

October 2, 2020

5:00 p.m.



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	Late	
Lilja Best	Senator	Present	
Amy Spearman	Senator	Regrets	Dimitar
Anika Khan	Senator	Present	
Camryn Anderson	UMSU Director	Present	
Iman Ano	UMSU Director	Present	
Abdul Ahad	UMSU Director	Late	
Victoria Stutsky	Womyn's Representative	Present	
Ishaanee Didwania	International Students' Representative	Regrets	Zareef
Raven Morrisseau	Indigenous Students' Representative	Present	
Maia Bacchus	Accessibility Representative	Present	
Emily Green	LGBTQTQ* Representative	Present	

Attendance of Non-Voting Members

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

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.
- II. Acknowledgment of Treaty 1 Territory
- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - I. Agenda passed by Stephen/Camryn. **Motion passed.**
 - II. Motion to amend the agenda
 - i. Presentation by Nimbus will happen before reports
 - ii. Added new business of councillor removal
 - iii. Agenda amended by Stephen/Camryn. **Motion passed.**
- IV. Approval of previous minutes
 - I. Approved by Victoria/Tabitha. **Motion passed**
- V. Reports
 - I. Vice-President
 - i. Hampers: They will either take place during the holiday season or beginning of next semester.
 - ii. Social media: Orange shirt day was the most successful campaign that ASBC has ever done. Our post was shared by several Indigenous influencers and other student groups on campus.
 - iii. Discord server: Reminder for councillors to sign up for October shifts. The goal of moderating is to generate conversation so that the server remains active.
 - iv. Gratitude: We are considering adding a section to council meetings for people to express gratitude to fellow councillors, such as thanking someone who made a nice graphic for social media.
 - II. Social Programmer

- i. Remote learning setup: Please note the total cost of the giveaway prize was \$54 and not \$56 as stated in the report.

III. [UMSU BOD](#)

- i. UM COVID-19 Recovery Team: Please message Camryn if you are interested in joining this team organized by UMSU.
- ii. Privacy + academic dishonesty: Abdul added that UMSU has received concerns from students who have privacy concerns; regarding the Respondus browser required for taking online exams. They've also been discussing how academic dishonesty varies from each faculty and type of exams and whether that can be clarified for students. Will provide further updates after the next UMSU meeting.
- iii. Transit subsidy: Abdul clarified that the U-Pass will still be offered in the Winter Term and students can apply for a \$78 subsidy.
- iv. Motion to open a closed session. Approved by Div/Efwah. **Motion passed.**
- v. Motion to end the closed session. Approved by Div/Efwah. **Motion passed.**

IV. Community Representatives

i. [International Students' Rep](#)

1. Please message Ishaanee if you have any other questions or comments about her idea.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

I. Councillor removal

- i. President, Vice President and Chairperson have been unable to reach William (Director of Academic Programming) in any form since late May 2020. Per ASBC by-laws if a councillor has not been in contact with the Chairperson for the past two meetings, we can put forward a motion to remove the councillor.
- ii. Motion to initiate the councillor removal process and putting the Director of Academic Programming position under review (will be voted on at the next meeting) Approved by Stephen/Div. **Motion passed.**
 1. 15 voting members sent a secret vote to Stephen, none opposed.

iii. Bylaw 3: Removal of councillor

1. *Council may vote to remove a Councillor in accordance with this protocol if the Councillor:*

- a. *Fails to fulfill and promote the objectives of the ASBC;*
- b. *Fails to uphold the principles of the ASBC;*
- c. *Misses two consecutive meetings of Council as an Elected Member, without providing a proxy, without regrets;*
- d. *Misses two consecutive meetings of Council as an Appointed Member, without providing a proxy, without providing a report;*
- e. *Acts in a way that Council deems to be detrimental to the interests of the Arts Student Body;*
- f. *Conducts finances or commits to expenditures on behalf of the ASBC in a manner that conflicts or disobeys the procedure herein or in the Constitution;*
- g. *Fails to fulfill their position as defined by the Constitution or these bylaws;*
- h. *Fails to declare a conflict of interest;*
- i. *Fails to remain in the Faculty of Arts as an Elected Member for the full duration of their term.*

2. *A motion to consider the removal of a Councillor may be entertained only at a Regular Meeting.*

- a. *It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson to supervise any removal proceedings. i. If the Chairperson's membership is in question, then the responsibility shall fall upon the President.*
- b. *Notice of such a motion must be presented to the Chairperson by the Executive Assistant, who shall be responsible for monitoring attendance.*
- c. *At this point, Council can vote to put a removal motion forward for consideration at the next meeting. d. Such a motion must be voted on via secret ballot.*

e. Such a motion requires the consent of two-thirds of present voting members to be carried.

3. After the consideration of removal has been passed, the Councillor officially becomes “under review” and an official motion for their removal shall be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

a. The Chairperson shall notify the Councillor at least one week prior to the date of the meeting in which their removal is to be voted on.

b. The Chairperson shall explicitly inform the Councillor in question that they have the option of resigning, which would thereby nullify such a motion.

c. Quorum for such a motion shall be two-thirds of all voting members.

d. Roll call may be requested after such a motion is presented.

e. Debate and voting on such a motion must be conducted in Closed Session.

f. The Councillor in question shall be entitled to speak on their own defense for a reasonable amount of time.

g. Such a motion must be voted on by a secret ballot.

h. Such a motion requires two-thirds of those present and voting to carry.

4. Any Councillor removed has the right to appeal their removal at one of the next two Regular Meetings immediately following their dismissal.

a. Quorum for such a motion must be two-thirds of all voting members.

b. The appeal procedure must be conducted in Closed Session.

c. Only a unanimous roll call vote shall be sufficient to overturn a Councillor’s dismissal.

5. Resignations from Councillors must be delivered in a signed letter to the Chairperson.

IX. Presentations

I. Nimbus

- i. Presented by Nimbus co-founder Ben Attal. Please note: Any additional questions can be sent to ben@nimbuslearning.com
- ii. What do they do?
 1. Work with different higher education institutions to expand their peer to peer tutoring services. Nimbus initially launched with UMSU about 2 years ago, but due to financial difficulties, they have decided to delegate Nimbus to student council groups across campus and to reach students more directly. They currently work with UMES, CSA and SSA.
- iii. How Nimbus has changed due to COVID:
 1. They have reconsidered how students’ learning has changed i.e. a redefined relationship b/w schools and students, synchronous vs asynchronous studying
 2. New barriers to student learning as well with nearly 100% online learning and a diminished social experience

3. They do provide peer mentorship and tutoring online
- iv. What does it look like?
 1. Through their application, students and tutors can set their schedules and book sessions
 2. Admin databoard: to how students are using Nimbus tutoring service as offered through ASBC
 3. They also offer part-time paid opportunities for tutors
 4. Students interested in tutoring would have to apply and be evaluated in some way by ASBC
 5. They have recommended qualifications to use assessing potential tutors i.e. overall GPA, specific course grade → We could also choose to conduct interviews for tutors
- v. ASBC specific clarifications (Efwah)
 1. Application for the Arts endowment fund has been submitted and we're looking at a 1-year contract with Nimbus.
 2. ALC writing tutors are a separate service offered and paid for directly by the university. ASBC would register with Nimbus to expand the number of tutors available to students in our faculty and campus in general.
 3. Tabitha added that ASBC would focus on writing, languages and economics

X. Final Considerations

- I. Efwah: Expressed gratitude to all members who have continued to work hard and adapt to delivering our service to Arts students.

XI. Adjournment

- I. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm CST, approved by Iman/Efwah. **Motion passed**

The next meeting is on October 16, 2020 at 5:00pm CST.

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

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