

AHSUM Attendance Minutes

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Speaker: Recchia, Jule

Secretary: Vice President, Nagib

Attendance

The following members were present:

- Recchia, Jule
- Nagib, Hannah
- Hang, Vivienne
- Harris, Taylor
- Szajbely, Katie
- Sloan, Connor
- Ismail, Sarah
- Al-Hammadi, Mawj
- Meagan, Crawford
- Fatima, Aiman
- Nathoo, Sarina

Regrets: Erb, Clara

Preliminaries

Call to Order

President, Recchia called the meeting to order at 4:02 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: Director, Crawford

Motion carries unanimously

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Be it resolved that Approval of Agenda

Motioned: Representative, Hang and Seconded: Director, Ismail

Motion carries unanimously

Reports of Officers

President

President, Recchia reported that after talking to WUSA President, Abigail Simpson, and Becca Cordick, there will be an Endowment Fund fee and Society Fee charge for the winter term. Becca Cordick has approved for us to be selling hoodies, the next step is talking to the W-Store. It was also suggested by Becca Cordick to order new faculty hoodies due to the faculty name change effective January 2021. We will sell the same ones from next year and discuss ordering more sizes. Next steps will be figuring out how to get on campus and access the sweaters as well as coordinating with the W-Store. It was also reported that Becca Cordick will help us make action plans for virtual events for future reference. This is still something that is necessary as it will help us keep record of events run by AHSUM. Marie Tsai contacts President, Recchia about if we should hold office hours on the Discord Server. Representative Al-Hammadi spoke to Marie Tsai regarding this topic and she thinks it is a good idea and that it is a great opportunity to create a “fun vibe” and recreate the lounge. Vice President, Harris likes the idea but suggests we should not say it is “office hours”. Representative, Hang does not think it is necessary because we are not offering services that students need to contact AHSUM members for and thinks if there are questions we can go about it in other ways. President, Recchia is considering another way that students can ask us questions and that using the Instagram account is a possible option that students can ask questions through there. Representative, Hang suggests that we could create an AHSUM channel within the AHS Discord server and have our team members be in charge of supervising it in case anyone posts there trying to contact us.

VP of Internal Affairs

Vice President, Nagib reported on what was said in the recent CSC meeting in that if there is anything that students feel that is an issue with Waterloo Works/ co-op that they are free to let her know so that she can contact Susan. Also, it was mentioned that there is a free course that students can self-enroll in called “Digital Works” and that the university is looking to organize more courses as such. Finally, Vice President, Nagib asked the team that if there were any ideas for potential free courses to let her know so that she could follow up with the necessary individuals.

VP of Education

Vice President, Harris reported that the university will be giving away a scholarship to eligible students and staff of \$2000; however, it was decided that it was spam that was sent out to university accounts. It was also reported that the employment rate is at 91.3% for fall 2020, whereas it was 98.9% in fall 2019.

VP of Finance

No updates.

Directors

Director, Szajbely has emailed the SOLAs and OLAs so that we can begin planning events with their team.

Director, Crawford received an email from Becca Cordick regarding the AHSEF proposal.

Representatives

Representative, Al-Hammadi attended a meeting for the Student Engagement Working Group and there is concern in overwhelming students; therefore, the goal is to collaborate with other groups on campus. Our past event, “Pints and Pops with Profs” was brought up at the meeting and Chrissy Williams brought forward to her that students felt that the event was not inclusive in that it did not include diverse professors as they are primarily white; therefore, she will attend the next meeting so that we can work towards creating a more inclusive event.

Representative, Al-Hammad also reported that Becca Cordick wants us to put future events in the event calendar so that we do not overshadow other events and to make sure we collaborate with the official AHS Instagram page in the future as they are a great source.

Representative, Hang brought forward the idea of AHSUM looking into proposing items that can be given to students in regard to helping students optimize their virtual learning. For example, get funding for wellness kits, provide a subsidy for things like laptop stands/other ergonomic supports. Next step is to contact Becca Cordick and see if there is something we can do. Director, Crawford was looking over the proposal forms and explained that we need to know the overall cost of items and determine how much money the faculty would be spending per student as well as determine what the requirements would be for a student to apply.

President, Recchia will contact Becca Cordick and will begin to look into this idea and how to go about this.

Reports

Representative, Hang reported on the Co-Op Student Experience and wanted to know about students' feedback so that co-op can improve student experience. It was found that AHS students were at a 60% dissatisfaction rate with co-op positions and are the most dissatisfied compared to the other faculties; therefore, we need to provide more support to co-op students. As the AHSUM executive team, we should look into planning an event for AHS co-op students to help them feel more supported.

Miscellaneous

AHS WUSA Councillor

Guest, Fatima explained the reasoning behind the AHS name change and reported that there was no undergraduate consultation. The senate members voted in abstinence due to no consultation. By doing this, it got the attention of department heads. It was also brought forward that students were given the opportunity to voice their opinions through a survey. The Board of Governors passed the name change; however, Guest, Fatima talked to Dean Lili about giving students a voice. In terms of name changes, there is talk of changes being made to departments, programs and faculty, however, she can not go into too much detail with us. Future students will have different faculty names on their student cards, however, current students will not be affected. It was explained that AHSUM is being given the opportunity to change the name or keep it the same. It will be discussed at the next executive meeting.

New Business

No updates.

Be it resolved that the Chair adjourns the meeting at 5:00 pm
Motioned: Director, Szajbely and Seconded: Director, Ismail
Motion carries unanimously

