

## **General Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 3, 2018 at 6:00pm**

**Location: G303**

**1. Call to order: 6:39pm**

**2. Roll Call:**

Chair/President	Brandon Vollweiter	Education Rep	Matthew McLachlan
Science Rep	Emma Schmidt	Environmental Health Rep	Mark Arnold
VP Finance	Andrew Priess	Arts Rep	Ester Latifi
VP Internal	Alex Bedard	Arts Rep	Lauren Hollman
ED	Lin Zhang	VP Student Life	Hannah Ludlage
VP Marketing	Madeline Ludlage		
Management Rep	Matthew Hanson	Athletic Ambassador	Rebekka Hay

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

**3.1. Agenda for October 3, 2018**

- 8.2. replaced from CSA election to Mental health first aid.
- Dr Lisboa is unable to attend and present the Alumni Relations today. Presentation will be postponed until further notice.
- Motion by Arts Rep Hollman, Seconded by Arts Rep Latifi.
- Motion Carried with all votes in favour.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**4.1. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2018**

- Motion by Science Rep, Seconded by Arts Rep.
- Motion Carried with all votes in favour.

**5. Presentation: Dr Lisboa - Alumni Relations**

**6. Unfinished Business:**

**6.1. GC Written Reports**

- Motion: Approval of GC Report as presented for Oct 3, 2018
- Motion by Science Rep Schmidt, Seconded by Arts Rep Lafiti.
- Motion Carried with all votes in favour.

**6.2. AGM Review**

- AGM was well attended. Proposed changes in the By-laws are passed. President will mail the updated By-laws to Corporate Registry and resume the incorporation process.

**7. New Business:**

**7.1. Management Rep Election Results**

- Matthew Hanson has won 48 votes of the 60 Management student voters.

- Motion: To ratify Matthew Hanson as the 2018/2019 CSA management rep.
- Motioned by Science Rep Schmidt, Seconded by Education Rep McLachlan.
- Motion Carried with all votes in favour.

### **7.2. Rep/Executive-President Meetings**

- Chair Vollweiter would like to have individual meeting with board members, including executives and faculty reps, and hear some recommendations or comment on how CSA can achieve its goal and improve itself

### **7.3. Post Graduate Work Permit White Paper**

- Background: The Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) program allows graduating international students from certain designated learning institutions to prolong their stay in Canada (from 8 months to 3 years depending on the length of the program) and gain Canadian work experience.
- The current eligibility requires: “To get a post-graduation work permit, you must: have continuously studied full-time in Canada in a study program at least eight months long”.
- This clause implies that any unscheduled breaks during the undergraduate or graduate studies of an individual will derive in his/her ineligibility for the PGWP. These unscheduled breaks include parental leaves, mental or physical health leaves and any additional authorized leave of absence.
- One of NAITSA executive approach CSA to endorse the Post Graduate Work Permit White Paper drafted up by University of Calgary Student Association.
- The White paper is to support international student who take reasonable break during school but still be eligible to apply for the post-graduation work permit.
- Discussion: Student reps believe that the university and student unions are prioritizing the internationalization of their student body by admitting more international students in all programs and levels of study. However, there are many loopholes exist in what the white paper proposing. Some people may abuse the system, making it unfair to other international student or the taxpayer.
- Motion: To declined endorsing the post-secondary work permit white paper at this time.
- Amendment : change “at this time” to “in this form”.

- Motioned by Education Rep McLachlan. Seconded by Environmental Health Rep Arnold
  - Motion Carried with all votes in favour.
- 7.4. Mission/Vision**
- A Mission Statement defines the company's business, its objectives and its approach to reach those objectives. A Vision Statement describes the desired future position of the company. Elements of Mission and Vision Statements are often combined to provide a statement of the CSA's purposes, goals and values.
  - CSA do not have Mission/Vision statement. Executives will brainstorm and draft the mission/vision statement for the board review. Meanwhile, Athletics Representative Hay express her interest in joining the discussion.

#### **7.5. Club & Union Policy Question**

- Policy and Governance committee wants the GC's comment on a proposed clause in the Club and Union Policy: Club events must be open to the entire membership of the CSA;
- Discussion:
- Affirmative side:
- There is no clubs that's strong enough to exclude other student members to their event.
- Majority of club funding comes from student fee. Thus all student members have the equal opportunity to attend the event.
- Opposition side: Some clubs can not afford to invite all students to come. For example, Model UN international conference.
- Conclusion: Clubs should invite all students to their event even they may not sign up for membership. These events exclude any conference and travel.
- Motion: To move the point back to Policy and Governance Committee.
- Motioned by Education Rep McLachlan, seconded by VP Finance Preiss.

### **8. Information:**

#### **8.1. Next Meeting Time: November 7, 2018**

#### **8.2. Mental Health First Aid**

- Gallivan will provide Mental Health First Aid in January. Doodle Poll shows that January 19,20 will be the most attended date.

#### **8.3. Building Survey**

- Currently have 92 responses on the building survey. Will promote the Building CUCASpooka Promo Day.

**9. Round Table:**

- CSA VP Student Life is organizing winter ski trip with Backside Tour. Asking for GC recommendation for time and place.

**10. Adjournment:7:10pm**