



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday, January 23, 2023

Time: 2:34-3:08am

Room: Room 203, Anthony P. Toldo Health Education Centre & MS Teams

Committee Members: Laila Albalkhi (co-Chair), Dave Andrews (Chair), Dora Cavallo-Medved, Ehab Elsaid, Sarah Glassford, Jennifer Johrendt, Kamika Kechevo, Ruth Kuras, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Alice Nelson, Donna Patterson, Jody Ralph, Hussein Samhat, Christine Vanderkooy.

Absent: Muthukeerhana Kaliappan (regrets), Sarah Khan (regrets), Phebe Lam (regrets), Lauren Pupulin, Andrew Ward.

In Attendance: Ryan Kenney (AVP Operations); Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary)

Formal Business

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

J. Ralph/J. Johrendt
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2022

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2022, be approved.

J. Johrendt/S. Glassford
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes.

3.1 Downtown Campus Safety

(See document SC230123-3.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- Members were provided an in-depth report and update from the AVP, Operations addressing members concerns regarding the safety at 300 Ouellette Avenue.
- In response to a question raised regarding the efforts and resources that the University is providing to continue to ensure safety at 300 Ouellette, it was noted that the University will continue to monitor the programs, needs, and risks for faculty, staff, students and community partners downtown. The University also plans to have more of a dedicated or regular presence by facility teams in those locations.
- In response to a question raised regarding magnetic locks/swipe access and if the University, it was noted that there are not sufficient resources to outfit all doors with ‘maglocks’. However, the University will install such locks at the doors with the highest safety risks.
- In response to a question raised regarding whether there are specific doors that require a maglock based on the concerns from students, it was noted that OPUS will report back to the AVP, Operations with the suggestions for specific doors that should be outfitted.

AGREED:

- The efforts made by the University to address the safety concerns at the Downtown campus were well received by members.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

Items for Information

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Report of the Student Co-Chair

NOTED:

- The Co-Chair met with executive members from GSS to create streamlined communication relating to bylaw provisions impacting students.
- The 'Did You Know' campaign (an informative poster highlighting academic bylaws that are important for students to know) is expected to be launched by early February. The GSS will be reviewing the graduate bylaws with a view to possibly developing a similar poster.
- The main priority for the Co-Chair for the next couple of months is to ensure availability to address student concerns.

5.2 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

(See document SC230123-5.2 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The Associate Vice-President, Student Experience provided an in-depth written report regarding student affairs and life on campus, including ongoing and upcoming initiatives, events, and challenges.

Additional Business

6 Question period/Other Business

NOTED:

- A new food services vendor has opened in the CAW Student Centre, providing more inclusive options (halal, vegan, etc). Additionally, Food Services is looking into providing more multicultural food options from around the world that will change on a month-month basis.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

J. Ralph/D. Cavallo-Medved
CARRIED