



SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS  
Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, January 22, 2025

**Time:** 2:32pm - 3:05pm

**Room:** Room 209 Assumption Hall & MS Teams

**Committee Members:** Amangel Bhullar, Sarah Glassford, Shae Harasym, Ghallia Hashem, Sean Horton, Jana Jandal Alrifai (Co-Chair), Trnum Kaur, Ruth Kuras, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Michael Macdonald (Chair), Lindsay Miller, Nadia Rodwyn, Peter Savoni.

**Absent:** Shetina Jones (regrets), Adam Merheb, Milad Moradi Haydarloo, Sherry Morrell (regrets), Suki Randhawa.

**In Attendance:** Danny Anger (Associate University Secretary).

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**1 Approval of Agenda**

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

Jana Jandal Alrifai/Tranu Kaur  
**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2024**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2024 be approved.

Lindsay Miller/Nadia Rodwyn  
**CARRIED**

**3 Business arising from the minutes**

Nothing to report.

**4 Outstanding business**

Nothing to report.

**5 Reports/New Business**

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

NOTED:

- Repairs are in progress following the flooding in the CAW building due to frozen pipes causing damage to the sprinkler system.
- City transit cuts have impacted students, with concerns about international students being unfairly blamed for these cuts.
- Students continue advocating for clearer policies relating to disclosures of investments.
- Students voiced concerns regarding budget cuts affecting small, specialized courses, particularly in Science, FAHSS, and teacher education programs.

**5.2 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus**

Campus Services

NOTED:

- As of January 1, 2025, part of the faculty/staff parking lots was reassigned to student permit holders. Increased permit sales went smoothly after previous system overload issues.
- 50 courses now participate in the University's textbook affordability program, saving students 15-40%.

- The University is developing a digital student ID. The initial rollout will be Apple-exclusive, with plans to expand. The digital student ID is expected to improve security and building access.
- The tendering process is underway for the new residence dining hall (440+ beds). Construction is expected to start on March 1, 2025, with completion expected by August 1, 2025.

**6 Question period/Other Business**

Nothing to report.

**7 Adjournment**

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

Jana Jandal Alrifai/Nadia Rodwyn  
**CARRIED**