



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, October 6, 2017

Time: 9:30-10:35am

Room: 209 Assumption Hall

Committee Members: Mr. Chris Baillargeon, Ms. Yosra Elsayed, Mr. Ryan Flannagan, Dr. Scott Goodwin, Mr. Ahmed Khalifa, Ms. Ann Kirby, Ms. Zeina Merheb, Dr. Tina Pugliese, Dr. Bill Wellington.

Absent: Ms. Bernarda Doctor, Ms. Amy Bui, Dr. Sean Horton, Dr. Jennifer Johrendt, Ms. Sharon Munro, Dr. Kathy Pfaff, Dr. Geri Salinitri, Mr. Harleen Sandhu, Mr. Harshjot Singh Lohat.

In Attendance: Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretary) and Ms. Alison Zilli (Senate Secretariat).

Formal Business

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Mr. C. Baillargeon/Ms. Z. Merheb
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2017

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2017 be approved.

Mr. C. Baillargeon/Mr. R. Flannagan
CARRIED

The notes of the meeting of April 7, 2017 were received for information.

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

Items for Information

5.1 Senate Student Caucus Mandate

(See document SC171006-5.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The Senate Student Caucus brings issues of concern to students directly to the Senate, when the items are the purview of Senate. Senate may refer such matters to a Senate Standing Committee or other body for further consideration and/or policy development.
- Ms. Zeina Merheb has been elected to the position of student co-chair.
- The duties of the student co-chair include bringing matters of student concern to the regular meeting agenda (in consultation with the faculty co-chair) and, chairing a permanent subcommittee which is

mandated to engage and consult with different student groups on campus in order to bring their concerns to the Student Caucus.

AGREED:

- In September, the Chair met with the students to elect the student co-chair and to brainstorm ideas for Caucus. One proposal was to have a standing item from the International Student representative. Another was to have a standing item for departmental or group presentations as a way to inform members of initiatives on campus. Members supported these proposals.

5.2 Report of the Student Liaison Subcommittee and Co-Chair

NOTED:

- The student co-chair has advertised widely on social media for volunteers to serve on the Student Liaison Subcommittee.
- The student co-chair would like the subcommittee to be comprised of two student members from each Faculty in order to ensure that there is a diverse student group.
- It is anticipated that the first meeting will be held in October and that there will be bi-weekly meetings of the subcommittee to stay current with student issues on campus and bring them forward to Senate Student Caucus.

5.3 Report from International Student Society

Nothing to report.

5.4 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

Student Experience

NOTED:

- The AVP, Student Experience provided an update on the success of the Welcome Week overhaul which was aimed to increase the level of student engagement and types of activities.
- The Head Start program was updated so that it no longer relies only on student volunteers. Instead student staff were hired and trained so that there was a more cohesive experience for incomers participating in the events. In the future, efforts will be made to encourage faculty to participate in the competitive game events.
- Training in the area of sexual violence prevention has been implemented through the Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge, Act (EAAA) Resistance Program which is exclusively for women or people who identify with this gender.
- An overall strategy is needed for Residence Services as the numbers have decreased substantially over the last few years. Given this, the University is undergoing a residence review with consultants KPMG.
- The CAW is in the process of being re-envisioned. Other areas that are being refurbished include the Student Accessibility Services (Formerly named Student Disability Services) in the basement of Dillon Hall.
- The University has implemented a student mentor program (called Connecting4Success), bringing together upper students and incoming students to help with the transition into University.
- An alternative Spring Break program will offer students a few new ways to engage in community. The experiences for students will include taking a team of students to live on Walpole Island First Nations for the week in Teepees; and, simulating a homeless living situation in with a \$5 grocery budget.
- In response to a question raised about the plans to revitalize Student Accessibility Services, it was noted that some of the office space will be converted into much needed exam space.

Campus Services

NOTED:

- Food services is working to continue to improve food options so that there is greater variety and choices for students. A pasta-concept station has been introduced in the CAW Centre and each week the Market Place advertises daily specials.
- Renovations are underway in the Toldo Health and Education Centre for Starbucks which will be located in the former “Bru” location on the main floor.
- The UWin Card Office has change the cards so that every new student will have an enhanced card with the new additional feature of door access. Prior to this, students who needed door access for labs or access to buildings at night needed to go to Facility Services with a 50\$ deposit. This has been eliminated.
- Changes to parking have been fairly significant as the parking spaces under the Ambassador Bridge were replaced by the lot off of Essex Hall when the Ambassador Bridge project commenced. However, there is reassurance that more spaces will be given to the University in the future.
- The Campus Bookstore will match prices for course materials and textbooks on items sold and shipped by amazon.ca or indigo.ca as long as the ISBN matches and the book is new.

Additional Business

5 Question period/Other Business

6.1 Update from Working Group on Part Time Student Issues

An application for the survey portion has been submitted to the Research Ethics Board for review.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. C. Baillargeon/Ms. A. Kirby
CARRIED