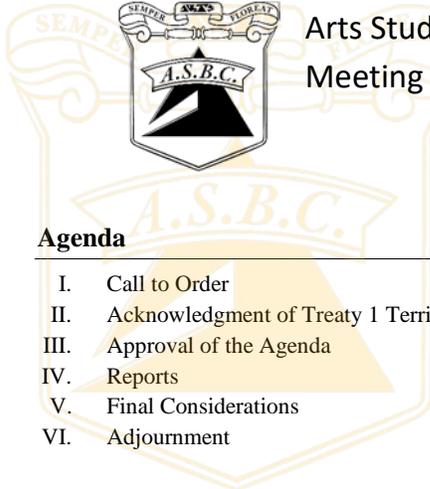


May 15, 2019  
5:39 p.m.



## Arts Student Body Council Meeting Minutes

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Acknowledgment of Treaty 1 Territory
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Reports
- V. Final Considerations
- VI. Adjournment

### Attendance of Voting Members

Name	Position	Attendance	Proxy
Efwah Opoku-Agyeman	President	Present	
Tabitha Clavecillas	Vice-President	Present	
William Evans-Murphy	Director of Academic Programming	Present	
Divjyot Grewal	Director of Social Programming	Present	
Saleha Atif	Arts Lounge Director	Present	
Lilja Best	Senator	Regrets	
Amy Spearman	Senator	Present	
Anika Khan	Senator	Present	
Camryn Anderson	UMSU Director	Present	
Iman Ano	UMSU Director	Present	
Amitoz Singh	UMSU Director	Present	
Abdul Ahad	UMSU Director	Present	
Victoria Stutsky	Womyn's Representative	Present	
Ishaanee Didwania	International Students' Representative	Present	
Raven Morrisseau	Indigenous Students' Representative	Present	
Maia Bacchus	Accessibility Representative	Absent	
Emily Green	LGBTQ* Representative	Present	

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**Commented [MOU2]:** Leave blank if no proxy, write name of proxy if applicable.

**Attendance of Non-Voting Members**

Name	Position	Attendance
	Chairperson	
	Executive Assistant	
	Director of Communications	
	Director of Finance	
	Director of Sustainability	
	Director of First Year Engagement	
	Arts Tribune Editor-in-Chief	
	Academic Programmer	
	Social Programmer	
	Assistant Indigenous Students' Representative	
	Racialized Students' Representative	
	Graduate Students' Representative	

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## Minutes

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- I. Call to Order
  - I. The meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM.
  - II. President: Motion to approve the Arts Student Body Council 2020-2021 Action Plan as a framework of ASBC's activities for the 2020-2021 academic year, specifically the fall semester in reaction to the University of Manitoba's announcement of the shift to alternative learning methods as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - III. Approved by Div/ Camryn. **Motion Passed.**
  
- II. Acknowledgment of Treaty 1 Territory
  
- III. Approval of the Agenda
  - I. Agenda passed by William/ Saleha. **Motion passed**
  
- IV. Reports

President's and Vice President's report (20-21 Council Action Plan)

  - I. Introduction:
    - a. Following on the heels of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the University of Manitoba's announcement of fall semester classes moving online, the Arts Student Body Council will propose a Council Action Plan that will serve as the framework of the council's activities for the 2020-2021 academic term, primarily for the fall semester. The President, Ewurafua Opoku-Agyeman, and the Vice President, Tabitha Clavecillas, will be initiating the motion to approve the Council Action Plan as soon as possible, with the considerations of elected council members that can be proposed as amendments with second/third votes from other council members. With the 2020-2021 Council Action Plan in motion, the Arts Student Body Council will continue to serve as the bridge between the Faculty of Arts and Arts students and support Arts students in programming and resources.
  
  - II. 2020-2021 Council Action Plan
    - a. Partnering with the faculty
      - i. Efwah will be establishing contact with the Dean to see if there are ways in which we can partner up with the faculty to ensure that the needs of students are met during this time.
    - b. Selections of appointed councilors
      - i. We are still going to move forward in selecting appointed councilors and welcoming them into our 2020-2021 council.
    - c. Lockers and textbooks from last year's council
      - i. Due to the University closing down all buildings on campus, no one has the ability to retrieve locker contents from the lockers we manage in the Arts complex. Once the

University announces the opening of buildings on campus, we will initiate a concrete plan on how Arts students can retrieve their items safely.

d. Options

- i. Vice President: Return textbooks as soon as buildings open but stagger pick-ups in order to abide by physical distancing regulations
- ii. LGBTTTQ+ Representative: return and also sell textbooks to their owners by establishing a “curbside” pickup wherein students can pickup their textbooks as safely as possible.
- iii. President: Leave the textbook issue for now and worry about it during the Winter semester as we can’t risk council members organizing the textbooks
- iv. Director of Academic Programming: Refrain from the textbook issue for now as we do not have access to sanitizing materials by either the Faculty or the student union; also agreed that we cannot risk council members going to campus.
- v. **ASBC will go by the President and the Director of Academic Programming’s decision to push back textbook returns.**

III. Orientation/ Welcome week

- a. We will wait to see what the university and our faculty specifically intends to do with orientation and then we will most likely piggy-back off of that.
- b. With our situation, orientation will most likely happen online and not in-person. This is a great departure from previous orientations, and we will have to be creative on how to deliver programming for welcome week.
- c. The Programming committee must be in correspondence with each other for the next couple months in Slack on how to deliver programming for welcome week.
- d. Recommendations by the President and the Vice President
  - i. The Vice President advises the Director of Academic Programming to contact the Language Lab, Career Services, Academic Learning Centre, and the Faculty of Arts if they have any planned programs for orientation that we can easily jump aboard in. Propose a partnership that will promote both parties.
  - ii. The President and the Vice President advise the Director of Social Programming to partner with RSAC, UCRA, and faculty student groups such as UMSU, Science Students Association, Engineering Society and the Blackhole Theatre Company among many others to deliver a strong online program for welcome week while showcasing the different communities on campus. Collaborations between student groups are beneficial as it saves costs, time, and increases visibility.
    1. Connect with the Blackhole Theatre if they would like to do something for Orientation week, such as an online LUNCHBAGG that we can broadcast on the ASBC Instagram.
    2. Getting councilors to do a take-over on the ASBC Instagram account during the back-to-school week to showcase how they’re getting ready to take on the fall term remotely (fresh idea and very open to suggestions).
  - iii. The President and the Vice President both advise both the Directors of Social and Academic Programming to reach out to partners in and outside the university to

provide prizes for giveaways during Orientation week if this is something that either Directors would like to do.

- iv. The President and the Vice President advise the Community Representatives to come up with ways to support communities on campus amidst the COVID-19 pandemic while still creating presence both in real-life and online. Partner up with organizations in Winnipeg to deliver solid programming in close contact with communities on campus.
- v. Importance on mental health awareness should be given a priority during orientation week.
- e. While we mention specific groups of councilors, by no means these activities are restricted to them. We welcome collaboration and ideas, and we encourage everyone to come up with something they would like to host or take part in during Orientation week.
- f. These events should also be stretched out in the month of September, but we will primarily put most of our efforts in the first and second week of the term.
- g. Arts Lounge Director: concern for international students during the pandemic as they are the most vulnerable, not being able to access relief aid such as CERB or CESB under certain conditions; wants to help out as a council.

#### IV. ASBC projects

- a. As without current situation, all in-person events are likely to be either cancelled or restricted to a set number of people. I encourage the councilors to be creative as they can in delivering programming and work closely with student groups, the Faculty, and the University while promoting the spirit of the Faculty of Arts.
- b. Introduction of a future motion
  - i. I, Tabitha Clavecillas, propose to set an appropriate amount of a minimum \$6,000 from the ASBC budget to initiate back to school hampers that will relieve Arts Students from food security amidst rising tuition fees and stress in the upcoming school year. This will be in the form of hampers, with 1-5 council members buying non-perishable food items worth \$6,000 in Costco or Walmart and packed in reusable tote bags for Arts students who are struggling with food security. Food items will be bought in the first week of August, packed in the following week, and will be

announced to the public for sign-up during the last week of August. Hamper pickups will be scheduled during the first and second week of September.

- c. Once we have a director of finance who will draft a budget we will present this motion to the finance committee and then present it again to council.
- d. The German Students Association have 500+ tote bags that we can use for the food hampers. If approved, I will ask my fellow executives for approval.
- e. Womyn's Representative: Include menstrual products in hampers to those who check off the boxes in registration
- f. Director of Social Programming: Make registration of hampers as accessible as possible, including integrating culturally specific foods. Also experienced in hamper projects due to affiliation with CanU holiday hampers
- g. Director of Academic Programming: Dietary restrictions should be in place with the hampers; willing to help out with picking out well-rounded items that should be in the hampers for vegetarians and such.
- h. UMSU Director (Ano): Religious dietary restrictions should also be in consideration, such as Kosher or Halal. Willing to help out with this area.
- i. UMSU Director (Ahad): experience in UMSU funding very useful and also pointed out venturing with other student groups in order to widen the scope of the hamper project. Willing to work on contacting organizations that MSA had used in their grocery drives to help out in the pandemic.
- j. Vice President: Amended the motion and now puts forward registration as the first step of the hamper project instead of buying the food items first.
- k. LGBTTQ+ Representative: will reach out to Rainbow Pride Mosaic to see if they had anything planned to give relief to students.
- l. Indigenous Representative: Will reach out to the Presidents of UMISA to see if they had anything planned to give relief to students and also to provide an Indigenous perspective into it.
- m. President: Funding and finance motions cannot be expedited until we appoint a Director of Finance and UMSU reaches out to the council about ASBC funding for the year.
- n. International Students Representative: will reach out to UMISO regarding the hamper project.

#### V. Meetings

- a. Council meetings will be held monthly during the summer. Smaller sub-committees such as the Programming Committee, Selections Committee, Policies and Procedures, etc. will be held at the discretion of the committee chairperson.
- b. In our last meeting for the summer, we will pick a meeting date for the year (Sept.-April).

#### VI. Offices

- a. We will still have our offices once the University buildings are open. However, social distancing and appropriate sanitation will be in effect in offices occupied by several people. This can mean reshuffling furniture in order to accommodate social distancing.

#### VII.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM, approved by Div/Amy. **Motion passed**

**The next meeting is TBA.**

*The above are considered to be a true and accurate recording of all items discussed. Please advise the recorder of any ambiguity, discrepancy, inconsistency, error or omission noted.*

Minutes taken by,  
TABITHA CLAVECILLAS  
VICE PRESIDENT

— *Semper Floreat* —