



Arts Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 15th, 2017

6:00pm Psychology Anthropology Sociology 2438

Arts Student Union

University of Waterloo

Agenda

Order	Subject	Action
1	Approval of the Agenda Motion: That Council approve the agenda.	Decision
2	Approval of the November 1 st , 2017 Council Minutes in Appendix A Motion: That the Council approve the above minutes.	Decision
3	Items for Report/Announcement <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Executive Reports● Councillor Reports● Society Reports	Information
4	Adjournment	Decision

Minutes

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Motion: That Council approve the agenda.

First: History Society

Second: Anthropology Society

Vote: Motion Passes

Resolved: The Council approves the aforementioned agenda.

Approval of the Council Minutes

Motion: That the Council approve the November 1st, 2017 Council Minutes

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Second: Arts and Business Society

Vote: Motion Passes

Resolved: The Council approves the aforementioned Council minutes.

Society Reports

History Society

- Held a board game night which had meager attendance; working on a marketing strategy for the future focusing on encouragement of students hanging out in the history lounge.
- Hosting a trivia night next week.
- Working on preparations for big History Dinner Event next term.

Classics and Medieval Studies Society

- Held a successful Professor's Book Launch Event.
- Hosted a departmental Wine and Cheese, which had a successful turnout consisting of professors, students and some alumni.

English Society

- Successfully filled the last two executive positions for their society.
- Planning an event for November, possibly in the English Office; something like a focus group to find out more about what kind of events students would like the society to host in the future.

Anthropology Society

- Officially set the date for the Flint Mapping Event which will happen on Tuesday, November 21st at 7PM in PAS 1241.

Theatre Students Union

- Holding a Directing Workshop on the 26th of November.
- Having a meeting with students to discuss the program and receive feedback at the end of term.
- Hosting a Movie Night, showing old shows put on by the society.

German Society

- Swag order has been finalized and will be sent out promptly.
- Schnitzel night was a success; had good turnout.
- Upcoming Board Games Night.
- Upcoming Movie Night this Friday.
- The society will be going to the Christmas Market in Kitchener at start of December.

Speech Communications Society

- Hosting a 22 language event, discussing interpretation of different vernacular.
- Holding an end of term celebration on December 6th.

Music Society

- Held a Listening Event on November 3rd which had good turnout.

- The society went to Cineplex to see The Magic Flute last week.
- Hosting a study day on December 1st, to tutor first and second year students.
- Having a Sushi Day event on December 5th.

Peace and Conflict Studies Society

- Changed the location for their candy giving event.

Arts and Business Society

- Held a Meet the Professor and Trivia Event last night.
- Tentatively planning a Student Wellness Event closer to the end of term featuring student care packages.

Human Resources Society

- Wanting to raise awareness about the society's comeback; and hosting an event on November 20th at 7PM, hoping for a turnout of 60 people.

Political Sciences Student Association

- Held a successful Trump Survival party.
- Finalized an editor for the Political Science Journal, meeting with a professor to get it up and running.
- Looking to host one more Movie Night for the term.

Legal Studies Society

- Looking toward events for the winter term, i.e., the Women's Prison trip in the Kitchener Waterloo area.
- Looking into visiting a courthouse.
- Hosting a Murder Mystery Event in the near future.
- Hosting an industry panel discussion event, inviting professionals to chat about their experiences.
- Tentatively working on a De-stress Event for November.

Society of Fine Arts

- Held a successful painting night.
- Upcoming Art Market.
- Movie Nights have been occurring every week.
- Looking into hosting a Board Game Night.

Le Cercle Français

- Termly Crepe Night is happening tomorrow.
- Hoping to host one more pub night to allow students to work on French skills.
- Planning their Gala for next term.

Accounting and Finance Student Association

- Had an Instagram contest for Halloween.

- Upcoming AFSA photoshoot in the new building.
- Sauce the Execs event for charity was a success.
- Had a first year team at the University of Toronto Goes for the Gold competition.
- Hosting an AFSA Speaker Series Event tomorrow.
- Semi was a success.
- Held a review session which had good turnout.
- Releasing swag at end of the month.
- Releasing AFSA discount cards soon.
- Holding a Bubble Tea Talent Show next Friday.
- Putting on a MovAFSA Instagram contest.

Executive Reports

President

- Reminds societies to make sure they have itemized receipts when submitting cheque requests to the VP Finance.
- Encourages societies to request grants.
- Puppies and Popcorn no longer includes puppies but will still happen on the 28th from 11-2 in the Hagey Hub. It will instead be called Succulents and Sandwiches. The ASU will be providing popcorn and a trail mix bar.
- By-elections were held and both positions were acclaimed.
- Had a meeting with the deans today and mainly discussed two things; the deans asked for Council's input on the matters.

Question 1: Regarding how the University handles religious conflicts with regards to examinations. There is discussion of two policy change options, one of which would expand to include accommodation for many more religions and one which would no longer accommodate any religious conflicts.

Discussion:

As it stands the university is sort of wishy-washy with accommodations being dependent on Professors' preferences, and cases coming to the Deans when a student has not received an accommodation from their Professor.

- As it stands we do not have exams on Sundays, should we also discontinue Saturday or Friday examinations for accommodate additional religions.
- Concern rose about students taking advantage of more accessible accommodations.
- Difficulty of Christian based break time on the national level which complicates accommodation further.
- A member of the Council suggests having an online form which students can fill out; updating the system in order to take some of the pressure of the Deans and Professors.
- Concern is raised about the potential for academic fraud. In order to regulate the volume of accommodation requests, a Council member suggests a section on an online form which only allows a student to affirm their affiliation with a single religion.
- Discussion of the possibility of designated accommodation days for students with religious affiliations; something like a dispersal of reading week type days for those students. This is countered on the basis of it being difficult to regulate.
- Requires more exam proctors.
- The Council affirms that reasonable accommodation is important.
- The Council question how the more inclusive policy has worked at York University.

Question 2: Regarding how the University can further incentivize student note-taking for Accessibility Services.

Discussion:

- Accessibility Services are trying to implementing better note taking services; the problem of a lack thereof is more so in other faculties.
- VP Communications suggested making note taking an optional EDGE experience, a valuable suggestion but it does not account for co-op students.
- A Councilmember mentions that incentives are already in place; students receiving a letter of recommendation for so many terms of note taking.
- A Council member brings up the issue of students lacking confidence in their note taking; the need to hold workshops or having the ability to work closer with Professors to understand how to write effective and useful notes.
- A Council member suggests a monetary incentive for note taking i.e., adding money on one's WatCard.
- The Council discusses the issue with Professors not sharing their lecture notes, at least with students which have additional needs.

VP Executive

N/A

VP Academic

N/A

VP Communications

N/A

VP Finance

- Last day for cheque requests will be the 27th.
- Wants societies to make sure they are paying for their events in their entirety and then getting students to reimburse them personally if they are paying part of the cost. This is to keep funding trackable for the accountant.

VP Retail

N/A

VP Social

- Christmas Market Event had to be cancelled.
- Planning for Gala next term is underway.

Motion to Adjourn

First: History Society

Second: German Society

Vote: Motion Passes

Resolved: Council approves the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Absences

Digital Arts and Communications Society

Economics Society

Global Business and Digital Arts Society

Human Sciences Society

Philosophy Society

Psychology Society

Religious Studies Society

Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies Society

Sociology Society

Spanish Society

Women's Studies Society

Appendix A

Minutes

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Motion: That the Council approve the October 18th, 2017 Council Minutes

First: Legal Studies Society

Second: History Society

Vote: Motion Passes

Resolved: The Council approves the aforementioned council minutes.

Grant Proposals

Economics Society's Alumni X Student Social Grant Proposal

Proposal: Economics Society is requesting \$300 in order to fund their Alumni X Student social, using the grant for food. As the Alumni X Student social will consume most of the society's budget, based on projected costs from last year, the grant will be used primarily to cover future costs for the term. The event is valuable in its ability to improve understanding a means of succeeding in the field for students, as well as to better integrate students in the program, and to strengthen relationships with alumni.

Questions:

PSSA asks if the Economics Department would cover the cost of the venue for the event (Graduate house) as most other departments do. The representative is not able to answer this question as they are a proxy there on behalf of the society. The Council asks if Economics Society has any other large events over the course of November. The representative mentions the Graduate Showcase which will take place in late November. The council asks if the society can come back to propose a grant for next event, as the Council does not provide grants pre-emptively on the basis of precedent.

Discussion:

The Council questions the steepness of the projected costs, and wonders if there is some way for the society to reduce their costs. Human Resources Society emphasizes that there will be another council meeting in two weeks where they can request a grant if they need money for additional events in the term. Society discusses that the amount requested seems arbitrary based on the budget breakdown in the grant proposal. The council expresses concern in the bad form of approving grants for non-specific events which have not yet been determined. The council feels that grant proposal should have a more comprehensive budget breakdown.

Motion: That Council approve the above proposal.

Vote: **Motion Denied**

(18 Against, Legal Studies, Sociology, and History abstain)

Resolved: That Council rejects the aforementioned proposal requesting more clarity in a newly drafted proposal for next council.

Long Night Against Procrastination Grant Proposal Follow-Up

Discussion:

The Council questions the ambiguity in the provided evidence of whether emails were sent between council meetings, as some of the emails provided were student societies' spring emails. The representative from Human Resources Management Society asks if receipts may be provided based on expenses for the event which would be funded by the Arts Student Union's grant. Legal Studies Society again brings up Facebook attendance which is far lower than that of the representative's projected attendance. The society requests more comprehensive evidence to be approved based on the judgement of the ASU's executives, in order to receive the conditional additional funding.

Motion: That Council deny the approval of the additional \$100 as part of the conditional grant proposal agreement from the last council.

Vote: Motion Passes

(17 For, Executives abstain)

Resolved: The Council rejects the approval of the additional \$100 grant based on a lack of sufficient proof, and leaves final judgement up to the ASU executives if they are provided with sufficient proof prior to the event on November 9th, 2017.

Society Reports

History Society

- Held a Movie Night which had a good turnout.
- Planning for a History Dinner Event in March.

Economics Society

- Launching Mentorship program shortly.
- Alumni X Student Social will be held on November 8th.
- Having a podcast this week.
- Working on Graduate Showcase Event.

Classics and Medieval Studies Society

- Executive meeting last week postponed due to conflicting schedules with regards to academics.
- Halloween banquet was a success.

Psychology Society

- Held their first general council meeting which had good turnout.

Human Resources Management Society

- Acting President is excited to announce that the society is active this term.
- Hoping to partner up with Psychology Society to hold an event on the 20th of November.

Political Science Student Association

- Had a Halloween Candy and Trivia Event which was successful.
- Upcoming Panel Event on surviving a year with Trump.

Anthropology Society

- Upcoming Flint Mapping Event.

Philosophy Society

- Board game night had successful turnout, especially in terms of First year students.
- Postponed Matrix Movie Night Event.
- Holding an argument clinic next week mainly for first year students.
- Will hold a Professor Student mixer and the end of the term.

German Society

- Upcoming Professors and Schnitzel Dinner tomorrow evening.
- Upcoming Movie Night event which be the last event of the term for the society.

English Society

- Vacant positions in the Executive team have finally been filled.
- Upcoming Harry Potter Extravaganza Event

Peace and Conflicts Society

- Having a Random Acts of Kindness booth on November 13th.

Society of Fine Arts

- Have been holding weekly board games events.
- Working on arranging a Painting Night Event.

Theatre Students Union

- Held Halloween Movie Night with Speech Communications Society (watched The Addams Family) and decorated the green room.
- Finalizing swag, pending on student input.
- Hosting a directing workshop on November 26th.
- Hosting Fall Drama Ball on December 6th.

Le Cercle Français

- Held a café event (allowing students to discuss in French).
- Had a pumpkin carving event for Halloween.
- Working on preparations for Gala in February.
- Held a Crepe Night which had good turnout.

Legal Studies Society

- Upcoming Student Professor Mixer to which quite a few professors have RSVPd
- Working on upcoming prison trip and working on also attending a police training facility.

Sociology Society

- Upcoming collaborative event with Legal Studies Society.
- Hosting Graduate Studies Panel on November 16th.
- Ordering swag in the near future.

Music Society

- Held a Halloween Movie Night which had good turnout.
- Going to the Symphony this Friday (November 3rd).
- Going to the Opera to see The Magic Flute next Friday (November 10th).
- Upcoming Sushi event.

Executive Reports

President

- Reminds the Council that the ASU will be holding by-elections for the winter term executive, with positions of VP Executive and VP Finance. Encourages anyone interested to fill out a nomination form.
- Puppies and Popcorn, in collaboration with Arts Undergraduate Office will be held from 11-2 or 3 PM in the Hagey Hub on the 28th of November. Event will include free massages, potentially yoga, and other destress activities.
- The ASU will be volunteering at Fall Open House this weekend.
- Stresses that Feds wants societies to be submitting event forms two weeks in advance
- Feds Volunteer Appreciation Event is on the 13th of November. All on the council are welcome, but they to need to sign up in advance; the VP Social will post a link to sign-up in the executives Facebook page.

VP Executive

N/A

VP Academic

N/A

VP Communications

- Will be attending the UGAG meeting with the VP Academic on the 2nd of November (UGAG meeting where department heads, as well as deans discuss and determine academic developments for the Arts faculty).
- Continuing to work on development of the ASU website and Instagram.

VP Finance

- The President reiterates VP Finance's message, urging societies to keep itemized receipts which need to be attached to cheque request forms.

VP Retail

- Recently ordered stickers for the ASU as well as additional Porcellino shirts to be sold in the tuck shop.

VP Social

- Spooky week was successful, except the photo contest received no response.



-Halloween Haunt event was a success.

-Movies for Mental Health is happening tomorrow in the Science Teaching Complex from 6:30 to 8:30 (being held by the ASU and Science Society) where there will be refreshments movies panel.



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