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**Council on Student Services**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm in room SL232**

**Members:** Desmond P., Laura B., Liza A., Jessica K., Thomas W., Nafisa M., Sitharsana S., Annie S., Caitlin C., Andrew L., Raymond D.,  
Indira R., Conor A., Yasmin R., Michelle V., Erika L.

**Non-Members:** Kavita S., Ron C., Laurie W., George S., Brian M., Ruzandra P., Lisa L., Chris B., Cat C., Nassim Y., Husnain M., Tony C.,  
Tasneem L. (Secretary), Megan L. (Secretary)

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**1. Approval of Agenda**

Jessica K. asked that agenda items be rearranged to include a land acknowledgement; move COSS to item number 4; and change order of Student Affairs portfolio presentations.

Moved: Sana S.

Seconded: Andrew L.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Moved: Thomas W.

Seconded: Annie S.

**3. Enhancement Fund Committee Round 1 Motions**

Liza A. explained the process and amounts requested. Funding eligibility and approval depends on new initiatives, repeat events, other support, general meetings, Funding Frenzy attendance, etc. Liza asked everyone to read the motions and asked to pass motions omnibus.

Thomas W. asked about the four pending proposals.

Liza A. explained why HOSA, Science in Schools, TEDxUTSC, and Global Health Competition was put on hold.

Moved: Thomas W.

Seconded: Liza A.

All in favour to pass omnibus. All motions passed.

**4. Overview of COSS and Nomination**

Jessica K. read the terms of reference including COSS history, membership and roles.

Conor A. asked whether the rep was undergraduate, part-time, or full-time.

Jessica K. confirmed the COSS representative can be any student

Nafisa M. nominated Thomas W. to be the UTSC COSS student representative.

No one else was nominated. Nominations closed.

Moved: Nikita R.

Seconded: Sana S.

Motion passed. Thomas W. UTSC COSS representative

## 5. Presentations from Portfolios of Student Affairs & Services

### Department of Student Life

Liza A. described Student Life programs and initiatives. She continued by discussing the development of international and study abroad programming and explained the new, expanded Student Affairs-wide Orientation programming. She finished by outlining the priorities for Student Life for 2017-18

### Student Housing and Residence Life

Michelle V. began by discussing the mission and service highlights of Housing. She continued by providing a brief update on the new residence, and stated there will be lots of opportunity for student input. She concluded the presentation by discussing Housing's drivers.

#### *Discussion*

Indira R. asked about embedded counseling services in Housing and how residents are informed.

Michelle V. replied that a counselor from Health & Wellness is in Housing a few days each week but the new residence building will have a full time counselor. They rely on student leaders to inform residence, as well as include information in the e-newsletter.

Yasmin R. asked about how referrals were made for emergency housing.

Michelle V. said after hours Campus Police work with Housing in an emergency, and Housing staff is contacted directly to refer in emergency.

Yasmin R. inquired about when the new residence building would be in the consultation phase.

Michelle V. replied at this point there is no timeline. Some student consults have been done.

Yasmin R. said there was concern about the disconnect between drinking culture in residence and RA's and underage drinking.

Michelle V. acknowledged it is one of Housing's biggest challenges. She reinforced that students won't get in trouble if they ask for help. They will provide support when needed and if necessary, disciplinary action. This is discussed at Housing Orientation.

### Athletics & Recreation

Laura B. began by stating the vision of Athletics, followed by programming and partnerships. She emphasized the leadership and job opportunities that exist for students in Athletics. The presentation included highlights of the expanding outdoor recreation program.

#### *Discussion*

Annie S. asked about reading week group classes being stopped and whether registered classes can continue.

Laura B. said instructional classes were stopped during reading week but in the future can take a poll to see whether people would be interested in continuing during the break.

Annie S. said that students complain about the distance between south residence and TPASC and wondered if a shuttle was possible.

Laura B. said no shuttle is possible, but if safety is an issue, students can call Campus Police and the Walk Safer program.

Raymond D. asked about the sports medicine clinic and asked for the programs and services to be explained.

Laura B. said there is a footprint in TPASC for a sports medicine clinic. While there are no present plans for one, it would include physiotherapy, RMT, etc., and would be available to staff, faculty, students, and members.

## 6. Adjournment

Moved:           Conor A.

Seconded:       Raymond D.

Meeting adjourned.