



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday, September 20, 2023

Time: 2:32-3:34pm

Room: Room 209, Assumption Hall

Committee Members: Dora Cavallo-Medved, Ehab Elsaid, Sarah Glassford, Shae Harasym, Ghallia Hashem, Sean Horton, Jennifer Johrendt, Shetina Jones, Ruth Kuras, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Michael Macdonald, Sherry Morrell, Suki Randawa (co-Chair), Walter Rischke, Brahmjot Singh,

Absent: Donna Patterson (regrets), Lauren Pupulin (regrets), Andrew Ward (regrets).

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

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

J. Johrendt/S. Horton
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2023

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2023, be approved.

J. Johrendt /R.Kuras
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 Senate Student Caucus Mandate and Meeting Schedule

(See document SC230920-5.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- Members were informed that Suki Randhawa was elected to the position of Student Co-Chair.
- A brief overview of Senate Student Caucus membership, terms of reference, and duties of the Co-Chair was provided.
- The mandate of Senate Student Caucus is to bring issues of concern from students directly to the Senate when the items are the under purview of Senate.
- For matters not within the purview of Senate, the Associate Vice-President, Student Experience and the Director of Ancillary Operations will refer the matters to, and liaise with, the appropriate persons or bodies.
- Depending on the nature of the item, Senate may refer matters to a Senate Standing Committee or other body for further consideration and/or policy development.

5.2 Report of the Student Co-Chair

NOTED:

- The two main initiatives to be addressed this year will be: 1) on-going communication with students through different communication channels, and 2) connecting with the varying student groups on campus to identify student initiatives or concerns.
- The Student Co-Chair, with the assistance of the Office of Student Experience, will seek to increase knowledge of the Senate Student Caucus by promoting the Caucus and its mandate through social media (*i.e.*, using the Office of Student Experience Instagram, Facebook, Student Experience website). It was noted that students will be encouraged to communicate through these social media platforms to identify student issues.
- The Student Co-Chair will continue to schedule meetings with Faculty society presidents and leaders from all Faculties so all student voices and concerns can be heard.

5.3 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

Student Experience

NOTED:

- The Office of Student Experience (OSE) provided an in-depth report regarding student affairs and life on campus noting a vibrant, busy, and well-received Welcome Week by students.
- Moving forward, Welcome Week will include events for all undergraduate and graduate students, rather than first-year undergraduate students only.

Ancillary Operations

NOTED:

- The Director of Ancillary Operations provided an overview of current initiatives, highlighting the establishment of a secure bike shelter between Joyce and the Parking Garage, which will be accessible to all students, staff, and faculty.
- A new UWIN card software system was launched in the summer that allows the students to upload their photo online and have a UW team member review their photo and have it printed for pick up. This significantly cut down the line ups at the UWIN card office this September.

Additional Business

6 Question period/Other Business

NOTED:

- Caucus provided feedback to possible changes to bylaw 54 relating to the weighting of evaluations. The proposal will be forwarded to the Associate Dean's Council for a further review.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

G. Hashem/S. Horton
CARRIED