



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS  
Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Friday, December 3, 2021

**Time:** 2:32 – 3:34 pm

**Room:** Virtual (MS Teams)

**Committee Members:** Laila Albalkhi, Dave Andrews (Chair), Youstina Asaad, Payton Farren Sharp, Brent Furneaux, Alex Gayowsky, Shashi Jasra, Ofelia Jianu, Ruth Kuras, Phebe Lam, Sharon Munro, Donna Patterson, Jody Ralph, Christine Vanderkooy, Gabrielle Walach.

**Absent:** Abeer Asif, Dave McEwen (regrets), Hussein Samhat (Co-Chair) (regrets).

**In Attendance:** Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary).

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Formal Business

**1 Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved.

Albalkhi/Jasri  
**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2021**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2021, be approved.

Gayowsky/Munro  
**CARRIED**

**3 Business arising from the minutes**

Nothing to report.

**4 Outstanding business**

**4.1 Human Kinetics Mini-Course for Online Code of Conduct**

NOTED:

- The Faculty of Human Kinetics was working on developing an online code of conduct mini course.
- The Faculty was faced with many issues when trying to launch the mini course, most notably, Code(s) of Conduct at the University-level would supersede it.
- The Faculty has decided not to introduce the mini course.

Items for Information

**5 Reports/New Business**

**5.1 Report of the Student Co-Chair**

NOTED:

- The Student Feedback Form video was posted on Instagram and Facebook through the Office of Student Experience (OSE). The student co-chair is looking to expand social media presence through Instagram Live and Takeover.
- There is concern from students regarding the hyflex model of teaching. Students find that instructors are struggling with managing time between in-person and hyflex groups. Students feel this is affecting

their learning experience.

- Student groups are concerned about holding in-person events due to Health and Safety protocols. The student co-chair is looking for avenues to help with this concern by meeting with student groups around campus.

The floor was open for comments or questions:

- In response to a question raised, it was noted that instructors are struggling with the hyflex model and one of their concerns is to provide optimal teaching and engagement to both students attending in-person and students attending virtually.
- Concern was raised regarding situations where students are unable to attend in-person classes (sickness, work, etc.) where hyflex delivery is not an option.
- Concern was raised regarding the limited availability of courses, how they are being offered (in-person/hyflex), and the impact this might have on students' ability to complete their degree in a timely fashion.
- It was noted that the University needs to be more intentional and strategic when planning midterms/final exam schedules and to provide quiet spaces for students to write online examinations when on campus.

### **5.3 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus**

*(see document SC211203-5.3 for more details.)*

NOTED:

- Acting Associate Vice-President, Student Experience provided an in-depth report regarding student affairs and life on and off campus.
- OSE launched an Indigenous Peoples website to educate the community about Orange Shirt Day, provide a calendar of Orange Shirt Day events on campus, highlight stories from survivors and their families, as well as videos from Indigenous leaders/elders in the community.
- In October, OSE organized a successful Community clean-up day, with 120 University members participating in the clean-up.
- Students and the OSE developed the Belonging, Inclusivity, Diversity and Equity Institute 'BIDE' which serves underrepresented and marginalized groups on campus through events and education.
- The International Student Centre will reopen to students Monday – Friday beginning December 5.
- Student Health Services is launching a new Patient engagement platform called Ocean in early 2022, which simplifies and secures the transfer of communication between patient physicians.
- The Student Counselling Centre has hired a Black clinical therapist. The University will be hiring a racialized psychologist in the coming weeks.
- The Wellness Outreach Centre has developed a mental health awareness package that can be distributed to students by faculty and staff.
- Residence has initiated the Black Leadership and Excellence Program.

### **Additional Business**

#### **6 Question period/Other Business**

- Law Library and Leddy Library hours will increase starting on December 6<sup>th</sup> for the duration of the exam period. For Winter 2022, hours will increase and the Libraries will be open both on Saturday and Sunday. Masks and COVID protocols will be enforced in common areas.
- In response to a question raised, there are 217 private study rooms in Leddy Library.

#### **7 Adjournment**

**MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.**

Jasra /Munro  
**CARRIED**