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**Council on Student Services**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**  
**at 5:00p.m. in SL-232**

Members Present: T. Nowers, A. Love, C. Cole, H. Calder, L. Arnason, Z. Syed, M. Thambiah, R. Sen, J. Kapageridis, S. Sampang-McCoy, J. Law, A. Shanmugalingam, S. Abdus-Samad, O. Hassan, R. Rajkumar, J. Crasta, A. Khaja (Chair)  
Non-Members Present: M. Verbrugghe, O. Mohamud, M. Lindsay

**1. Chair's Comments** **Aisha Khaja**

Ms. A. Khaja welcomed the group and thanked all for attending. Also asked group to sign and pass attendance sheet.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. T. Nowers asked to add another item before Other Business, "Tom's Short Announcement".

Motion to approve the agenda.

MOVED: J. Kapageridas

SECONDED: S. Abdus-Samad

CARRIED

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Mr. C. Cole's name spelled incorrectly

Mr. S. Abdus-Samad's name spelled incorrectly twice

Mr. T. Nowers and Ms. A. Khaja make corrections to sub-committee members listed in minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of October 19th, 2009

MOVED: M. Thambiah

SECONDED: Z. Syed

CARRIED

**4. Campus Life Fund**

**Tom Nowers**

Mr. T. Nowers distributed an excerpt from the budget narrative 2008 stating the cost of running a campus group. Clubs are frustrated with the costs associated with running a club, for example AV services, police, set up/take down, etc. It was so costly clubs couldn't afford it. Through the Campus Life Fund, \$40 000 has been set aside to assist groups, however only \$12 000 has been used this year (only \$5 000 this fiscal cycle). Mr. T. Nowers questions why full funding is not being accessed. Mr. S. Abdus-Samad: how do students apply for funding, before or after event?

Ms. L. Arnason: Drew Dudley processes club events and services; charges automatically paid  
Mr. J. Kapageridis: I don't think students know about the funding

Mr. Z. Syed: clubs know to go to SCSU for funding and Student Life for constitution. Both groups should synchronize – link SCSU clubs funding site to Student Life site; list services each department offers

Mr. T. Nowers: James Stronghill is on staff and can link sites, but must work with students to get accurate information.

Ms. L. Arnason: must differentiate between Enhancement Fund, Clubs Funding, Travel Fund. Information must be clear before moving forward with promotion. Suggests having a “one stop shop” for all funding information.

Discussion continued to decide how to best advertise funding. Suggestions were made to create a committee, create an info sheet and/or link websites.

It was determined that a task force would be created to examine all issues. Task force members will be: Ms. L. Arnason, Mr. Z. Syed, and Mr. J. Kapageridis.

Motion to approve the creation of a task force to examine clubs funding issues.

MOVED: T. Nowers

SECONDED: M. Thambiah

CARRIED

## **5. Recommendations from the Student Enhancement Fund Sub-Committee Lisa Arnason**

This round students requested \$28 000; \$30 000 total available for all three rounds. Speaks to the demand of the program. Sub-committee is requesting \$9 000. Needed to have groups explain funding request due to high amount requested or clarification needed.

BIRT CSS approve up to \$1,485.00 for IMANI: Black Students' Alliance's “2010 Young Hollywood Formal”.

BIRT CSS approve up to \$700.00 for Organized Sound's “Smooth Sensations”.

BIRT CSS approve up to \$300.00 for Organized Sound's “OUCH – hip hop dance competition”.

BIRT CSS approve up to \$590.00 for Dignitas Youth at UTSC's “Race for Dignity”.

BIRT CSS approve up to \$1,465.00 for Video Game Society Squared (VGS2)'s “Child's Play2009”.

BIRT CSS approve up to \$600.00 for Tamil Students' Association's “Kalaikal Dance Committee”.

BIRT CSS approve up to \$4,000.00 for UTMUN to attend “McGill Model UN Conference”.

Ms. L. Arnason explained the sub-committee met with UTMUN for a second time as they had asked for \$2,000.00 more than last year. The group had money problems with the previous administration and since they had not asked for any funding for previous events nor would they be asking for any funding for future events, felt the increase justified. Some CSS committee members asked for slight clarification on two points but concerns were addressed.

Ms. J. Crasta explained funding process to committee and Ms. L. Arnason explained the decision-making process and criteria.

Motion to approve the CSS Enhancement Fund: Round 1

MOVED: M. Thambiah

SECONDED: Z. Syed

CARRIED

**6. Gordon Cressy Leadership Awards Tom Nowers**

Mr. T. Nowers explained the history and purpose of the awards. Given to graduating students as a badge of honour celebrating extracurricular activities and student achievement. In 2009 only 12 applicants were nominated for the award. Mr. T. Nowers would like to see more students compete to make it great. A variable number of awards are granted each year, with two separate deadlines. Mr. T. Nowers encouraged committee to go online and nominate deserving students.

**7. Budget Process Tom Nowers**

Looking at October 19<sup>th</sup> minutes everyone volunteered for the advisory sub-committee. Mr. T. Nowers stated admin would be contacting the sub-committee to arrange meetings. The budget process begins with the first advisory meeting, which would be scheduled before exams.

**8. Website Showcase Tom Nowers**

Mr. T. Nowers unveiled the “Reimagine Your Campus” website, designed to provide information about upcoming referendum for proposed athletics and aquatics facility. \$170 million facility is contingent on contribution by students over 25 year period. The website discusses the facility, benefits, space, cost, videos and FAQ’s. FAQ section will be created based on questions submitted to site. The hope is students will create Facebook group to facilitate open, honest and informed discussion. Mr. T. Nowers explained the projected cost of the facility: the student contribution will be approximately 18% of all costs (~\$30 million). This will be achieved by a levy placed on student fees: \$40/full time students, \$8/part time students, indexed at 4% annually until 2014. Levy increases to \$140/full time students, \$28/part time students after 2014. The Alumni benefit means current students paying for facility but not getting anything will be credited towards an alumni membership, and the knowledge they are leaving the campus better than when they arrived. Mr. T. Nowers discussed the benefits of the facility as a 300,000 sq.ft athletics complex which will create jobs, academic opportunity as well as re-organizing the TTC priorities, bringing a high-speed transit line to Scarborough. Proposal also includes the possibility of hotels, conference centres, residences, and endless other resources.

Questions raised include how much access students will have to facility; current facility use. Mr. T. Nowers assures new space will be more than adequate for all users and fate of current athletics facility space undecided. Mr. Z. Syed said Reimagine website will be linked from SCSU mainpage and will show as a pop-up.

### **9. Tom's 3 Short Announcements**

**Tom Nowers**

First, Mr. T. Nowers stated this was the last CSS meeting for Ms. J. Crasta and thanked her for all her hard work. Ms. J. Crasta thanked the committee and said it was an excellent learning experience and stated how impressed she has been with all the student leaders.

Second, Mr. T. Nowers welcomed Mr. Vinay Bagaria as Ms. Crasta's temporary replacement, stating formal interviews would be taking place shortly for her permanent replacement.

Third, Mr. T. Nowers wished Ms. L. Arnason a Happy Birthday and the committee sang "Happy Birthday".

### **10. Other Buisness**

Ms. M. Verbrugge from residence announced Residence will be launching its own off-campus housing service beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. This will get people thinking about off campus housing, with a survey going out soon to students.

**Ms. A. Love announced Health & Wellness will be running H1N1 clinics, providing the vaccine to the first 100 students to register. The first clinic will be Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: M. Thambiaiah

SECONDED: C. Cole

CARRIED

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**