

January 22, 2021

5:30 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	
Cleche Kokolo	Director of Academic Programming	Present	
Divjyot Grewal	Director of Social Programming	Present	
Lilja Best	Senator	Present	
Amy Spearman	Senator	Present	
Anika Khan	Senator	Absent	
Camryn Anderson	UMSU Director		Dario
Iman Ano	UMSU Director	Present	
Abdul Ahad	UMSU Director	Absent	
Victoria Stutsky	Womyn's Representative	Present	
Ishaanee Didwania	International Students' Representative		Chloe
Raven Morrisseau	Indigenous Students' Representative	Present	
Maia Bacchus	Accessibility Representative	Present	
Emily Green	LGBTQ* Representative	Present	

## Attendance of Non-Voting Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Stephen Gatphoh	Chairperson	Present
Alexa Mucyo Kayonga	Executive Assistant	Present
Elizabeth Young	Co-director of Communications	Present
Fardeen Zareef	Co-director of Communications	Present
Brook Rivard	Director of Finance	Late
Alyssa Adair	Director of Sustainability	Present
Dimitar Tomovski	Arts Tribune Editor-in-Chief	Present
Yashas Ravi Samtani	Academic Programmer	Present
Michelle Juju Ko	Social Programmer	Regrets
Chloe Dreilich-Girad	Assistant Indigenous Students' Representative	Present
Dario Giraldo	Racialized Students' Representative	Present
	Graduate Students' Representative	

## Minutes

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- I. Call to order
  - A. The meeting was called to order at 5:37PM CST.
- II. Acknowledgement of Treaty 1 Territory
- III. Approval of the agenda
  - A. No objections to agenda. Motion forgot to be called into question. Chair confirmed we can proceed with the meeting.
- IV. Approval of [previous minutes](#)
  - A. Agenda passed by Tabitha/Efwah. **Motion passed**
- V. Reports
  - A. [President](#)
    1. Student Initiative Fund (SIF): This was introduced at our last meeting. At the end of today's meeting we decided on councillors who will comprise the SIF committee with President and Vice President. Efwah met with a rep from the Student Given office on campus to finalize the renewal of the SIF agreement for ASBC, which will hopefully last for the next 2-3 years. Arts students will vote on whether SIF should be used, and a minimum of 20% participation is required for this vote. The goal of SIF is for ASBC to have increased funds and control to offer more resources to students for creating new bursaries, or initiatives like the COVID relief hampers and fund.
    2. Grad pics: They are still on hold due to COVID restrictions against non-essential businesses being open. Efwah will post a graphic on social media to reach more students with this announcement.
    3. Meeting with Dean Taylor: Not many updates. Efwah will be meeting with him soon.
    4. Participatory Budgeting Committee: This is the \$8000 in the ASBC budget, dedicated to projects that Arts students choose to vote on. This initiative will be worked on by Efwah over the next few months.
    5. CPAC meeting: This is the course approvals committee which discusses changes to different courses. Efwah has found that student representative voices aren't always able to be voiced and are overshadowed by those of instructors. She will share a clearer summary from their meeting once the minutes are released. A noteworthy change is the introduction of a course called Canadian 1000 which would introduce students; this would also be useful for international students.
  - B. [Vice-President](#)
    1. Holiday relief program: All but 5 gift cards were delivered to students and the extra one will be redirected for other programming this year.

2. Social events for council:
  - a) Lunch hour call was successful and fun. Tabitha would like this to happen biweekly.
  - b) Trivia questions: Collecting fun facts about everyone and using them to create a trivia.
  - c) Any other activities on Slack would be nice
  - d) Maybe an in person activity like skating/tobogganing or an online hangout event during reading week. Tabitha will message on Slack to schedule.

C. [Director of Academic Programming](#)

1. Virtual club fair had a low turnout of about 10-15 students. Cleche learned a lot about how to increase engagement for future events like these and to reach out to professors to better advertise.
2. Nimbus update: They have recently set goals for ASBC and other student groups, such as having 50 paid lessons and recruiting 200-300 new students to use Nimbus. Cleche explained these kinds of targets were not made clear in previous meetings or initial discussions before signing onto Nimbus.
3. Motion to open a closed session. Moved by Tabitha/Efwah. **Motion passed.**
4. Motion to end a closed session. Moved by Tabitha/Efwah. **Motion passed.**

D. [UMSU BOD](#)

1. Slates: No further comments.
2. UMSU Motion 0495
  - a) Tabitha shared some arguments in opposition to this motion. These included: the motion violates the representation aspect of UMSU, eliminates accountability for UMSU BOD to a particular student group/faculty, etc. Overall argument was that UMSU's aim of achieving efficiency will sacrifice BIPOC representation. These and other concerns were written as a complete document and shared with smaller student groups and UMSU directors who would be most affected by the motion. She also shared an email response from the Manitoba Medical Students Association expressing similar concerns and their likely opposition to the motion.

E. [Womyn's Rep](#)

1. No further comments.
2. Tabitha added that academia should be included in under-represented fields in the workplace.
3. Efwah suggested reaching out to the Labour Studies department

F. [Indigenous Rep](#)

1. Indigenous self care vday packages: Chloe added that U1 contribution of \$1500 isn't confirmed yet, and is contingent on what other student groups plan to contribute and what exactly they would have to buy.

2. Raven would also like suggestions on items to include in the men's self care package.

VI. Old Business  
A. None

VII. New Business  
A. Motion: To strike the SIF committee. Note: This needs to consist of President and Vice President, and Director of Finance will advise on financial terms. There are 3 extra positions to be filled by other councillors. Only Fardeen, Div and Dario volunteered. Motion moved by Stephen. Seconded by Tabitha. No discussion. **Motion passed.**  
B. Motion: Moved by Cleche. Seconded by Div. **Motion passed.**

VIII. Final Considerations  
A. Yashas explained how the discord server was reorganized and encouraged councillors to remain active with Arts students in the server.  
B. Alyssa: Gave an update on the sustainability cookbook project. Social media promotion will begin on January 25th and submissions will be accepted until February 25th. Cover art for the cookbook will also be a contest open to students, and the winner will receive prizes. Cookbook will launch in April and there will be a launch party after final exams.  
C. Chloe shared comments from U1 expressing support of opposing the UMSU motion

IX. Gratitude Time  
A. Tabitha shared gratitude to councillors on their hard work on the past term and commitment to the upcoming winter term events.  
B. Zareef thanked everyone for continuing to be engaged and communicating as a team.

X. Adjournment  
A. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM CST. Efwah/Raven. Motion passed.

**The next meeting is on February 5th, 2021 at 5:30pm 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 ASISISTANT

*Semper Floreat*