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Council on Student Services Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Members: D. Pouyat, L. Arnason, T. Doyle, A. Love, J. Bramer, S. McRoberts, A. Al-Baalawy, A. DeLeon, K. Siewrattan, N. Dixit, A. Adamo, H. Sun, K. Wok, B. Minia, S. Yasui, S. Manzano, H. Perez, C. Mazin, J. Bastwrous, D. Tittil, M. Verbrugghe, N. Rosemond, S. Maharaj, C. Cole, C. Hasenkampf, G. Arale

Non-Members: N. Ahmed, J. George, J. Stronghill, E. Broomfield, J. Crasta, R. Nehrin, A. Bashir, R. Thomas, A. Cicirello, R. Crozier, R. Welch, L. Wright, L. Robertson, E. Chen, K. Chitolie, M. Aslam, B. Liu, T. Patel

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2013:

MOVED: S. Yasui

SECONDED: A. Al-Baalawy

AGENDA APPROVED

2. Budget Presentation: Health & Wellness

Ms. Love presented the Health and Wellness budget proposing a fee increase of 7% from \$56.37 to \$60.31. She noted the increase in the number of students who seek their service. The centre aims to connect student wellness to success. Health and Wellness has 65 Wellness peers and approximately 60 volunteers. Some of the programs offered included alcohol and tobacco awareness, nutrition, sexual health, and mental health. Mental health awareness held in October 2012 was a large success. Students have access to personal counselling, crisis and group workshops.

Usage of these services was lower in 2012 than projected, however, there's an increase in other areas in 2013. Questions arose regarding nursing and administration costs. It was noted that fees are higher than University of Toronto Mississauga, but it was explained that this was so, because Health and Wellness offers more services, more counselling and nursing services, as well as longer hours of service. After the budget presentation there were many questions and discussion. The SCSU president noted that they (the SCSU) had been instructed by their board to vote against the budget.

3. Budget Presentation: Athletics & Recreation

Mr. McRoberts stated that the Athletics Advisory Committee voted (11-0) and approved a 5% increase in incidental fee and also proposed an increase of 3 %– 5% in non-student services, memberships, and facilities rental fees. In 2011-2012, the number of students who visited the facility was up. In total, 160,00 students swiped through. Females lead in the amount of participation and males were more inconsistent. Just under 93% of student body accessed facilities at least once.

Athletics and Recreation is planning to introduce a Learn to Play program. It currently has Mindful Yoga on Mondays as well as the Massage Therapy program in conjunction with Centennial College. New programs such as Instructional Tennis have been possible through fee increases in areas outside of those that directly affect students. Extended hours of operation has resulted in an increase in student access and employment opportunities. Over 53% of the administrative budget is going to student jobs. Initiatives include opening the gym for collaborative programs, the Attic during exam period for study space, and the Women's Centre for a Wen-Do program. The Pan Am Games will disrupt Athletics & Recreation's operation and special provisions will be made to meet students' needs. Following the presentation there were several questions and discussion that followed. A main theme to surface was the importance for the Athletics department to be in a strong financial position as it prepares to move to the new facility by the summer of 2014. It was pointed out that the proposed budget kept the Department on that track. Following the presentation discussion, and questions, the SCSU president noted that their board of directors had instructed them to vote against the budget.

4. Budget Presentation: Department of Student Life (DSL)

Ms. Arnason requested an increase of \$1.12. This equates to 47 Work Study student jobs. DSL needs \$20000 to maintain these positions as only 80% is covered by the University. The First Generation Program funding is dwindling and there's a need to fill this gap. In 2009, there were 571 space requests. In 2012, 1369 space requests were made. The staffing at DSL hasn't changed. The International Student Centre (ISC) is requesting an increase of \$3.27 per student to support international settlement mission. ISC needs 12 jobs for international students and needs \$5000 more budget to do it.

In 2013, DSL has 8 staff members, 5 of whom are funded through temporary external funding. Ms. Arnason has received over \$600,000 from the ministry and hasn't asked for anything in the last 5 years. DSL is asking for money to support an international education and settlement advisor position as well as work study positions.

5. Budget Presentation: Academic Advising and Career Centre (AA & CC)

Ms. Bramer stated that she challenges her AA&CC staff to "raise the bar". AA&CC is asking for \$15000 for the Get Started program. Seventeen hundred students participated this year and would

like to increase this number. She introduced Mariam Aslam, AA & CC Services Representative who spoke passionately about her role, and what the AACC had to offer to students.

Following this presentation and discussion, the SCSU President noted that the SCSU had been instructed by their board to vote against the SSF budget.

6. Presentation by D. Pouyat

The University of Toronto is Canada's top university and is usually ranked in the top twenty worldwide. Mr. Pouyat began his presentation demonstrating an example of overflowing water in a mug, which was meant to show students flowing into a container of fixed resources and eventually not being able to access services as they did before when they were fewer in number. Mr. Pouyat demonstrated the need for an increase in services as the campus community grows. There's a need to support the programs and services that helps students to be successful. He talked about the meaning of leadership. Leadership is about sticking your neck out to make progress (like a turtle). It is about taking risks. It is about examining your conscience and doing the right thing, using your smarts, and thinking outside of the ideological box. It was pointed out that twenty-one percent of the UTSC operating budget contributes to student services. This is higher than at some of the other campuses, such as St. George. The fees for students at UTSC relative to the other campuses and colleges at UT for 2012-13 stood in the middle of the pack as was shown in a bar graph. It was pointed out by Dean Pouyat that voting the budgets down would create significant difficulty going forward as the campus grew in size with projected increases in enrolment. Building capacity is what should be happening, and it is what the operating budget is doing as it prepares to build a new science building, a new student life centre and residence, as well as retrofit old space that comes vacant. Due to meeting those commitments it was pointed out that there was no more money to contribute to student services from that budget. Finally, it was pointed out that a no vote would change the nature of the relationship, although collaborating and working in partnership would continue.

Following Dean Pouyat's presentation the voting took place by way of secret ballot.

7. Voting Results

Students voted by secret ballot:

Health and Wellness: 2 yes, 7 no (Not a pass) Athletics: 3 yes, 6 no (Not a pass)

Student Services: 5 yes, 4 no (Is a pass)

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