., Jessica K., Yasmin R., Dan-Lee A., Tingting Z., Thomas W., Tijuana T., Glenda O., Rowshyra C., Joyce H., Trina J., Michelle V., Emzhei Chen.

Non-Members: Katie., Claudia L., Chris B., Carlton L., Janelle T., Alyssa G., Shawna-Kaye T., Scott M., Betty L., Nassim Y., Zahra M., Kendel C., Panayiota I., Shehna J., Kathy F., Liz A., Nisbeth A., Elsa K., Kavita S., Erin B., Tracey B., Tasneem L., Megan L. (Secretary)

1. Approval of Agenda

Move: Yasmin R
Second: Rowshyra C
Agenda approved

2. Approval of Minutes

Move: Camille G
Second: Thomas W
Minutes approved

3. Student Enhancement Fund

Liza explained the meeting process and stated that \$24,000 was requested in round 2 and \$98,000 has been requested to date. \$11,000 was allocated in round 2. Liza put forward a motion to vote omnibus. She gave everyone a moment to read through the proposals and then the opportunity to ask questions.

Tina D asked for details about the Muslim Students' Association's "Depression and Addiction" event. Liza said it was to be discussions and workshops with an imam surrounding mental health issues.

Rowshyra C wanted to confirm there was approximately \$11,000 left for round 3. Liza confirmed yes. They expect a larger group to apply for round 3.

Motion to vote omnibus
Move: Jessica K
Second: Camille G
Motion approved to vote omnibus

Motion to approve the round 2 Enhancement Fund proposals
Move: Rowshyra C
Second: Thomas W
Motion approved

Budget Vote

Desmond provided a background on the budget process. He mentioned this past fall the committees held meetings and last week the departments presented their operating plans and asks. He outlined the voting

process for the meeting, stating voting will occur at the end with a motion for each vote: Health & Wellness, Athletics, and SSF. The votes will be tallied after all are cast, and an announcement will be made after counting. Votes will be cast by ballot for privacy.

Scott M described Athletics programming, 2015-16 highlights, expenditures, and 2016-17 plans. He presented Athletics fee increase of \$3.27 or 2.5% and mentioned the increase was cut in half three years earlier than projected.

Camille G asked if the budget increases whether more study-friendly spaces will be created. Scott said yes, currently there are spaces with outlets in TPASC. The tutor that comes to work with varsity athletes is made available to all students.

Scott also provided an update on the Walk Safe program (from Jan12/16 meeting). He said a communication is coming and busses will be dropping students off closer to main campus instead of TPASC. The front desk of TPASC has the Walk Safe number and has been told to expect more inquiries in coming weeks.

Laura B began by discussing Health & Wellness' 2015-16 accomplishments, challenges, expenses, funding sources and 2016-17 plans. The proposed increase for H&W is \$1.60 or 2.67%.

Tijuana wanted to know if RNAO is associated with Know the Score. Laura replied, no, RNAO is an association for Ontario nurses.

Desmond asked Laura to explain the OHIP revenue. Laura explained that when H&W hires a physician, they are hired as an independent consultant getting an hourly wage. They can bill OHIP for every service performed. Each time a student visits, H&W bills OHIP for that service, which pays their salary.

Question asked whether this was the same for international students. Laura replied yes, but can't answer definitively without billing clerk confirmation.

Question about embedded counselling process. Laura said that with the embedded counselling, staff go to different departments and act as an added resource. It is a bonus for departments but also students who can seek help within their own departments, rather than visiting H&W.

Camille asked if counsellors work with the program advisors in AA&CC since they see students in crisis. Laura said yes, embedded counselling there as well. It's the same as counselling in H&W just with a different physical location.

Jennifer highlighted AA&CC's numbers, challenges, expenses and 2016-17 plans. The proposed fee increase is \$0.90 or 1.55%. She mentioned that at the most recent AA&CC advisory meeting, the proposed budget passed with 8 yes votes and 1 abstain. She recognizes that students are cognizant of not raising fees but appreciate the services provided.

Liza acknowledged the DSL staff and said that all student service departments want to make UTSC the best place they can. St. George recognizes the accomplishments of UTSC student services regularly. Liza described the 2015-16 highlights as well as the 2016-17 plans of both the DSL and ISC. The proposed fee increase for the DSL is \$1.70 and the ISC \$0.41. She stressed that no staffing or program increases were being asked for and that the advisory committee unanimously voted in favour of the increase.

Camille said that she hopes with the increased focus on study abroad there will be decreased barriers. Liza said the provost has provided a position to find problems and look at what the real barriers are. Students have asked Advancement to provide support to UTSC students to go abroad and the provost is also expanding funding to include UTSC students. Liza also mentioned that parents are barriers to international experience, and said the ISC has launched parent info sessions to address this.

Desmond began by acknowledging the Student Affairs directors for their work before providing an overview of Student Affairs, its function and role. He said there would be a minor increase of \$.028. No new staffing asks are being requested.

Desmond explained the SSF overall fee increase being proposed is \$10.11 or 2.79%. He emphasized this proposed increase includes an increase in the Enhancement Fund (\$15,000) and the Partnership Fund (\$10,000), as funds are regularly being depleted from both.

Also, \$20,000 is being proposed for non-athletic student clubs to have support to rent space in TPASC when other space is not available.

Rowshyra wanted to know if graduate and undergraduate fees are the same. Desmond said the auxiliary fees are the same. Rowshyra said many students are affiliated with St. George and Desmond stressed that graduate students have access to all services. Jennifer B said graduate students pay fees at St. George regardless of where they are affiliated.

General discussion

Thomas W read a statement on the CSS process. He explained while CSS is described as a negotiation, however, with UTI and CPI it is not a negotiation and it makes the process unfair. He said the current process is insulting and any yes votes should not be taken as support, but rather a symptom of an illegitimate process of students forced to vote yes.

Jessica K read a statement from a student living in the margin, identifying as indigenous. The student said as indigenous student she has not been able to access culturally conscious health services at UTSC. She has to access services at St. George at First Nations House. An Elder is available at UTSC but he is shared across all three campuses. With an increase in fees it isn't fair that the Elder is spread across three campuses.

Camille G said that as a student she has had both good and bad experiences at UTSC, and highlighted some of those experiences. She is disappointed in the illegitimacy of the CSS process, and would like all bodies to be held more accountable, especially student members who don't attend the CSS meetings, and have more detailed by-laws.

Trina J stated she understands the services have grown, however, many are reluctant to pass the vote, especially since TPASC is being paid for by all but is inaccessible to non-athletic groups, and students have to pay various fees in order to attend classes. Athletic groups have said the equipment remains inefficient for their needs. It would have been good to have student input in the athletic equipment purchased in TPASC.

Yasmin R said students pay all fees and when services are improved, fees are increased. UTSC is the highest OSAP paying campus, but the fees that stress students out are for the same services that are supposed to be helping students. The current CSS process silences students and coerces votes.

Tingting Z said that as president of GSAS she is required to get help from various services. Athletics provided free salsa lessons for graduate students. The TCard system was upgraded and their voices have been heard by the teaching centre. GSAS is satisfied with the services provided.

Tijuana said as an international student, she was scared when she arrived. Before arriving she talked to Kendel and felt better. She attended "Settling in the City" and met other international students. Her peers in ISC said that programs have been developed to help students and she's had no problem accessing the services. With the cost of living increasing every year it's crazy to think the budget wouldn't go up.

Yasmin said they are not arguing the quality of services but questioning the legitimacy of the process. There is no point in creating CSS when the process can be eliminated and higher fees can be requested anyway.

Camille added the process is faulted. It's difficult to truly say yes when they know the repercussions of saying no.

Nicole read the motions to the group.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 2.5% in the Health & Wellness fee, from \$63.75 to \$65.35 per full-time student per session (\$12.75 to \$13.07 for part-time)

Move: Thomas W
Second: Dan-Lee
Motion approved.
Ballots distributed, members voted, ballots collected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 2.5% in the Athletics & Recreation fee, from \$130.94 to \$134.21 per full-time student per session (\$26.19 to \$26.84 for part-time)

Move: Camille G
Second: Rowshyra C
Motion approved.
Ballots distributed, members voted, ballots collected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

CSS approve a permanent year over year increase of 3.12% increase in the Student Services Fee, from \$167.84 to 173.08 per full-time student per session (\$33.57 to \$34.62 for part-time)

Move: Dan-Lee A
Second: Tijuana T
Motion approved.
Ballots distributed, members voted, ballots collected.

Nicole asked for a volunteer to act as scrutineer. Jessica K volunteered.
Nicole D counted the votes, Tasneem L recorded the votes, and Jessica K witnessed the votes.

Health & Wellness

Staff: 6 yes
Students: 6 yes, 3 abstain
Health & Wellness budget passes.

Athletics

Staff: 6 yes
Students: 5 yes, 4 abstain
Athletics budget passes

Student Services Fee

Staff: 6 yes
Students: 6 yes, 3 abstain
SSF budget passes.

4. Adjournment

Move: Camille G
Second: Jessica K
Meeting adjourned