



Council on Student Services
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018
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., Annie S., Olivia M., Rowshyra C., Nicole B., Makta Y., Ryan A., Aaheli M., Devyani P., Mouly R., Erika L.

Non-Members: Kavita S., Chris B., Tasneem N., Megan L.(Secretary), Phoebe M, Vanessa V

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Makta Y

Seconded: Nana F.

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved: Aaheli M.

Seconded: Ryan A.

3. Pre Budget Operating Plans Presentations

Desmond began by reiterating the purpose of the pre-budget meeting is to allow discussion surrounding the budget but there are generally no changes due to the discussions at the advisory groups. There was a meeting prior to the break to look at the previous years' budget to gain an improved understanding of the process.

Athletics & Recreation

Laura discussed 2017-18 highlights, including reviewing metrics and demographics, and discussed the strategic direction for 2018-19, including increasing identified-female participation, engaging international students, and increased collaborations, and challenges faced. She then discussed revenues and expenses, with Desmond pointing out compensation in Athletics is much lower than other departments because infrastructure costs are much higher than other departments.

Athletics is asking for a 2.5% investment to maintain expenses and requirements in the collective agreement. No new positions are being requested.

Health & Wellness

Laura discussed 2017-18 highlights, including increased visits in all areas, and discussed the strategic direction for 2018-19 including mental health support programs, marijuana legalization, expanded embedded counselling, and challenges faced. She then discussed revenues and expenses.

Health & Wellness is asking for a 2.5% investment to cover inflation and maintain salaries as per the collective agreement.

Discussion

-ensuring counselling staff reflects diverse UTSC population, considering race, culture, language, LGBT+

-free prescriptions for youth under 25 years receiving free prescriptions, impact on Health & Wellness, and access to same program for international students

Academic Advising & Career Centre

Varsha discussed 2017-18 highlights, including restructuring and aligning with AccessAbility Services, new hires, embedding, and more drop in hours, and discussed the strategic direction for 2018-19 including expanding experiential learning, different modes of delivery, indigenous advisor hire, and improved metrics.

Academic Advising & Career Centre is asking for a 2.75% increase to cover HR and salary increases.

Discussion

- specific ways the modes of delivery will be expanded, specifically surrounding AccessAbility
- maintenance of app and converting resources to online and maintaining accessibility
- building partnerships

Department of Student Life and International Student Centre

Liza discussed the 2017-18 highlights in Student Life (addition of a female elder and community facilitator, increased CCR validation, and expanded chaplaincy) and ISC (e-buddy program, intercultural program, global mobility coordinator, expanded intercultural and global program). She discussed the priorities for 2018-19 including addition of indigenous elder, experiential learning, CCR access programs, Greenpath and summer language integrated programs, hiring additional transition advisor.

Discussion

- availability of tables for campus groups in BV hallway
- experiential learning component and resources to find opportunities
- increase attendance at indigenous events and self-identification of indigenous students at UTSC

Student Affairs & Services

Desmond began by saying that good operations budget investments have allowed Student Affairs departments to make their own investments in new positions, enabling Student Affairs to make good service decisions for students while keeping fees low. Desmond highlighted the Student Affairs & Services priorities as representing UTSC at tri-campus tables, keeping Student Affairs accessible, and acting as a key member of the executive team.

Desmond described the revenue sources and expenses.

He then described the CSS budget vote and process, explaining that all members vote, but only the student vote counts, with a simple majority passing the vote.

Desmond then explained the process in the event that the proposed budget fails and the institution of UTI/CPI.

The total proposed fee increase as follows:

Student Services Fee (SSF)	3.4%
Health & Wellness	2.5%
Athletics	2.5%
TOTAL	2.75%

No staff increases are proposed, however, increases to orientation, AccessAbility Enhancement Fund, clubs funding, and equity are proposed.

Discussion

- additional clarification on UTI/CPI specifically with regards to fall-offs
- request for information to be provided regarding specific dispersion of fees for each area
- loss of DSA funding

4. Adjournment

Moved: Annie S.

Seconded: Nicole .

All in favour. Meeting adjourned.