

February 26, 2021

5:35 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 |
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| 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 | Absent | |
| Lilja Best | Senator | Present | |
| Amy Spearman | Senator | Present | |
| Anika Khan | Senator | Present | |
| Camryn Anderson | UMSU Director | | Zareef |
| Iman Ano | UMSU Director | Absent | |
| Abdul Ahad | UMSU Director | Present | |
| Victoria Stutsky | Womyn's Representative | Absent | |
| Ishaanee Didwania | International Students' Representative | | Chloe |
| Raven Morrisseau | Indigenous Students' Representative | Present | |

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| Maia Bacchus | Accessibility Representative | Regrets | |
| Emily Green | LGBTQ* Representative | Present | |

Attendance of Non-Voting Members

| Name | Position | Attendance |
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| Stephen Gatphoh | Chairperson | Present |
| Alexa Mucyo Kayonga | Executive Assistant | Present |
| Elizabeth Young | Co-director of Communications | Absent |
| 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 | Regrets |
| 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 5:35PM CST.

Stephen asked councillors for a minute of silence to remember the recent deaths of five fellow UofM students.

II. Acknowledgment of Treaty 1 Territory

III. Approval of the Agenda

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

IV. Approval of previous minutes

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

V. Reports

I. President

i. Elections:

1. Pre-election event: The purpose will be to inform and encourage students to be involved in ASBC. Four former councillors have been invited as panelists to share their experience. The event will take place on March 10th from 12-1:30pm. Panelists will also receive a \$25 gift card, this has been presented to and approved by our finance committee.
 - a. Motion: To provide \$25 gift cards to panelists. No discussion. **Motion approved.**
2. CRO: Will be in charge of overseeing candidates and campaigns. The selections committee voted for Stephen to be CRO.
 - a. Motion: No discussion. Motion approved.
3. Election dates: Will follow a similar structure as last year; once COVID-19 moved classes online signatures were unable to be collected. This year, candidates will nominate themselves rather than collect signatures for their nomination. Total election period will be two weeks long; one week for nominations, then three days for campaigning period and two days for voting.
 - a. Motion: Seconded by Div. No discussion. **Motion approved.**
4. SIF: See attached notes for plan.

ii. Textbooks: Efwah has met with Greg Smith to discuss how textbooks can be redistributed to students. He suggested we ship the textbooks to students rather than an on-campus pickup, and they will cover shipping costs. This isn't urgent and likely the next council will take over until it has been complete.

iii. UMISO contribution: They are developing a program similar to the giftcards we gave out for COVID relief. They will provide 50 international students with \$100 gift cards for groceries. ASBC will contribute up to \$3000 to this initiative, with our contribution going specifically towards international students within the Faculty of Arts.

- iv. BHM update: Efwah collaborated with the Black Student Empowerment Society on a social media campaign about anti-Black racism in academia.
- v. Faculty council meeting (presented Dario): They discussed faculty salaries and student tuition as it relates to the provincial government's plans. Academic integrity was also discussed heavily.
 - 1. Div: Many professors mentioned that there are minor cases of academic dishonesty that can be dealt with simply between the professor and student which they don't feel the need to report. Also that students facing academic dishonesty charges shouldn't be denied scholarships and access to other campus services.

II. [Vice-President](#)

- i. Community bursary: see report for details.
- ii. Pre-elections panel event: Panelists will speak about their experience and have a Q&A period. Social media poster will be released soon. All councillors are invited to attend.
- iii. UMSU Motion 0495: Most of the governance committee continues to be opposed. Iman and Tabitha presented their concerns about the motion at yesterday's UMSU BOD meeting.
 - 1. Abdul: He would like to propose a motion for the next UMSU BOD meeting, to allow for a discussion about ASBC' concerns with the motion. Abdul is concerned that future ASBC BOD representatives will continue facing challenges while raising concerns to UMSU.
 - 2. Dario: Expressed support for Abdul's proposed motion to ensure everyone at the BOD meeting can take part in the discussion.
- iv. Virtual escape room: Tabitha would like us to do a team building activity. Per the votes on Slack, Friday afternoon is the preferred time. Price per person will be \$20. Tabitha will post more information and a poll for dates on Slack.

III. [Director of Sustainability](#)

- i. Cover art: Alyssa will post the different submissions to the Slack for councillors to vote on.

VI. [Reports of Standing Committees](#)

I. [Finance Committee](#)

- i. No further details

II. [Selections Committee](#)

- i. No further details

VII. Old Business

I. None

VIII. New Business

I. None

IX. Final Considerations

I. None

X. Gratitude Time

XI. Adjournment

I. Meeting adjourned at 6:34PM CST, approved by Efwah/Amy. **Motion passed.**

The next meeting is on March 5, 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 ASSISTANT

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