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Date of Meeting: Tuesday September 23, 2014

Location: Abdul Ladha meeting room

ATTENDANCE

President – Carmen Wong
VP External – Mohammed Shaaban
VP Internal – Nick Hsieh
VP Academic – Madeline St. Onge
VP Administration – Carmen Leung
VP Communications – Jason Yen
VP Finance – Jesse Grist
VP Student Life – Nina Zhang

REGRETS

None

CALL TO ORDER: 12:34pm

- Elections Update (NH)
 - o Overall voter turnout was 3%, which was 1% higher than last year, but still does not reflect democratic procedure
 - o Going to talk to AMS about online voting for increasing turnout
 - o Since 3% doesn't really seem to be democratic, going to look at potential to explore other options (e.g. nomination)
 - o Questions/Comments:
 - Shaaban: agree that low turnout isn't very representative, but must be aware that students have the right to not vote
 - Nick: this year's first year voting was significantly higher than in previous years. We need to outreach beyond social media and explore other options.
 - Maddy: We need to evaluate if there's a way to increase voter turnout.
 - CL: would it be because of less social media presence this year?
 - CW: Also consider that competition among candidates does increase voter turnout.
 - Nick: Will look at trying to contact residence, Collegia, to increase presence
 - Shaaban: Should see if we can increase accessibility because people procrastinate voting.
 - Maddy: We need to also think about what we do in Council/Academic Committee that is interesting and valuable for students to run for.
 - Jason: To add on to CW's point, having internally nominated representatives from clubs also deters others from running.



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- Shaaban: If we were more strict with election deadlines with clubs, maybe there would be fewer vacancies.

- Corporate Relations (Shaaban)
 - If you feel that your committee needs a Corporate Relations Rep, let me know. We have a rep for PR, Grad, Science Week, Sales, Careers Month
 - If you'd like to know who your rep is, ask Shaaban
 - Questions and Comments:
 - Nina: Add a rep for Social Committee
 - Nick: Add a rep for FYC
 - Maddy: What about individual positions? Could we get a rep for Health and Wellness?
 - Shaaban: Yes, we can do that. We are restructuring the committee for this year.
 - CL: What do the reps do?
 - Shaaban: They communicate between companies for us.

- Clubs Constitution (CL)
 - Have been a few clubs that have emailed me about wanting to be SUS Clubs.
 - Have constituted a few guest clubs: Project PASS, Women in Science
 - Free the Children also wants to be a guest club – what are our thoughts?
 - Questions/comments
 - Shaaban: Does it require Council approval?
 - CW: To become an official SUS Club
 - Maddy: do they get funding?
 - NH: Guest clubs do not get funding
 - Shaaban: there is a lot of controversy over Free the Children.
 - Overall: We do not think that Free the Children should be a guest club.
 - Maddy: other clubs that are guest clubs right now?
 - CL: currently URO, and Pre-Med Frat
 - Jesse: What are the implications about the Pre-Med Frat?
 - Shaaban: Also concerned that the Pre-Med Frat would become a constituency/committee under SUS – would be a different discussion.
 - Shaaban to refer to LPC.

- First Council Agenda
 - Voting in new members



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- Nominations for vacancies
 - Nominations for faculty committees
 - Questions/comments:
 - Shaaban: how many vacancies are there? How many will be filled?
 - Nick: Currently 11 vacancies, and all but 2 are expected to be filled (Stats/Biotech)
 - Maddy: Have you emailed the departments?
 - Nick: will do this
 - Shaaban: Lily is graphic designer, and paid so she is in direct conflict of interest because CL's role deals with all the contracts. We need to look into legal
 - CW: What is CL's oversight of all the contracts?
 - Shaaban: Unsure, but should refer to legal advice
 - All: Agreed
 - Nina: do all AVPs need to attend council?
 - CW: No
 - Shaaban: should we consider hiring a neutral out-of-faculty member for Speaker?
 - Unfair because President is not able to vote because of role as Chair
 - Maddy: do we need to have this in Code?
 - Shaaban: Yes, we do need to modify the Code.
 - Nick: CL, have you gotten a projector?
 - CL: Will email Joanne Pickford
 - Maddy: is it for sure at 12:30PM?
 - All: yes, just tell people 12:30PM
 - Shaaban: how do we have a first council if councillors don't know what Robert's Rules is?
 - Nick: In the email from CL, we sent out a note about Robert's Rules.
 - Shaaban: we should send out 7minute YouTube video about Robert's Rules. We should also start off every Council meeting with the acknowledgement of our use of Musquem land.
 - Nick: CSP Rep will be elected on Monday.
- Team Dynamics/Social
- *Motion to move in camera*: moved (Maddy), seconded (Shaaban)... MOTION PASSES



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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- Maddy to set up team social time

- Turkey Trot

- Executive Updates
 - Nina: ECESS wants to partner with SUS to host a party on October 10th
 - Shaaban: what do we get from it?
 - Maddy: what is the value in collaborating?
 - Nina: They haven't contacted the EUS
 - All: we should not partner.
 - Maddy: presenting proposal at next week's meeting. Are we scrapping the document?
 - Shaaban: depends on if we change the exec meeting
 - Jason: met with Erin Green about Distillation late submissions to SUS (extended to 5PM on Monday). Everyone voted on getting hoodie. Will set up poll for colours. Helping science clubs to promote the collaborative research night.
 - Shaaban: Will have Science Alliance due January 3rd. Science Careers Month hiring is going terribly (all non-Science students). Will be meeting with Kali to talk about changes to Careers Month
 - Jesse: Want to confirm who the hired students are (2 graphic designers, 2 event supervisors, building manager, assitatn building manager, 1 videographer, 1 webmaster)
 - Nick: Councillor Orientation, Council Retreat (all bookings are done), now just working on the logistical planning
 - CL: 1-on-1 meetings with club presidents w/ her and club commissioners
 - Carmen: meetings with execs, and AMS Orientations documents

Meeting adjourned at 1:51pm

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VP Administration