



Council on Student Services Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 5:00p.m. in SL-232

Members: Desmond P., Tina D., Scott M., Sarah W., Ranziba N., Yusra K., Massih B., Maria Eliza B., Ibtisam J., Anna-Maria K., Majuran J., Teresa G., David S.

Non-Members: Michelle V., Siva T., Nuel H., Randy T., Adley L., Karen C., Jacinta C., Amir B., Umayangga Y., James S., Megan L. (secretary)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Sarah W. welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Liza A. Seconded: Jennifer B. Agenda approved

3. Approval of Minutes – September 25th, 2013

Moved: Liza A. Seconded: Yusra K. Minutes approved

4. Athletics Presentation

Scott M. began with a video to show the direction of Athletics & Recreation and highlight the new athletics facility.

Programming

- Intra & extramural and interhouse programs
 - Large growth in all areas
 - New programs e.g. Quidditch and Ultimate
 - Provide jobs and leadership opportunities for students
 - Approximately 15-20% expected growth in 2014-15 due to aquatics and new facility
- Group fitness and instructional programs
 - 59% growth in Winter 2013
 - Many new classes added
- Learn to Play
 - Demand from students to learn sport in non-competitive environment
 - Students mentor and coach the classes
 - 5 sports

- MoveU
 - Designed to create new programs for first year students to get involved in athletics
 - Grant from Participaction and Excellence Through Innovation award winner

Head Count

- Female attendance up 8-9%, male attendance up 4-5%
- Highest participation among universities
- On pace to exceed 2013-14 growth

Student Development

Student led programs (e.g. workshops, GreenPath, Archery Club) create leadership opportunities for students. Move U initiatives (e.g. Sneaker Squad, Mental Health Awareness Month, Skyzone trip, Referral Program) create additional opportunities.

Trial Programs

Scott M. discussed a number of upcoming programs that may be introduced: snowshoeing, outdoor survival, curling at Tam Heather, rowing/paddling, hiking, whitewater, camping, Warrior Run (Fall 2014), rock climbing wall and club

Job Opportunities

Scott M. stated Athletics & Recreation is the largest employer on campus with over 300 student employees. Students hired to work in customer service, as personal trainers, coaches, event management, community development and mentorship, and summer camps.

Scott presented a visual detailing programming outside typical athletics. Initiatives include KGO Kicks Soccer, Toronto Community Housing "Midnight Basketball", Native Child Centre basketball and lacrosse, baseball clinic for children in the community run by MLBAAA.

Scott also highlighted Athletics' involvement in Orientation 2013 as the year they have been the most involved. Athletics acted as a space sponsor in addition to participating in the street festival, running Zumba and Move U breaks and hosting a booth.

Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre

Scott provided an update on the new athletics facility. As of November 2013 it is 66% complete and will be opening on September 2nd 2014. The Pan Am Games allow for volunteerism, civic pride and university pride. A number of major competitions will be held in 2014-15 as “test events” before the official start of the Games. The new facility will also be home to the first Pan/ParaPan Am Games “Pride House”, a safe space for athletes.

Programming Opportunities

- Aquatics, learn to swim, diving/SCUBA, life guarding (250 needed), intramural
- Increased drop-in times
- Current programming and new programming combined
- New clubs created
- Double the existing number of jobs
- Increased learning opportunities

Discussion following presentation

Ranziba N. wanted to know whether it is possible to track who is accessing the facility, community vs. students.

Randy T. stated that it is possible.

Yusra K. asked for clarification on “undisclosed” gender definition. Scott M. replied no gender was disclosed on the application form

Sarah W. wanted to know how unique swipes were counted during exams to differentiate between students using the facilities and writing exams.

Scott M. stated no swipes occur during exams.

Massih B. wanted to know the exact number of job opportunities in the new facilities for students vs. community.

Scott M. replied there will be well over 400 jobs with an emphasis to make jobs available for students.

Ranziba N. asked if there were other external groups besides wheelchair basketball interfering with student use.

Scott M. replied other than wheelchair basketball and Community Housing there were no other groups. Sarah W. clarified that student time has not been affected with the Community Housing use.

Scott M. agreed and stated due to the “no” vote in 2012-13 Athletics had to make up the difference and formed partnerships with the community.

Sarah W. wanted clarification on interhouse funding because she feels teams are being disguised as clubs asking for funding.

Scott M. said they are student clubs (e.g. Quidditch, Archery) asking for programming funding not related to Athletics funding.

Sarah W. asked the difference between teams and clubs.

Scott M. clarified that because they are a club doesn't mean they are a structured part of the sport program. Athletics helps them with gym time and provides subsidized time.

Liza A. said all clubs go through DSL while Athletics is responsible for teams and players. Sarah W. stated there should be a future discussion because teams shouldn't be funded.

Yusra K. asked whether community member fees increase. Randy T. said they increase by 5%/year

Ranziba N. asked if there are drop-in fees for community

Randy T. said there are no drop-ins, guest passes are administered to a guest of a member. There is a drop-in fee for members to attend instructional classes.

5. Enhancement Fund

*list of resolutions distributed at November 6th meeting

Liza A. said seventeen applications were submitted in the first round and the committee looked closely at each. The committee didn't just consider the cost and timing but offered comments and suggestions for using the resources. Liza then went through each resolution.

Sarah W. asked the group if there were any questions.

Sarah W. asked whether the MSA indicated they received any revenue from advertisements in “The Message” newsletter.

Massih B. said yes, they made approximately \$150 from ads.

Ranziba N. said she wasn't familiar with the guidelines and asked for clarification re: Anthropology Food event.

Massih B. said the event is organized by the Anthropology DSA to bring cultural clubs together for a food event.

Liza A. stated this event hasn't been risk assessed yet so even though groups are getting funded it doesn't mean the event will happen.

Yusra K. asked for terms of reference for next meeting re: late submissions

Liza A. stated that the committee usually doesn't accept late submissions but this event was before the next funding round and so made an exception.

Sarah W. and Ranziba N. asked for clarification why the Anthropology DSA would apply for Enhancement

Fund when DSA Funding is available.

Massih B. said the Anthropology department was promoting the DSA and the DSA is encouraging clubs to participate.

Liza A. clarified the funding isn't intended for the DSA it is meant to go to the clubs participating in the event.

Massih B. clarified it was the Anthropology DSA's idea and they approached the Chinese Students and Scholars' Association to organize the event with other clubs.

Liza A. suggested due to the disagreement surrounding funding for the Anthropology Food event, this event be removed from the funding decision and determine the best avenue for funding offline. Liza asked if the group would prefer to remove the Anthropology event from the vote today and await further clarification or vote on the event and provide stipulations.

Motion to table Anthropology Food event for next round of funding awaiting further details:

Moved: Massih B. Seconded: Liza A.

Motion Passed

Original motion to pass all Enhancement Fund proposals: Moved: David S. Seconded: Ranziba N.

Motion Passed

6. Report Backs from Advisory Committees

Health & Wellness

Anna-Maria K. said the group discussed staffing, services and statistics. They will be having a budget meeting later in November. Desmond P. added they will further examine the staffing structure.

Student Life

Liza A. said they discussed where the budget is going to go, how to bring together community, the ISC moving, 1st year engagement, problems with 2nd year retention, putting the focus back on upper year students. Also discussed: intercultural focus, and overview of the ISC and DSL resource allocation. The next meeting will be at the end of November.

Academic Advising and Career Centre

Ranziba N. said the group had an overview of AA&CC, and discussed transition, next steps and budget.

Bylaws

Ranziba N. said they developed an extensive list of issues, assigned roles and created a working group to refine language around membership and committee positions and advisory groups terms of reference.

Equity and Community

Liza A. said the group has had two meetings and the group determined there will be a new line in CSS to add 10K to the Enhancement Fund and have clear criteria based on equity (terms of reference tbd),

\$10K to multifaith and indigenous initiatives, with \$5K of this to support WUSC. This will be added to the Bylaws terms of reference to be added to the Enhancement Fund.

7. Other Business

AccessAbility Services Presentation

Tina D. provided an overview of services stating the focus is on students and they provide services based on student needs and it is highly individualized. Tina briefly discussed the funding sources and indicated there has been a huge increase in students accessing the service over a 15 year span with over 400 students registered now. Liza A. stated that students must self-identify and Tina agreed stating students need to bring a doctor's note and documentation. Use of the service is not indicated on transcripts and AccessAbility follows FIPPA and adheres to PHIPPA.

Tina discussed AccessAbility's programming: accommodations, support programs (e.g. transition, workshops, assessments), assistive technology, physical accessibility, outreach (e.g. collaborative presentations with Health and Wellness).

AccessAbility does a satisfaction survey every year and departmental planning is based on feedback provided in survey. Liza A. added that there is a rumour UTSC is one of the best campuses for accessibility. Tina added that disability service providers have held their AGM at UTSC and were impressed with the services. Scott M. added that from a teaching perspective dealing with AccessAbility is easy. Desmond P. further adds that he has never received a complaint about AccessAbility and is pleased that students support the enhancement initiatives.

Sarah W. said Michelle V.'s planned presentation on Student Housing and Residence Life will be moved to the November 26th meeting.

Sarah W. asked all directors to pass on their terms of reference for their advisory groups to the Bylaws committee so they can proceed.

Sarah W. also added that the topic of prayer space on campus will be moved to the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Moved: Massih B. Seconded: Maria Eliza B. Meeting

Adjourned