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Council on Student Services
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 1st 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. Thambiaiah, R. Sen, J. Kapageridis, N. Nabavi, S. Sampang-McCoy, S. Abdus-Samad, T. Doyle, O. Hassan, A. Khaja (Chair)

Non-Members Present: C. Balarajah, C. Hasenkampf, M. Verbrugge, S. Platt, O. Mohamud, M. Lindsay

1. Chair's Comments

Aisha Khaja

Ms. Khaja explained the process of the budget meeting and asked the group to pick up handouts. Mr. Nowers asked the agenda to be changed to have Mr. Bashir discuss the finance budget. Mr. Nowers made an announcement, introducing Ms. Balarajah to the group.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

MOVED: J. Kapageridis

SECONDED: M. Thambiaiah

CARRIED

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of January 18th, 2010

MOVED: M. Thambiaiah

SECONDED: S. Abdus-Samad

CARRIED

4. Budget Presentation Overview

Mr. Nowers led the committee through a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Student Affairs Mission Statement, Organizational Chart, Advisory Groups and goals and objectives for the 2010-11 academic year. Also explained was the process and purpose of CSS and its sub-committees. UTSC's non-academic fees were compared to all U of T units and were found to be the second lowest across all three campuses.

a. Department of Student Life

L. Arnason

No great increase requested for DSL, however, they will continue to expand and develop its existing programs. They will expand their Peer Education model to have more honourariums/work study positions for student employees.

The International Student Centre aims to create jobs for international students and non-work study students; currently the ISC has no money to hire any students.

Student Life requests \$21,000, with the majority going to paid student employment. When a question was asked about the international student orientation, Ms. Arnason responded that the ISC has been working from donation, but they would like to have a steady budget for international students rather than going to St. George. To date, the international student orientation has received totally unstable funding.

b. Academic Advising & Career Centre

C. Cole

Mr. Cole thanked his advisory committee. He explained the committee made a substantial request to fund another position, a professional career counselor. There has been huge growth over the past 5 years with demand for services skyrocketing. The committee is asking for ½ career counselor position to reduce wait times, as current wait times to see a counselor are approximately 2 weeks. AA&CC would like to do a range of group programming, including more tailored programming and programs for graduating students. The committee also asks for 10% increase (\$1,700) to hire more student staff.

c. Physical Education and Athletics

H. Calder

Ms. Calder thanked her advisory committee. Athletics would like to make both programming and staff changes. Requesting funds for more student staff; to build a softball/cricket pitch in the Valley (\$335,000); create another programming position (07N). Discussion ensued regarding safety and usability of the Valley. Should the City access UTSC land for water, agreements will be put in place for increased access (pathways and lighting). The lighting proposal will go through as long as the City proposal goes through. Proposed development in the Valley means more programming will take place, which means the Valley will also be a safer place.

d. Health & Wellness

A. Love

Ms. Love thanked her advisory group. Mr. Abdus-Samad read the Health & Wellness mission statement and described the main services: healthcare, personal counseling, health promotion, international student assistance. The committee proposes a 10.7% increase for the following: 0.6% FTE front-line admin staff; 1 FTE counseling staff; 0.6% FTE physician. Health & Wellness also wants to hire work study students for the Wellness Peer Program (from 4 to 8 positions). In short, H&W would like to hire 3 new positions, expand the Peer Wellness/ Health Promotion Program and expand the electronic record system. A discussion about the Peer Education program followed, with Ms. Love explaining that this program did not exist a few years ago and it is an excellent opportunity for students to gain experience and references for graduate school.

e. Finance Committee

T. Nowers

Mr. Nowers summarized what each department had proposed before discussing Finance Committee results. The Finance Sub-Committee agreed to 7.9% increase. Orientation operating budget has been unreliable in the past and funding was not confirmed until late in the summer. The committee proposed to stabilize orientation funding to make access to orientation affordable.

Mr. Nowers summarized all proposals, expressing the importance, highlighting the need for more student staff positions across all areas.

5. Questions/Comments/Concerns

Mr. Nowers thanked all advisory committees for their time spent. Ms. Khaja asked the group if they were ready to vote or if they needed more time to decide. When asked if the group would like to vote omnibus or individually, Mr. Nowers suggested individually because of UAB.

6. Budget Decisions

i. Student Services Fee

Council on Student Services recommends to the University Affairs Board that the Student Services Fee 2010-11 per semester be approved for an increase of \$12.27 for full time students and \$2.45 for part time students.

MOVED: J. Kapageridis
APPROVED (unanimously)

SECONDED: S. Abdus-Samad

ii. Health & Wellness Fee

Council on Student Services recommends to the University Affairs board that the Health & Wellness Fee 2010-11 per semester be approved for an increase of \$4.81 for full time students and \$0.96 for part time students.

MOVED: S. Abdus-Samad
APPROVED (unanimously)

SECONDED: O. Hassan

iii. Athletic & Recreation Fee

Council on Student Services recommends to the University Affairs Board that the Athletic & Recreation Fee 2010-11 per semester be approved for an increase of \$4.88 for full time students and \$0.98 for part time students.

MOVED: J. Kapageridis
APPROVED (unanimously)

SECONDED: N. Nabavi

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: L. Arnason
CARRIED

SECONDED: J. Kapageridis

MEETING ADJOURNED.