



Arts Student Body Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2021

5:43 p.m.

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	
Yashas Ravi Samtani	Director of Academic Programming	Present	
Divjyot Grewal	Director of Social Programming	Present	
Cleche Kokolo	Arts Lounge Director	Present	
Lilja Best	Senator	Present	
Amy Spearman	Senator	Present	
Anika Khan	Senator	Present	
Camryn Anderson	UMSU Director	Dario	
Iman Ano	UMSU Director	Present	
Abdul Ahad	UMSU Director	Present	
Victoria Stutsky	Womyn's Representative	Present	
Ishaanee Didwania	International Students' Representative	Zareef	

Raven Morrisseau	Indigenous Students' Representative	Present	
Maia Bacchus	Accessibility Representative	Libby	
Emily Green	LGBTQ* Representative	Present	

Attendance of Non-Voting Members

Name	Position	Attendance
Stephen Gatphoh	Chairperson	Present
Alexa Mucyo Kayonga	Executive Assistant	Present
Elizabeth Young	Co-director of Communications	Late
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
Mandeep Mangat	Academic Programmer	Present
Michelle Juju Ko	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 5:43PM CST.

II. Acknowledgment of Treaty 1 Territory

III. Approval of the Agenda

I. Agenda passed by Iman/Raven. **Motion passed**

IV. Approval of [previous minutes](#)

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

V. Reports

I. LGBTQ* Representative

- i. Emily attended the Rainbow Resource Centre Training and they covered various topics including building inclusive spaces and sexual orientation vs gender expression.
- ii. Motion to change councillor position name from “Womyn’s Rep” to “Women’s Rep”. No abstentions. Moved by Emily. **Motion passed.**
 1. Amy asked whether Emily has considered spelling of “Womxn’s” rather than “Women’s”. Emily responded that “Women’s” would be a more inclusive and universal term to be used across resources on campus.
 2. Victoria and Tabitha spoke in favour of the motion.

II. UMSU BOD

- i. Presented by Iman. They’ve been in various email exchanges with other student associations about the motion 0495. They also submitted their recommendations to the Governance Chair. See report for full details. Their next steps will be to meet with the Governance Chair and UMSU President, along with our Racialized Rep and VP. Then they will present their arguments at the UMSU BOD meeting. They encourage all other ASBC councillors to attend the BOD meeting on Feb 11th at 6PM to show their support for this motion.
- ii. Motion to open a closed session. Moved by Tabitha/Iman. **Motion passed.**
- iii. Motion to end a closed session. Moved by Lilja/Efwah. **Motion passed.**

III. President

- i. Dean Taylor: Nothing significant was discussed during this meeting, just checking up on past initiatives.
 1. COVID relief fund: This term's fund will not be on a first-come first-serve basis, but they'll receive applications and then evaluate how many to fund.
 2. The EDI representative: This will be a staff position, and will be posted in July.
 3. Indigenous Associate Dean: This position will be filled no later than July 1st.
 4. African/Critical Race Studies: Dean will put together a group to examine introducing this course to our faculty.
 5. Townhall: Dean Taylor remarked that a good discussion took place and he brought up student concerns in a meeting with department heads, such as academic dishonesty and integrity. At this meeting, they also discussed alternate course assessments that would reduce chances for academic dishonesty. Overall Efwah has been pleased with Dean Taylor's advocacy of student concerns to department heads.
- ii. Possible textbook pickup day: Efwah is planning with Associate Dean Greg Smith and 3 of our councillors would be on campus over 2-3 days to assist with this.
- iii. Graduation pictures: No updates, they're still waiting to hear from the province about restrictions for re-opening.
- iv. Recreational Fee: Efwah received an email from a student regarding the recreational fee that students are still paying despite gyms being closed. He contacted UMSU with this complaint and requested our UMSU directors to bring this up. He also wants more transparency regarding what this fee is used for.
- v. BHM: Efwah would like ASBC and Black Student Empowerment Society to collaborate on events. Efwah will open a public Slack channel to discuss more ideas.
- vi. Canadian Blood Services: The previous event that we were going to partner on has been cancelled due to COVID, but they look forward to working with us in the future.
- vii. Elections: They are coming up very quickly. Efwah would like to organize an event with past councillors to discuss the benefits of running for the elections. She will also be putting out CRO applications shortly.
- viii. Upcoming meetings: This month Efwah will be attending the following meetings: endowment fund meeting and the faculty council meeting.

- ix. [Motion](#) to change Arts Lounge Director name to Director of Community Engagement. Moved by Tabitha/Efwah. **Motion passed.**
 1. Efwah clarified that the position would remain an elected position.

IV. [Vice-President](#)

- i. Community bursary proposal: Tabitha would like ASBC to deliver community scholarships that empower Arts students; similar to the one offered by SSA for queer, women, racialized, indigenous, international and students with physical/mental disabilities. Each recipient would receive a \$500 cheque and would require \$3000 from our operating budget. See report for full details.
 1. Dario spoke in favour, but he would like to see stricter criteria to select best candidates if we received an overwhelming amount of applications.
 2. Emily spoke in favour and noted the importance of having scholarships targeted to minority groups. She asked what happens if a student identifies strongly with 2 communities, Tabitha doesn't have a suggestion yet but this can be considered as it is still a proposal.
 3. Amy spoke in favour and appreciates that we would highlight the scholarship recipients on our social media.

V. [Finance Committee](#)

- i. Presented by Tabitha and Efwah. This is a summary of funding requests from councillors. See report for full details.
- ii. Efwah explained that these requests have already been approved by the Finance Committee and they're now being presented to council and then be voted on.
- iii. Vote on funding request 1. Moved by the Finance Committee/Efwah. **Motion passed.**
- iv. Vote on funding request 2. Moved by the Finance Committee/Raven. **Motion passed.**
- v. Vote on funding request 3. Moved by the Finance Committee/Amy. **Motion passed.**
- vi. Vote on funding request 4. Moved by the Finance Committee/Libby. **Motion passed.**
- vii. Vote on reimbursement. Moved by the Finance Committee/Raven. **Motion passed.**

VI. [Senate](#)

- i. See report for full details.

VII. International Rep

- i. Presented by Zareef. See report for full details.
- ii. Tabitha added an announcement from UMISO. They will be organizing a relief program/bursary to support international students for rent and groceries. They expect to help 100 students and will require \$20,000 from all of their partners. Tabitha will post the full details on this initiative by UMISO on Slack. They aren't asking ASBC for a set amount, but they are asking if we can support in any manner. This will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

VIII. Women's Rep

- i. See report for details on events planned for March.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

- I. None

VII. Old Business

- I. None

VIII. New Business

- I. None

IX. Final Considerations

- I. Stephen asked if our next meeting should take place as scheduled on February 19th, as that would be during reading week. No important motions are coming up. But Tabitha would like to wait until February 15th and call a meeting if there are many reports. Please continue checking Slack for updates.
- II. Anika suggested we prepare an Instagram post regarding today's motion on changing "Women's" rep name, as a way to better inform students on the history of the spelling of "Womyn".
- III. Efwah presented remarks from Div, she would like our council to make a statement regarding the farmer protests in India. Div will post a draft statement in Slack.
- IV. Mandeep asked councillors for suggestions as the academic programming team is brainstorming new ideas for the virtual lounge.

X. Gratitude Time

XI. Adjournment

- I. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM CST, approved by Efwah/Emily. **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 KAYOGNA
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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