

Date: July 21st, 2019

Time: 3:00pm

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:02pm

Roll Call

In Attendance

Graduate Student Representative – William Burgess

Science Student Representative – Samantha Lohead

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

Board of Governors Student Representative – Tiffany MacLennan

Board of Governors Student Representative– Lucas Byl

Students' Union President – Cecil VanBuskirk

Vice President Academic Affairs – Emma Kuzmyk

Vice President Residence Affairs – Siobhan Lacey

Vice President Activities & Events – Natalie Doumkos

Vice President External Affairs – Sarah Elliot

Vice President Finance & Operations – Patrick Wallace

Students Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

Students Union Faculty Advisor – Dr. Corrine Cash

Absent with Regrets

Arts Student Representative – Marc Sgro

Business Student Representative– Johanna Gates

International Student Representative – Sanjidha Ganeshan

Students' of African Descent Representative – Kamy Roberge

Late

Opening Remarks of The Chair:

- *“Thank you all for coming on this hot day. We do have some gallery members, and I remind everyone to remain professional during the meeting. If any non-voting or gallery members wish to speak, please remember time needs to be yielded to them. Please speak clearly and loudly as we are recording this meeting. Lastly, I’d like to welcome and congratulate Dr. Corrine Cash as this is her first council meeting as faculty advisor.”*

Approval of the Agenda

William: Motion to amend the agenda on behalf of the governance review committee. Wishes to add motion to postpone bylaw consideration to “New Business” section. This is on behalf of committee and lawyer recommending a pause on alterations to ease confusion.

Tiffany: Motion to add “Motion to approve the new structure of the 2019/20 deputy chair hiring panel” to “New Business” section. This change will only be temporary.

William: Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Tiffany: Second.

Motion Passes 6-0-0

William: I move to approve the minutes as amended.

Emma: Second.

Motion Passes: 6-0-0

Constituency Reports:

Graduate Student Representative

- Nothing to report.

Equity Student Representative

- Nothing to report.

Board of Governors Representative – Tiffany

- Nothing to report from BOG.
- Presidential hiring committee will be looking for feedback from a survey, as well as in person consultation.

Board of Governors Representative – Lucas

- Nothing to report.

Executive Reports:

Student Union President

- Report in council package.
- Busy with projects with Mulronev Hall opening.
- Reviewing consultation agreement (lots of research).
- Disability institute partnership with no monetary commitment.
- Alumni job opportunities fair planning.

Vice President Academic

- Report in council package - problems with computer so report is not quite accurate.
- Sexual violence policy working group: reviewing and working on policy.
- Governance review committee working to revise current Act of Incorporation.
- Student orientation committee met to discuss general schedule and assign roles.
- McKenna advisory board met to discuss future of the center.
- Advancing women's equality committee met to discuss plans for training and focus groups
- Exec team attended maritime student congress.
- Worked on upcoming Peer Support Program.
- Worked on ideas to connect library with students (especially student athletes).
- Student Success Center upcoming new tutoring plan.

Vice President Finance and Operations

- Report in council package.
- Meetings with potential sponsors (6), lots towards O-Week.
- Working on O-Week budget.
- Hired DriveU drivers.

Vice President Activities and Events

- Report in council package
- Scheduling supersub and Shinerama.
- Frosh kits are underway.

Vice President Residence Affairs

- Report in council package.
- Meetings with Health and Counselling.
- Developing training for student leaders.
- Finished sub-exec hiring.
- Have been working on house hockey.

Vice President External Affairs

- Report in council package
- Get Out the Vote schedule is being finalized.
- Have been working on Consultation Agreement.
- Working on strategic plan with SNS. (Am the director of membership)
- CASA membership committee meeting coming soon.

Students' Union General Manager Report

- Nothing to report.

Faculty Advisor Report

- Climate strike coming up, wondering if faculty support is wanted.
- Climate week in October, looking for TheU involvement.
- Informative climate talk for students coming up.
- Interest for an Environment and Climate Rep on council.

Committee Reports

Governance Review Committee

- Hired governance expert and lawyer, have had very productive talks.
- Lawyer is working on Act of Incorporation
- Had presentation on governance (might be good for council as a whole to have same presentation).
- Dividing work among committee members.

Special Reports to Council

Peer Support Program

Presentation given by Emma and Addy

- Long report in council package
- Addresses important need for mental health support, as long as support for people who have experienced sexualized violence.
- StFX Peer Support Program will be run for students, by students. It was created in May 2018.
- Goal: Act as a middle ground to direct students to the resources available to them to help. Hope to be a service under the student union, and will also provide listening services with direction to resources.
- Benefits:
 - Increase student awareness of services.
 - Increase student awareness of mental health and sexual violence issues.
 - Decrease the mental health stigma on campus.
- Costs:
 - Office space
 - No financial aid from U needed thanks to “We Stand Together Campaign”.
- Asking for approval to run pilot and office space.

Tiffany: Movement to suspend rules of procedure during question period.

William: Second

Motion passes 6-0-0

- Details of the training is outline in the council package.
- Ensuring training will be consistent throughout the volunteers.

- Falls under VP Finance office.
- Cannot be a society, as volunteers are hired, and it is therefore not open to all students.
- Not currently academic standard for volunteers.
- Still editing and adding to the terms of reference.
- In ongoing conversation with student life about the repercussions of a possible confidentiality brief of a volunteer.
- Cost \$750 annually for insurance.
- Will enter contract about use of space.

Emma: Motion to approve a 1-year pilot program for the 2019/2020 academic year for the Peer Support Program.

William: Second

Discussion:

William: I suggest a withdrawal of the motion, as there is still more information to be developed, and I am not comfortable voting on the matter yet.

Sarah: Before we table the motion, we should compile an extensive list of everything that should be considered and changed.

Emma: We are a pilot project in development, so always open to feedback moving forward. However, there are things still being worked out that have not been included in the council package.

Tiffany: There are many things that need to be added or changes to the program as presented in the package. The documentation needs to be cleaned up much more before we vote on the motion. It is also significant to note that the motion does not have a specific start time.

Addy: The start date is unclear, as we will need time to find and train the volunteers.

Emma: I suggest a special council meeting soon, so we can present our documentation, as it has all been previously prepared to present to administration.

Cecil: I suggest more councilor involvement rather than just quorum.

William: I respectfully disagree.

Natalie: I do appreciate and thank you for all the hard work that has gone into the presentation and program.

Emma: I apologize for the presentation, we have been working on the program for over a year, so the presentation doesn't seem to have many holes for us, as we have lots of background information.

Motion to called to question.

Motion Fails 1-4-2

New Business

Tiffany: Motion to approve a new structure for the hiring panel of the 2019/2020 deputy chair, that includes the chair of council, a former deputy chair, and 3 representative councilors.

William: Second.

Discussion:

Tiffany: I support this motion, as it is essential to have the right people on this hiring committee.

Motion Passes 6-0-0.

William: I move to ratify Alexandra Daly as Student Advocate for 2019/2020.

Tiffany: Second.

William: The hiring panel had good discussion about this, and Alexandra was the most motivated and qualified. She handled herself well in discussion and convinced the panel she would do all the reading and work.

Siobhan: I have lots of confidence that she will do well in this role.

Motion Passes 8-0-0.

Tiffany: I move to ratify: Ailie Sullivan, Nicholas Murray, Madison Tennant, Jenalyn Cook, Callie Geisler, and Mikayla LaPorte as house presidents 2019/2020.

Emma: Second

Siobhan: I think all of them did great in the interviews and I am really looking forward to working with them.

Motion Passes 8-0-0.

Emma: I move to ratify Anna McKillop, Holly Brochu, and Emily O'Brien as house vice presidents 2019/2020.

Tiffany: Second

Siobhan: I think they will work well with others and are very enthusiastic. I'm looking forward to working with them.

Motion Passes 8-0-0.

William: I move to ratify Bronwyn Heighton as senior off-campus leader 2019/2020.

Tiffany: Second

Siobhan: I think she has a great idea of how she wants off campus to work next year and will do a great job.

Motion Passes 8-0-0.

William: I move to ratify Leah Hewitt as off campus leader 2019/2020

Tiffany: Second

Siobhan: I think they will do well working together as a team.

Motion Passes 8-0-0.

William: I move to ratify Zachary Vogel as society coordinator 2019/2020

Tiffany: Second

Siobhan: I think he is very passionate about this role.

William: He was impressive, as he had open knowledge and initiative.

Motion Passes 8-0-0.

William: I move to suspend consideration of any amendments or additions to the Students' Unions governance documents until such time that the Governance Review Committee recommends such changes.

Emma: Second.

William: Governance review committee on advice of their lawyer wishes to stop council from changing bylaws until the governance review committee can do its work.

Sarah: Is there a timeline for this suspension?

William: Initially it was by the October AGM. Optimistically, it will be ready by January 2020.

Motion Passes 6-0-0.

Closing Remarks

"Thanks everyone for coming, it was a long one. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25th. We are all mandated to attend the council meeting. Please contact me if you cannot attend to discuss the responsibility of councilors. Deputy Chair interviews will hopefully begin soon."

Adjournment

Tiffany: Motion to adjourn this meeting

Emma: Second

Motion Passes 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM