

Council Meeting Agenda – 21 Oct 2015

Date: Wednesday, 21 Oct 2015

Time: 5:30 pm

Chair: Cody Waite

Recording Secretary: Olga Palazhchenko

Location: Tilley 205

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Approval of minutes June 2015
 - 1st – VP Academic
 - 2nd – Civil
5. Summary of Executive Activities (**All Executive Members**)

President – Wayne is not present, but Mindy spoke on his behalf.

Wayne is now working in Manitoba, but is remaining in President role as a figure head until upcoming election. He is checking in with the Exec. and continuing to carry out his duties remotely. No questions.

VP Finance – Also transitioning/preparing package for new VP Finance for upcoming election. Also working on Health & Dental review.

Volunteers are needed for Finance Committee.

Department allocation checks are on the way – waiting to get numbers from the University

Q – Health and Dental blackout period?

A – We're working on it (addressed by Chair)

VP Special Events – Brittany helping colleague with field work; thus was not present, but sent a message to be read by Mindy.

Wants to do more events (Lunch & Learns weren't a huge hit last year, so considering other options). Would like to form committee on forming events No questions.

VP External – Summary of summer activities: dealt with Health & Dental and bus passes (were on time this year)

Q (Forestry) – Shouldn't we do the bus pass usage survey? This issue will come up next time council has to discuss bus passes. We should ensure they have

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more info about the number of people actually using the bus pass, not just picking it up

A (Chair) – 400 were given out with ~ 160 opt outs (~750 total, which is close to full time student population. 888 total students in full time last year)

Q (VP External) – Interested in putting a pool table inside the Grad House

A (Chair/VP Finance) – Not feasible (weight/space restrictions) and bar manager would have the ultimate say as this would come out of bar's budget.

VP Admin – Website has been updated (smooth transition). Wants to improve mailing list of councilors (same emails accounts for incoming councilors in each Department – “master accounts”

Q (Chair) – Request for all councilors to send up-to-date contact info (list hasn't been updated; thus many out dated emails on there)

A – Email overhaul will wait until updated numbers of how many councilors there are per each unit/Department.

VP Academic – Wants councilors to encourage members from their respective societies to be more involved in Senate and Search Committees (currently heavily skewed to volunteers from the Arts). No questions.

6. Committee Reports

- Windsor Castle Bar report (Cody Waite)

Bar booked up for Halloween, will notify of close-down date at next mtg.

Q (Psychology) – Student with disability can't access the Grad House – society and Dep. Chair want further follow up. This is becoming a human rights issue – what is being done?

A- University has been contacted and structural officer has come by, but not much has been done. We've been “on the list” for a while.

Q – Can't we install something on our own, e.g., ramp, etc.?

A – No. This is a liability issue, and it's not just ramp access. Some of the doors aren't centered, making them too small for access.

- Finance Committee (Mindy Moore, VP Finance)

Need non Exec. Members to volunteer for this Committee (this would involve tracking and outlining the budget and dealing with unforeseeable items/expenses as they come up – important to get council's oversight

- Orientation Committee (Brittany Dixon, VP Events and Societies)

Brittany is not present, but will send out report.

7. New Business

- SafeRide – Wayne Solomon (Information Item)

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Wayne not here (Mindy on his behalf) – New UG Union wants to include graduate students

- GSA Executive positions – upcoming election (VP Finance, VP External, VP Academic)
Official call on the way (to all grad students)
- GSA Annual General Meeting
 1. November date - 18 November 2015 (Tentative)
 2. Election – President
 3. CRO – Sara Edwards

Ideally, want same date for AGM as the council meeting.
Encourages people to show up and brings constituencies from respective Departments, otherwise bring proxy forms
Q (Psychology) – Electronic signatures on forms?
A – Yes, but must be legible (have student #, name, etc.)

- Set meeting dates for fall and winter 2015/16 –, Nov 25, Dec 9, Subject to Council Room to be confirmed.

Motion to schedule meetings on Nov 25 and Dec 9

- 1st – Forestry
- 2nd – Civil

8. Other Business

VP Finance – Wants to host info session for those interested in running for VPs/President positions

VP External – CFS wants a meeting. VP External will attend.

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

- 1st – Forestry
- 2nd – VP Academic

***Note to Councillors:** PLEASE SEND any inquiries or questions you have regarding these agenda items (prior to the meeting!) to the appropriate GSA Executive and please cc Cody Waite(gsaoffice@unbgsa.ca) in your email!