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Council on Student Services
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 18th, 2010
at 5:00p.m. in SL-232

Members Present: T. Nowers, A. Love, C. Cole, R. Louden, H. Calder, L. Arnason, S.A. Abiyo, A. Bashir, M. Thambiah, R. Sen, J. Kapageridis, N. Nabavi, S. Sampang-McCoy, A. Shanmugalingam, S. Abdus-Samad, A. Khaja (Chair)

Non-Members Present: J. Aruldason, R. Pearsall, M. Verbrugghe, J. Ying, O. Mohamud, M. Lindsay

1. Chair's Comments

Aisha Khaja

Ms. Khaja apologized for the delay and welcomed all to the meeting. She reminded the group to pass the attendance sheet around the table.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

MOVED: M. Thambiah

SECONDED: A. Bashir

CARRIED

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of November 23rd, 2009

MOVED: L. Arnason

SECONDED: T. Nowers

CARRIED

Motion to approve the minutes of January 11th, 2010

MOVED: M. Thambiah

SECONDED: J. Kapageridis

CARRIED

4. Advisory Committee Updates

In advance of the February 1st budget meeting the sub-committees were requested to give a brief update on their progress to date:

Mr. C. Cole: Academic Advising sub-committee's meetings are concluded, the advisory committee made a proposal to approve budget expenditures. Had made proposal as of Friday, January 15th.

Ms. H. Calder: Athletics sub-committee had large task, asking for 5% increase in athletics. Will discuss budget further at February 1st meeting.

Ms. A. Love: Health & Wellness sub-committee had their first meeting where sub-committee reviewed tasks but will determine more at January 25th meeting.

Ms. L. Arnason: Student Life sub-committee met once before the winter break but has not yet come to a decision. The next meeting will be January 20th.

Mr. T. Nowers: Finance sub-committee will be meeting for the fourth time. The group is in agreement but not at agreement. They are discussing new items, highlights, funding orientation, Student Life funding, AACC funding, Health & Wellness personal counselor, enhance supervision Health & Wellness. No other changes are being made except in budget structure. Nothing has passed yet. Hope to have Student Life funds more accessible and aware to students.

By-Laws meeting pending

Ms. M. Verbrugge: Residence Advisory Committee met on January 6th and 13th to discuss the budget and a proposed fee increase. The committee passed a 5% fee increase for renovations, townhouse updates, adding a new member to Residence team for planning & strategy.

5. Haiti Crisis – SCSU Update

Murali Thambiah

The SCSU has been working with Doctors Without Borders to collect money from everyone. Doctors Without Borders will provide proof of donation for tax receipts.

Fundraising efforts were discussed. Mr. T. Nowers said a benefit could be organized but only a portion is donated after costs are covered. He suggested something like ribbons or hot chocolate sale since it is not costly and easy to organize. An inexpensive acknowledgement ribbon that says “SCSU Supports Haiti” is a way for 99% of funds to go to the cause. Mr. A. Bashir said SCSU will be producing buttons instead of ribbons because they have a button maker and it can be cheaply produced. The SCSU hopes to raise \$20,000 over the next week and will donate this to the Canadian government, who will match all donations dollar-for-dollar. Mr. J. Kapageridis said anyone having an event could help raise money. Ms. A. Love suggested the buttons be present at the upcoming Health & Wellness Fair. Ms. J. Ying said the upcoming International Development & Culture Fair is working with many different student groups to get support for the cause.

6. Academic Travel Fund

Aisha Khaja

The Academic Travel Fund is a separate fund set aside to support student travel for conferences and academic travel. The fund is being underused and so the deadline was extended from January 15th to January 22nd. Ms. Khaja asked the Committee to put the word out to students to let them know about the fund. For graduate student funding, they need to speak with Rick Halpern. Ms. Arnason asked the students on the Committee if they were aware enough about the fund to tell their friends. Mr. Nowers described the fund as available for non-credit, academic student travel (study abroad/exchange does not qualify). Funds are provided to allow students to attend research/conferences that they may not have gone to otherwise. In the past students have gone to the Caribbean, Siberia, Newfoundland, and China, with other projects producing documentary films. The funds complement academic research and students need the support of a professor. Typically nothing more than \$2000 is granted. In the past, applicants have been turned down when the requirements have not been met. Why 3.0GPA requirement? The Vice Dean determined 3.0 is usually the minimum

required to be accepted into graduate school. People with questions were encouraged to contact Ms. Arnason, Mr. Nowers or the Academic Advising and Career Centre.

7. Recommendations from the Student Enhancement Fund Sub-Committee Lisa Arnason

This round students requested \$23,236.33; \$30 000 total available for all three rounds. Sub-committee is requesting \$8,058.54. There are four groups whose funding requests are pending further information.

BIRT CSS approve up to \$2,178.00 for SAID's "Intn'l Development and Culture Week"

BIRT CSS approve up to \$1,355.92 for WUSC's "Human Rights Film Festival"

BIRT CSS approve up to \$1,182.92 for WUSC's "Band-Aid Fundraiser"

BIRT CSS approve up to \$215.00 for Cinematrix's "UTScreen 2010 Student Film Festival"

BIRT CSS approve up to \$317.00 for SIFE's "My Money Fitness"

BIRT CSS approve up to \$350.00 for SIFE's "SIFE Regional Exposition"

BIRT CSS approve up to \$300.00 for Project A's "Bunkasai: Japanese Festival of Lasting Memories"

BIRT CSS approve up to \$37.00 for AMACSS's "CMS Co-op Mix and Mingle"

BIRT CSS approve up to \$2,121.92 for Somali Student Association's "Reviving the Horn Cultural Event"

Ms. L. Arnason went through all proposals and explained the group acronyms. It was also explained that groups did not get the full amount requested, rather they were granted funding for very specific items, which must be expressed on original receipts. When asked, Ms. Arnason was unsure of the total amount left in the fund, but estimated it to be around \$10,000. What complicates the funding is the groups who have been granted funding in previous rounds who have yet to claim their funds. All funds have been allotted but groups who don't pick up their funds prevent other students from accessing it. In the past the funding offer has expired on September 30th of the year following their proposal.

Motion to approve the CSS Enhancement Fund: Round 1

MOVED: J. Kapageridis

SECONDED: S. Abdus-Samad

CARRIED

8. Campus Development Presentation Tom Nowers

Mr. T. Nowers showed a short video created by himself and Drew Dudley.

The video is only five minutes but as efforts increase regarding the proposed athletics facility and North Campus expansion it is important to remember where the campus started. The video is a series of still photographs set to Ted Kennedy's speech which speaks to the movement of our development. After the video is shown, Mr. Nowers explains how the video expresses just how student-driven the campus growth has been in the past. He states that trying to lead any controversial growth will be difficult but is important. In the past, as now, the SCSU, SCAA, SRC have been instrumental in growth. It was asked whether it would be possible to consolidate the list of past student contributions to post to current

students, since current students likely do not know about UTSC history. Mr. Nowers suggested posting on facebook, SCSU websites (note: the video has since been posted on the SCSU website www.scsu.ca/yes)

Mr. Nowers then showed a slideshow designed to highlight the opportunities, restrictions, growth, limitations, future possibilities and potential of UTSC.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: L. Arnason

SECONDED: M. Thambiaiah

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED.