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Council on Student Services
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 18th, 2017
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm in room SL232

Members: Desmond P., Liza A., Laura B., Varsha P., Tina D., Sana S., Christina A., Nana F., Kubra Z., Annie S., Rowshyra C., Makta Y., Ryan A., Andrew D., Aaheli M., Devyani P., Mouly R., Maria P., Nadia R.

Non-Members: Kevin T., Manjot B., Ruxandra P., Nassim Y., Nisbeth A., Marg L., Wei L., Chris B., Mohsin B., Kavita S., Tasneem N., Megan L.(Secretary)

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Annie S.

Seconded: Makta Y.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Devyani P.

Seconded: Annie S.

3. Motion from the Enhancement Fund Committee (Round 1)

Annie S. began, stating that \$35,245.72 was requested and \$5,432.62 was approved. Aaheli M. asked for clarification about refused proposals. Liza A. replied that this round, many groups were asking for multiple events, gift cards, or previously requested events. She continued that the committee built criteria and for groups that didn't meet criteria they were reminded about SCSU funding for student events. Devyani P. asked about the timeline for applications. Reply was September 25th to October 1st and December 1st to January 12th for round 2. Liza said applications were not reviewed from groups who didn't attend a Funding Frenzy workshop.

Vote to pass omnibus

Motion passed

Moved: Rowshyra C.

Seconded: Christina A.

4. By-Laws Discussion

Liza A. said the by-laws committee met and discussed three points. They asked for the CSS's input in the following areas:

In the discussion about whether Residence Advisors (RA's) should be able to be undergraduate student representatives, the following points were raised:

-Possible conflict of interest with paid RA representing students at CSS

-Residence Council has an open call for student representatives in residence

-RA is in position to bring broader scope of issues, value of RA position may not warrant barring from CSS

-University is huge employer of students, if have mandate that paid students can't sit at table, may silence many

In the discussion regarding part time student representation in CSS, the following points were raised:

-Concern in previous years re: difficulty finding a PT student

- Association of Part Time Students' (APUS) call for nominations; give a seat to APUS; add two i.e. one PT, one APUS
- APUS student may/may not be UTSC student – implications?
- Difficult for PT students to attend meetings but still need PT representation
- PT students registered with *AccessAbility* Services can be possible source
- Option for PT students to participate remotely

In the discussion about SCSU VP Operations role now being elected and being a CSS voting member, the following points were discussed:

- Must be consistent with CoSS, ensure positions compatible across board
- Quorum means SCSU doesn't have all voting positions i.e. more of the same voice added
- VP Operations role is about services, advocacy, equity-based initiatives; elected by students
- CSS Constitution has a specific number of voting members and changing numbers has impacts
- Raises further issues re: elected members from all boards having CSS voting rights
- Consider ratio of representatives to students represented, more objective
- Remove an SCSU member if VP Operations can better represent, or add VP Operations but add other reps too
- CSS is an open process, any issues can be voiced at meetings

In the discussion regarding providing the budget package more than the five days required, the following points were discussed:

- Updates from advisory committees at beginning of each meeting
- Financial Services representative at meeting to discuss budget and answer questions
- Pre-budget meeting allows for discussion before vote meeting; more time than CoSS or UTM
- Timelines are set by Governance; things presented at different stages dictate CSS budget timelines
- If budget numbers presented earlier, can't be changed
- Categories unchanged year over year, no drastic changes with amounts
- Students not required to have detailed understanding, only to vote on over and above
- Access to previous budgets
- Asking a lot for students to become financially literate in short period of time
- By-laws can't be changed to something that is impossible to deliver on

5. Presentations from Portfolios of Student Affairs & Services

Academic Advising & Career Centre and *AccessAbility* Services

Varsha P. introduced herself and presented points from the AA&CC portfolio, including embedded programs in academic advising and career development. She also discussed the increased partnerships in employer engagement, and highlighted the number of students served, busiest times of year, and student visitors divided by year of study.

Divya asked whether evening appointments were drop in or scheduled, as co-op students have difficulty getting to campus. Marg L. replied that phone and Skype appointments are available anytime during the day or evening.

Due to time, Sana S. stated that Tina D. will present on the *AccessAbility* Services portfolio at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

Moved: Devyani P.

Seconded: Liza A.

All in favour. Meeting adjourned.