
AHSUM Attendance Minutes

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Speaker: Recchia, Jule

Secretary: Vice President, Nagib

Attendance

The following members were present:

- Recchia, Jule
- Ismali, Sarah
- Hang, Vivienne
- Erb, Clara
- Szajbely, Katie
- Sloan, Connor
- Crawford, Meagan
- Al-Hammadi, Mawj
- Harris, Taylor
- Nagib, Hannah

Regrets: Nathoo, Sarina

Preliminaries

Call to Order

President, Recchia called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Highs and Lows

High and lows will not be recorded since they are personal reflections.

Regular Agenda

Approval of Agenda

Be it resolved that Approval of Agenda

Motioned: Director, Szajbely and Seconded: Vice President, Nagib

Motion carries unanimously

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Be it resolved that Approval of Agenda

Motioned: Director, Szajbely and Seconded: Director, Ismail

Motion carries unanimously

Reports of Officers

President

President, Recchia reported that student relations officer, Becca is leaving for a new position as of January 15, 2021. President Recchia further explained that the University of Waterloo is currently looking for someone to take over the position before April 1, 2021 however, she will get more information regarding this topic and report back to the executive team. President Recchia also reported that she will be meeting with students relation officer, Becca on January 15, 2021 to go over expectations and goals for the semester along with tying any loose ends before Becca departs for her new position. President Recchia further explained that she will be speaking with Becca regarding filling the Representative of Recreation position with respect to the AHSUM executive team, she stated that she believes it will be another election. Finally, President Recchia reported that the AHSUM executive team will be in charge of running and managing the AHSUM discord platform.

VP of Internal Affairs

No updates.

VP of Education

Vice President Harris reported that she attended a senate meeting on January 12, 2021 where they brought into light that the University of Waterloo plans on using “blended learning” as a tool for the future. Vice president Harris reported that there will be training for professors with respect to the “blended learning” teaching style and that this will begin when campus begins to open as the University is worried that there will not be enough classroom space to maintain social distancing. Vice president Harris explains that the University will most likely implement this strategy indefinitely. Vice President Harris further explained that they are still discussing which style of blended is the most efficient. Vice President Harris further reported that through blended learning the University will be able to maintain co-op positions that were made this year such as the SOLA’S and OLA’S. Similarly, Vice president Harris stated that they will most likely train more individuals to fulfill the SOLA and OLA positions. Vice President Recchia reported that she has a meeting with the co-op student experience associate and manager, however she is not in co-op therefore she let the AHSUM executive team know

that if there is any input regarding co-op that she should talk about during the meeting then they should contact her at any time. Finally, Vice president Harris reported that she had a meeting with the AHSUM representatives in the morning where they discussed the Takeover Tuesday event with professors and the academic event that is being planned. Vice president Harris explained that the representatives will begin sending emails to professors on Monday January 18, 2021. The email will entail a survey which discusses what Tuesday the professor would like to be featured on the AHSUM instagram account and exactly when to send their videos.

VP of Finance

Vice president Sloan reported that we are officially under the WUSA bank account which means that it will be a lot easier to move funds around.

Directors

Director Szajbely reported that her and Director Crawford ran a baking event over the holidays where they baked cookies. Director Szajbely explained that approximately 100 individuals joined the live stream however, not a lot of people stayed throughout the entire event. Director Szajbely further stated that although not everyone who joined the live stream was from Waterloo, there was still good engagement. Director Szajbely reported that no one sent in any submissions. Moreover, Director Szajbely reported that she had a meeting with the Ryerson student society as they are interested in having a virtual games night at the end of March with various universities. Also, Director Szajbely asked the executive team if they were interested in collaborating with Ryerson University and the team answered yes. Finally, Director Szajbely reported that Ryerson has not given her much details yet however, she will stay in contact with them.

Director Crawford reported that she had a meeting with the W-Store with respect to the program sweaters and the laptop stand initiative. Director Crawford explained that she tried reducing the cost for students since they will also be paying for shipping however, the W-Store does not want to reduce their prices as they still need to cover their own costs. Moreover, Director Crawford explained that the executive team needs to figure out the exact amount of program “merch” that we currently have as she was unable to tell via the paperwork she was given. Director Crawford stated that someone will need to go onto campus to count what we have however she is unsure how that will work with the lockdown / stay at home order. President Recchia responded to Director Crawford that she does not believe that this is considered an “essential service” however, will take this matter up with Becca who will have knowledge regarding this matter. Vice president Harris responded saying that she remembers the previous AHSUM executive counting all the inventory and that she will contact her to see if she has more information regarding this topic. Vice president Harris further explained that due to COVID-19 there is a possibility that no one was able to actually end up counting the inventory but she will still look into the matter on behalf of Director Crawford. Director Erb brought into light that students are still able to curbside pickup orders

from the W-Store and suggested getting Becca to ask someone who is able to work on campus to go and count the sweaters. AHSUM executives will be waiting for a response from Becca before doing any further actions regarding this matter.

Representatives

Representative Hang reported that all of the information from the Kinesiology information meeting has been shared on the various AHSUM / Kinesiology social media platforms. Representative Hang reported that she will be attending meetings in the upcoming week and that she will have more updates at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous

Winter 2021 Term Plans:

Vice president Harris reported that instead of the Pops and Profs event she wants AHSUM to have a coffee hour event using the platform discord. Vice president Harris explained that there will be one big room on discord where introductions will be made and then the AHSUM executives present will be in charge of directing people to the breakout rooms with a particular professor. Vice president Harris explained that they will send out invitations with RSVPs to professors so that the representatives are able to begin creating profiles for each professor as well as so that advertising of the event can begin. Furthermore, vice president Harris reported that the event will be occurring during the first week of February and that there will also be a poll going around the AHSUM executive members with respect to their availability. Vice president Harris also explained that there will be an incentive for students who decide to come to the event. Similarly, representative Hang further touched on the incentive aspect of the event. Representative Hang explained that many students typically come to the Pops and Profs event due to the fact that it is catered and there is always food for students to enjoy. That being said, Representative Hang suggested that students who come to the event can be given a \$5 giftcard to Tim Hortons / Starbucks since we are unable to cater a virtual event. Representative Hang explained that students will need to sign in before moving to the actual event so that we are able to monitor who actually attended so that gift cards could be handed out afterwards. Finally, Representative Hang reported that she will reach out to Vice president Sloan regarding this idea and Director Erb reported that she will be able to help with promoting the event.

Director Crawford reported that an initiative she would look to see occur this term is a wellness week. Director Crawford further explained that each day would entail a different emotion and a way to cope with it. Director Crawford also suggested implementing self care, the wellness committee and incentives throughout this week. Representative Hang added to the idea by suggesting cooking, baking or painting live streams.

Vice president Harris suggested that another event for the term could be having students outside AHSUM take part of Takeover Tuesdays so that more students are able to be involved. Vice

president Harris suggested having individuals with various specializations or who are in different clubs on campus take part in the Takeover Tuesday.

President Recchia suggested creating an initiative for Bell Lets Talk day since we are unable to do anything on campus and we typically have a booth set up.

Representative Hang suggested offering resume critiques as an initiative this term as it can be incredibly helpful for students applying to co-op jobs, research positions and much more. Vice president Harris reported that she will bring this topic up at her next co-op meeting.

Vice president Harris reported that AHSUM should have a general meeting this term. President Recchia stated that AHSUM will be holding a general meeting for the AHS faculty at the end of the term.

Representative Hang suggested that AHSUM organizes an E-sport event at some point throughout the term and explained that she can assist in organizing the event.

Discord Transition:

President Recchia reported that the AHS discord server is the responsibility of AHSUM this term. President Recchia asked the executives to tell her if there is anything specific the team wants to do with respect to the discord server. Vice president Harris explained that we can use the server to make AHS students aware of all the resources they have. President Recchia explained that the server currently has a resources section that simply needs to be more organized and revamped. President Recchia explained that a third year Kinesiology student wanted to use the server to do a one hour silent study session that she will lead and asked the team if they were okay with that. The executive team agreed to the idea and President Recchia will reach out to the student. The AHSUM executives suggested having program tags on the discord server. Representative Hang suggested having tags for years and co-op students. President Recchia reported that Marie has already implemented many events on the server and that executives can take turns running particular events each week. President Recchia reported that the team will further speak on this topic at the following meeting

Be it resolved that the Chair adjourns the meeting at 4:49 pm.

Motioned: Director, Isamali and Seconded: Vice President, Harris

Motion carries unanimously