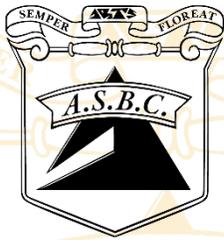


August 4, 2020

7:09 PM



Arts Student Body Council Meeting Minutes

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Acknowledgment of Treaty 1 Territory
- III. Reminder to vote in the federal election
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
- V. Reports
- VI. Final Considerations
- VII. 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	Absent	
Divjyot Grewal	Director of Social Programming	Absent	
Saleha Atif	Arts Lounge Director	Resigned	
Lilja Best	Senator	Present	
Amy Spearman	Senator	Present	
Anika Khan	Senator	Present	
Camryn Anderson	UMSU Director	Regrets	Dario
Iman Ano	UMSU Director	Present	
Amitoz Singh	UMSU Director	Resigned	
Abdul Ahad	UMSU Director	Present	
Victoria Stutsky	Womyn's Representative	Regrets	Alyssa
Ishaanee Didwania	International Students' Representative	Regrets	Brook
Raven Morrisseau	Indigenous Students' Representative	Present	

Maia Bacchus	Accessibility Representative	Regrets	Chloe
Emily Green	2SLGBTQ+ Representative	Present	

Attendance of Non-Voting Members

Name	Position	Attendance
Stephen Gatphoh	Chairperson	Present
Alexa Mucyo Kayonga	Executive Assistant	Present
Celeste Petrick	Co-director of Communications	Regrets
Fardeen Zareef	Co-director of Communications	Regrets
Brook Rivard	Director of Finance	Present
Alyssa Adair	Director of Sustainability	Present
Dimitar Tomovski	Arts Tribune Editor-in-Chief	Present
Cleche Kokolo	Academic Programmer	Regrets
Elizabeth Young	Social Programmer	Absent
Chloe Dreilich-Girad	Assistant Indigenous Students' Representative	Present
Dario Giraldo	Racialized Students' Representative	Present
	Graduate Students' Representative	

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM on Aug 4, 2020.

II. Acknowledgment of Treaty 1 Territory

III. Approval of the Agenda

I. Agenda passed by Efwah/Tabitha. **Motion passed**

IV. Approval of [previous minutes](#)

I. Approved by Efwah/Brook. **Motion passed.**

V. Reports

I. President

Meeting with Dean Taylor:

- a) Anti-racism: Efwah has met with Dean Taylor in the month of July; and she hopes to continue those meetings monthly. With regards to anti-racism, she emphasized to the Dean that we are a diverse faculty and would like to implement anti-racism programs, aided by the support and leadership of faculty members. Dean Taylor explained that the faculty has received recommendations from EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion), to be implemented in the coming years. The faculty is also prioritising seeking Indigenous leadership as well as developing anti-racism education for faculty staff and students.
- b) Funding for Covid remote learning hampers: Dean Taylor expressed that he is willing to work on developing a proposal with the council.
- c) Plans for remote learning: Efwah brought up the increased need for mental health supports with students transitioning to remote learning in the Fall. She notes that the faculty has not yet established those supports.
- d) Co-op program: At this point, it is up to the individual departments within the faculty to create a co-op program as they see fit for their students, such as the Psychology department which does have an existing co-op program. Efwah noted that the push for this would need to come from the student groups for each department.

Orientation:

- a) Efwah extended her thanks to Cecile Foster (Community Outreach Coordinator for the Arts Student Services) who has helped guide the council thus far in planning an enriching orientation session for incoming Arts students.

- b) The University has established several initiatives to help transition new students such as UMEssentials, Prep Week and UMCommons. Although these resources are typically sent to students via email, Efwah will be working with the Directors of Communications to create useful infographics to be uploaded on the council's social media sites.
- c) Efwah is still waiting to hear if the faculty has any specific plans for Prep Week and Welcome Day. For now, she expects the council to organize a giveaway, hampers and a presentation led by Efwah after the university's main Welcome Day event. For instance, in this presentation she would introduce the councillors to incoming students. In the coming weeks, Efwah will provide more details and updates to the council via Slack. ASBC Senator Anika also suggested that our council organize zoom meetings with games or other activities for new students to meet each other. Efwah suggested that we create a committee to organize similar events for new students once she has received further updates from the faculty. Any other programming ideas can be sent to President Efwah or Vice President Tabitha.

What will council look like?

- a) Meetings will likely take place every two weeks. Efwah aims to set a meeting date by the beginning of September for the upcoming Fall and Winter term. She will post a doodle poll on Slack in a few weeks and will ask all members to vote for a preferred time and date.

Justice for Women Consent Culture Training

- a) Efwah emphasized that she would like all councillors to prioritise attending this training which will most likely take place during a regular council meeting. This meeting date will also be decided by a doodle poll and posted on Slack by August 10th.

II. Vice President

- a) Tabitha expressed gratitude for all newly appointed members having joined the council this year. She reminded all councillors to please send their bios and pictures by September 1st. Please see the link posted on July 18th in the #general Slack channel to submit.
- b) Regarding the GSA (German Students' Association), they have expressed interest in assisting with our Covid remote learning hampers and other future initiatives.

Covid remote learning hampers

- a) Tabitha will be putting forward a motion to the faculty, specifically reaching out to other parties outside of the council. She would like to ask other groups what kind of assistance they are able to provide, i.e. advertising/marketing or funding. Tabitha has decided to split the entire council into different groups. The execution of these hampers will be tentative on when the university buildings re-open, but Tabitha aims to have the planning completed by the end of August. Reminder to all councillors to please fill out the group sign up form, found in the Vice President's report and posted on the #general Slack channel after this meeting.

III. Senate

IV. [UMSU BOD](#)

- i. U-Pass update: UMSU is still in negotiation with the Winnipeg Transit. As Iman understands, there will most likely not be a U-Pass available if students are not returning

to campus or if university buildings remain closed. Therefore, the new U-Pass contract may restart in September 2021. Iman will clarify those details with UMSU and update the council on Slack accordingly.

- ii. UMSU’s VP Community Engagement has discussed creating hampers for students around Easter, but did not mention any Covid-specific hampers.

V. Social/Academic Programming

VI. Community Representatives

i. International Rep

1. The SSA women’s representative and SSA council have expressed their willingness to collaborate with our council to assemble the Covid remote learning hampers.

ii. 2SLGBTQ+ Rep.

1. Student Counselling Centre: Emily has met with last year’s 2SLGBTQ+ rep Kirsten and they discussed establishing an “allyship workshop or training program” to educate councillors involved with the Centre about queer identities. The funding to establish such a program would come from UMSU and perhaps the Rainbow Resource Centre would accept donations in return of supports, they would not necessarily charge us a price.
2. Active Living Centre: Due to Covid health restrictions, the ALC has closed the non-binary/community change rooms. Given that the ALC has now re-opened Emily expressed her concern as only single stall rooms have been made available, which also presents an issue for those with mobility issues. Emily has met with several UMSU reps and students and compiled their concerns and needs regarding re-opening and changing safety features to increase inclusivity at the ALC. These concerns will be presented to Dr. Douglas Brown (Director of ALC and Recreation Services).

iii. Racialized Rep

1. Dario is working to create anti-racism programming for faculty staff and students. He aims to have a more detailed plan by the next few meetings for an initiative that will be easily accessible to those who would like to educate themselves on this matter.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

- I. None

VII. Old Business

- I. None

VIII. New Business

IX. Final Considerations

I. Efwah

- i. Efwah announced that Amitoz and Saleha have both resigned from their respective positions.
- ii. She acknowledged that many councillors may feel discouraged during this time as we begin the Fall term away from campus. But she would like councillors to remember their commitment to represent students by providing them with resources and programming to assist and enhance their experience at the university. She would like councillors to reach out to herself or Vice President Tabitha with any concerns they may have regarding their roles and availability as the Fall term begins; and to use Slack as a space to brainstorm ideas and support each other. She added that various committees and councillors are still planning programming for students and there is always help needed.

II. Raven: She offered an additional resource, as her mother is a certified yoga teacher and would be willing to teach an online zoom class or socially distanced in a park. This resource could be used if the council hosted a mental health week.

III. Tabitha:

- i. Added to Efwah's remarks, stating that her priorities are to make use of their UMSU funding by delivering resources to Arts students. She emphasized that no councillor's role is irrelevant and that every person counts.
- ii. The executive hopes to hold one more meeting before classes start on September 9; and note that council meetings would typically be held at 5:30PM. The main priority for that meeting would be to update council on plans for orientation and to pick a meeting date for the upcoming school year.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM, approved by Iman/Efwah. **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,
ALEXA MUCYO KAYONGA
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

— *Semper Floreat* —