

SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting**Date:** Friday, April 1, 2022**Time:** 2:32 – 3:09 pm**Room:** Virtual (MS Teams)**Committee Members:** Dave Andrews (Chair), Youstina Asaad, Abeer Asif, Brent Furneaux, Alex Gayowsky, Ofelia Jianu, Ruth Kuras, Phebe Lam, Sharon Munro, Donna Patterson, Jody Ralph, Hussein Samhat (Co-Chair)**Absent:** Laila Albalkhi, Payton Farren Sharp, Shashi Jasra (regrets), Dave McEwen, Christine Vanderkooy (regrets), Gabrielle Walach**In Attendance:** Becca Morrison; Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary).**Formal Business****1 Approval of Agenda****MOTION:** That the agenda be approved.Lam/Gayowsky
CARRIED**2 Minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2022****MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2022, be approved.Patterson/Lam
CARRIED**3 Business arising from the minutes**

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

Items for Information**5 Reports/New Business****5.1 Report of the Student Co-Chair***(See document SC220401-5.1 for more details.)***NOTED:**

- Throughout the term, the Student Co-Chair received miscellaneous student concerns from various faculties relating to courses, student experience & academics. It was noted that the students have been supported and the issues resolved.
- RBC has opened a temporary Kiosk in the CAW commons to provide support and advice pertaining to financial literacy (debt, credit cards, etc.). Once a permanent location has been established, there is a potential for financial workshops to take occur.
- The co-chairs met with the Dean of Education to discuss recurring students concerns. The meeting was successful, and steps will be put in place to address the concerns.

5.2 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

(See document SC220401-5.2 for more details.)

Student Experience

NOTED:

- The Acting Associate Vice-President, Student Experience provided an in-depth report regarding student affairs and life on campus, outlining the many initiatives of the student services and support areas under the Office of Student Experience (OSE).
- In response to a question raised regarding access to placements for students in the Outstanding Scholars program, it was noted that all OS students should obtain a research placement. However, the timing or specific placement depends on the student meeting the position criteria. OSE will be implementing a more holistic approach with a mindset to help students who do not get accepted to their preferred placement find other opportunities and/or to help them provide a more comprehensive application for 2nd year.

Additional Business

6 Question period/Other Business

Library services

NOTED:

- The Leddy Library is collaborating with the Walk Safe program, from the end of March to the end of April. The services can be accessed through the Library Monday – Friday from 7 pm – 11 pm.
- The Leddy Library will be extending its hours to accommodate students studying for final exams. Additionally, the Library will be opening more study spaces for students.
- The Law Library is continuing to be opened in the basement of the west building for drop in visits.
- The Law Library is providing a wide range of services on their homepage including a virtual reference service via live chat. Book pick-up and scanning services are also being provided.
- A question was raised regarding the use of the Library during the pandemic period. It was noted that feedback has been positive to all services provided by Leddy Library.

Course Delivery

NOTED:

- Questions around course delivery modes will need to be a focus for the University, particularly related to how to meet student and instructor needs and expectations.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Munro/Lam
CARRIED