

# **Arts Council Meeting**

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 October 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 Council Minutes in <i>Appendix A</i> Motion: That the Council approve the above minutes.	Decision
3	Economics Society's Alumni X Student Social Event Grant Proposal in <i>Appendix B</i> Motion: That the Council approve the grant proposal.	Decision
4	Discussion of Long Night Against Procrastination Conditional Grant Proposal Response.	Decision
5	Items for Report/Announcement	Information
6	Adjournment	Decision



# **Minutes**

# **Approval of the Agenda**

**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 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>.
- -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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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



# **English**

- -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 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup>.
- -Hosting Fall Drama Ball on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 Februrary.
- -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 16<sup>th</sup>.
- -Ordering swag in the near future.

# **Music Society**

- -Held a Halloween Movie Night which had good turnout.
- -Going to the Symphony this Friday (November 3<sup>rd</sup>).
- -Going to the Opera to see The Magic Flute next Friday (November 10<sup>th</sup>).
- -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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# **Motion to Adjourn**

First: Anthropology Society Second: Sociology Society

**Vote: Motion Passes** 

Resolved: Council approves the motion to adjourn the meeting

# <u>Absences</u>

Accounting and Finance Student Association

Arts and Business Society

Digital Arts and Communications Students Society

Global Business and Digital Arts

**Human Sciences Society** 

**Religious Studies Society** 

Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies Society

Spanish Society

Women's Studies Society



# Appendix A

# October 18<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes

# **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** That council approve the agenda.

First: History Society Second: Classics and Medieval Studies

Society

**Vote: Motion Passes** 

Resolved: That council approve the aforementioned agenda.

# **Approval of the Council Minutes**

Motion: That the council approve the October 4th, 2017 Council Minutes

First: History Society Second: German Society

**Vote: Motion Passes** 

Resolved: The council approves the aforementioned council minutes.



# **Grant Proposals**

# **Long Night Against Procrastination Event Grant**

**Proposal:** The Writing and Communication Centre is hosting LNAP in the Student Life Centre. The goal of the event is to intervene in bad practices of students with regards to balancing social and academic life having writing workshops led by UW professors, yoga, meditation, de-stress puppies and time management workshops etc. The Writing and Communication Centre is also collaborating with the library and UW Mates, etc. The event has expanded heavily based on previous numbers as they are anticipating 300+ undergraduates this year. With the increased size of the event and few donors, the LNAP representative requests \$600 for a food and beverage budget after quickly running out of provisions for the lengthy last year. They provide a comprehensive budget breakdown.

**Questions:** If it is drop-in event, what percentage of students attending this event are confirmed arts students? The representative answers that a broad spectrum of students in all faculties attends this event.

What other societies have been asked for a grant by the LNAP representative? The representatives answers that they reached out to all of the societies via email and only received response from the Arts Student Union.

**Discussion:** Political Science Student Association expresses concern about extrapolating projected attendance, and asking for too much finance on that notion. Speech Communications Society expresses the concern that the ASU is the only society acting as a benefactor and that the representative should pursue funding from other sources more rigorously. German Society understands the amount requested but raises concern for the ASU being the sole society to fund an event open to all faculties. VP Academic acknowledges that the event cannot be made exclusive, but asks the council if they see merit in the event, and wish for it to continue in the future. German and History Society acknowledge the value of the event, but the council affirms that the grant requested is too steep for the ASU. History Society suggests granting the LNAP a third of the initial grant request.

**Motion:** That the Council denied the above proposal.

**Vote: Motion Denied** 

Resolved: All against

**Countermotion:** The council grants the LNAP representative \$200 and an additional \$100 after said representative provides proof of similar proposals to other societies which are rejected.

**Vote: Motion Passes** 



Resolved: 15 For, Executives abstain

# **German Society Swag Funding Grant Proposal**

**Proposal:** The German Society request funding outside of their termly allotment in order to account for the increased size of the society to purchase swag for the society. They have created a new logo and request \$120 for a set-up fee with the clothing supplier in addition to fees per garment to reduce the cost for those purchasing swag. They mention the importance of swag for creating unity within the society and advertising the existence of the society in addition to their many event and aspirations.

**Questions:** How much does the society request? The society answers that they request a minimum of \$180 and a maximum of \$250.

**Discussion:** \$250 is acknowledged as too steep on the basis of the size of German Society, but the council approves of a grant of \$200.

Motion: That council approve the above proposal.

**Vote: Motion Passes** 

Resolved: 18 For, VP Social and Society of Fine Arts abstain.



# **Society Reports**

# **History Society**

- -Had a successful Meet and Greet which had a turnout of 15-20 people.
- -Express interest in future events previously discussed such as a movie night, or a Meet the Professor Event.

### **Political Science Student Association**

- -Planning some events and reaching out to others.
- -Express desire to put forth a grant proposal at the next council meeting.

### **Legal Studies Society**

- -Have held a couple of successful events with turnout of 20-30 people in addition to present executives.
- -A speaker from a US law school gave a talk about applying to law school, event had small attendance, but the society looks forward to holding a similar event soon.
- -Will hold a student professor mixer with Sociology Society.
- -Revising annual prison trip, and holding an event where students can go to the Kitchener-Waterloo Court House.

# **Economics Society**

- -Working on a first-year apprenticeship program, partnering up first year students with upper years to help in deciding their career paths.
- -Holding Alumni social at the Bomber.
- -Upcoming Graduate student Showcase.

# **Classics and Medieval Studies Society**

- -Holding an event on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.
- -Working on swag for the term.
- -Working on a Classics and Medieval Studies student run journal.

# Psychology Society

- -Held a welcome event on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.
- -Revamping society events such as Meet the Professor and Study Sessions.
- -Expressed intention to submit a grant proposal for the next council meeting.

# **Theatre Students Union**

- -Haven't run any events since the last council meeting.
- -Working on swag.
- -Cohosting a Movie Night next week with Speech Communications Society.
- -Found a location and preferred caterer for their Drama Ball



# **German Society**

- -Having an Oktoberfest event.
- -Going to the Christmas Market.
- -Have had six executive meetings already.
- -Hosting a board games night in the near future.
- -Will have a Schnitzel and Professors Event.
- -Will hold a few more Movie Nights over the course of the term.
- -Ordering swag next week.

# **Accounting and Finance Students Association**

- -Held a Reach for The Stars Trivia Event which had good turnout.
- -Holding an intramural sports event with subsidy provided by the SAF lounge.
- -Decorated their lounge for Halloween.
- -Hold a 3 on 3 basketball tournament in the near future.
- -Holding a Sauce the VPs Event to raise money for the food bank.
- -Will hold a Study session with care packages for AFM students.
- -Having a Halloween Instagram Event

# **Global Business and Digital Arts Society**

- -Finished interviews for first-year representatives, hiring four people on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.
- -Holding a Professional Development Conference next term.
- -Event squad planning Halloween festivities.
- -Working on swag.
- Putting together care package for GBDA students during midterm season.
- -First event collaboration with 80 first years.

# **Sociology Society**

- -Holding a Professor Mixer with Sociology Society.
- -Looking forward to involvement in Fall Open House.

# **Arts and Business Society**

- -Having Job jam event next Tuesday where the society helps students with resumes, head shots, mock interviews, etc.
- -Start up event linking up entrepreneurs with students to give them guidance on how to acquire jobs upper fields in Kitchener-Waterloo.
- -Working on Instagram and marketing strategy, defining what the society is promoting.

### Anthropology Society

-Working on a Flint Mapping Event.

### **Peace and Conflicts Society**

-Held an event on the 18<sup>th</sup>, A Conflict Resolution Escape Room; event a success, but will work on better marketing for next time.



-Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Opportunity Fair for internships at the Centre for Peace Advancement.

# **Speech Communications Society**

- -Cohosting event with Theatre Students Union
- -Will hold a seminar with a SPCOM in mid-November appropriate about race and gender communication.

# **Fine Arts Society**

- -Hoping to Tea time, Homework Nights, Board Games Nights.
- -50 people turned up for a welcoming event for first years.
- -Turn out for weekly events has been spotty
- -Showing Tim burton film for Movie Night next week for Halloween.



# **Executive Reports**

#### President

- -Reaches out to council member who may want to help the ASU at Fall Open House
- -Puppies and Popcorn will be on November 28<sup>th</sup> from 11-3 in the Hagey Hub.
- -Sent a link to the new 2017-2018 Executives Facebook group, add additional executives in your respective societies.
- -Fall fest was cancelled due to weather.
- -VP Finance wants societies who have not yet done so to meet with him, as it is important to keep up with Society Budgets.
- -VP Finance requests that all cheque requests have itemized receipts attached for our accountant.
- -Urges societies to properly transition new executives.
- -Expresses the ASU's desire to have an ASU type "Joey" program for training first years in prospective executive positions for future years.

### **VP Executive**

N/A

### VP Academic

- -Attended the Senate Undergraduate Council on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.
- -Moving away from requirement of English 109 course to a first movement communications credit, where course topics will be different based on the professor conducting the course.
- -Attended a Co-op Meeting and seeking opinions of the council on new developments. Co-op is attempting to create protected field of jobs for first years comprised of skill development jobs with availability limited to those in their first work terms.

**Discussion:** VP Social questions the nature of those jobs, i.e. foundational co-ops based on labour, and their applicability to students' fields. PSSA suggested opening first year pool in later rounds so they can still compete for regular co-op jobs in their first term, but have the first year pool as something to fall back on. German Society sees first co-op as a valuable opportunity for some to fail, giving them a sense of reality beyond University. PSSA see this development as an attempt to improve the perception of prospects for first years, suggests improvement of job tagging.

Theatre Students Union acknowledges the value of such a development to give first years the sense that they have a chance so that they are more likely to remain in co-op.



### **VP Communication**

- -Continuing to work on the ASU website, updating blurbs, photos, links, etc.
- -Working on Instagram and mainly advertising for the ASU's Halloween Haunt Event.

### **VP Finance**

N/A

### **VP Retail**

- -Tells the Council that they submitted an Arts Endowment Fund Proposal for a new scanner, receipt machine, sale software for the ASU Tuck shop.
- -Reminds the Council that the ASU is always seeking volunteers.

### **VP Social**

- -Spooky week from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>
- -Reminds council of upcoming Halloween Haunt event, and to spread awareness to their societies.
- -Movies for Mental Health acquired another panellist for post film-showing discussion. Event is at 6:30 on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at STC,
- -Christmas Market in the Distillery District will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November and will be \$8 for arts and \$10 for non-arts; more details to come.



# **Motion to Adjourn**

First: History Society Second: Global Business and Digital Arts

Society

**Vote: Motion Passes** 

Resolved: Council approves the motion to adjourn the meeting

# <u>Absences</u>

**Human Sciences Society** 

Human Resource Management Society

**Music Society** 

Women's Studies Society

**Digital Arts Communication Society** 

**Religious Studies Society** 

Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies Society

Le Cercle Français

Spanish Society

**Philosophy Society** 



# Appendix B

# Economics Society's Alumni X Student Grant Proposal

Society/club name: University of Waterloo Economics Society
Reason for subsidy: We are asking for \$300 to cover some of the food cost for our Alumni X Student Social. This is an event where arts students can gather and socialize and network with alumni and other students. This even will most likely use up 80-90% of our funding and we will not have enough for the

Date of event (if applicable):

remainder of the term.

Location (if applicable): Graduate House

Number of participants: 60-70

Total expenditures: -around \$1000

24\*(8 to 10) thick crust pizza \$24 =240

1 corn chips and salsa - \$35

1 hummus and pita - \$35

1 spinach dip - \$35

1 veggie tray - \$52

1 fruit tray - \$3.25 \* 30 = 97.25

room rental fee 60/hr \* 4 = 240

70 drink tickets \$2.50/each = 175

10 coffee/tea \$1/each = 10

Expected revenues: N/A

Loan or grant: Grant

Proposed subsidy from Arts Student Union: \$1351

Allotment already received this term: None received yet.