



6th Plenary Meeting of 2018/2019
Sunday, October 14, 2018 | 11:45 am
45 Willcocks Street - Room 100, NCSC Boardroom

ATTENDANCE

Those who were present are **bolded**.

Those who were represented by proxy are indicated.

*Sharon Ma was present through Google Meet

Executive Members:

Madison Hönig, President
Nkemakolam Ogbonna, VP Administration
Prashansa Atreay, VP Student Life
Ariel Ho, VP Finance

Representatives:

Genevieve Gottschalk, Incoming First Year Representative
Lucy Zuo, Incoming First Year Representative
Kevin Qiao, Incoming First Year Representative
Nicole Ng, Mid-Year Representative (**Proxy**)

Danielle Serra, Mid-Year Representative
Zahra Babrawala, Grad Year Representative
Nasa Ekeanyanwu, Incoming Grad Year Representative
Mayu Adachi, Off Campus Representative (**Proxy**)
Manuela Zapata, Off Campus Representative (**Proxy**)

Commissioners:

John Leung, Athletics Commissioner
Diana Subron, Athletics Commissioner (**Proxy**)
Sharon Ma, Acting Chair*
VACANT, Equity Commissioner

Reinald De Leon, Incoming Social Commissioner
Conroy Gomes, Social Commissioner (**Proxy**)
Sarim Irfan, Social Commissioner
Sharon Tung, Incoming Social Commissioner

Non-Voting Members:

Alexia Anand, Advertising Coordinator
Erica Ly, Bookkeeper
Stephanie Nguyen, CRO
Nina Jabbari, DRO
Emerson Gu, Photographer
Karel Peters, Social Media Coordinator
Sharon Ma, UTSU Director
Arjun Singh, Incoming UTSU Director
Manuela Zapata, UTSU Director NCRC (**Proxy**).

1. Call to Order:

The meeting is called to order at 12:20 PM, October 14, 2018.

Land Acknowledgement is given by Hönig.

2. Approval of Agenda

Be it resolved that the October 14 plenary meeting agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: LEUNG

- Atreay proposed to move ratification of fall 2018 election results to new item 4 with subsequent items being moved down one position on the agenda.
 - o SECONDED BY: OGBONNA
 - o Motion carries.
- Hönig asked to add a presentation with New Dragons to discuss additional funding in the amount of \$10,000 from NCSC to item 5 on the agenda.
 - o SECONDED BY: ATREAY
 - o Amendment carries.
- Vote on the approval of the amended agenda carries unanimously.
- Atreay reopens discussion to reamend the agenda previously voted on to ensure that all council members can be present for their presentations.
 - o Atreay motions to consider items out of order and to move agenda items 9 and 10 to items 5 and 6 in the interest of personal schedule of presenters.
 - o SECONDED BY BARRAWALA
 - o Motion carries.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Be it resolved that the September 9 plenary meeting minutes be approved as presented.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: HÖNIG

MOTION CARRIED

4. Ratification of Fall 2018 Election Results

Be it resolved the Fall 2018 election results be ratified as presented.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: ATREAY

- Council was informed that the results of the elections had been released and overseen.
- Motion carried, and new council members are ratified.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Presentation of Grad Formal Venue

Presentation by Graduate Year Representative Babrawala.

- Babrawala described the three possible venues which would be possible to host the Grad Formal, as well as an outline of their price. She noted that all decisions need to be made quickly due to time constraints which the venues have and so that the formal can occur on a day which will be possible for students to attend.
- Babrawala sent the presentation document to all council members, which was viewed on laptops.

- Babrawala outlined the three options, all of which need to accommodate the 200-person (maximum) that is expected for this event:
 - o **Arcadian Court:** which is across from the Eaton Center. The Formal would begin on the loft and would later move downstairs for dancing. The room rental will be \$20,000 coat check \$225 (unless complementary racks are used). The menu would allow for a meat (garlic chicken and thyme), vegetarian option and a dessert. Babrawala stated that these prices do not include the price for expenses such as A.V. and tech.
 - o **Lennox Hall:** This venue would be more cost efficient for the 200 people expected at the event. The room rental could be approximately \$12,000. However, the date would have to be changed to March 15th. Tickets would be about \$60/person with subsidies to be decided later upon by the executive council members. This price does not include any form of decorations.
 - o **Castle Loma:** The Formal would begin in the greenhouse for dancing and would later move into the library for food. Attendees would be charged if they were found outside of these boundaries. The rental for Castle Loma would be approximately \$20,000 and the food would cost about \$95/person (however, this location provides more food than the others). Coat check would be available for \$3/person. Parking would cost \$8/person, but these spots could also be used for limos. These prices do not include the Historical Preservation cost which Castle Loma charges, or the optional gratitude charge for the staff.
- Babrawala stated that all Arcadian Court and Lennox hall would have non-alcoholic cash bars. This would not be the case as Castle Loma, but in this case, attendees would be able to buy three drink tickets which could be used to alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Babrawala concluded that all three venues have a total cost around \$45,000-\$45,000.
- Ogbonna asked if all venues were wheelchair accessible
 - o Babrawala responded that all venues were accessible via ramp or elevator, and all venues would hold the Formal on the first floor of their buildings.
- Atreay suggested that the venue be moved to the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) so that graduating attendees could have a sense of nostalgia by having the Grad Formal in the same location as the New College Orientation dance. She also pointed out the cost of room rental during orientation and suggested that it may be cheaper than any of the existing options.
 - o Babrawala stated that since the price of the ROM would not be considerably cheaper than the existing options when the price of food was added in (food was not served at the Orientation Dance)
- Hönig reminded council that in the past NCSC has always overspent on the Grad Formal, and that council is presently at risk of this, considering that it is the only dance of the year. She voiced concerns that council would overspend on the event because of minimum prices, despite low turn-out in the past. She asked if the solution was to find ways to first, mid-year and grad students.
 - o Babrawala stated that the intention was to make it accessible to students of all ages/years of study but that she feels the event should be called a “Grad Formal” to ensure that the graduating students still feel special.
 - o Hönig expressed agreement.

- Babrawala asked if there was a way to have subsidized/discounted tickets for graduating students so that these participants would just pay for their food. She noted that for this to be possible, they would have to ensure that marketing was done so that the event would sell out (200 tickets maximum).
- Leung stated that while all options seemed to be good, he was concerned that the existing venues would not be financially accessible or affordable to all students. He highlighted that the more money the venue was, the more students would need to spend on tickets.
 - Babrawala offered an alternated idea of hosting Grad Formal at **99 Sudbury**, which can be converted from a gym to a formal venue. Babrawala stated that she had not looked into this option too much as the venue lacks some of magic as the other three. She stated that she could look more into the venue at the request of council.
- Tung noted that a marketing idea may to be putting up posters or advertisements which highlight the original price of the tickets and the discounted price so that students can see the discount which they are getting.
 - Babrawala stated her agreement and felt that this would be beneficial, especially should Castle Loma be chosen as the location as students would feel that the expense was worth the experience, especially given the hype of Castle Loma.
- Ogonna stated that the reduced price for graduate students as well as grad gifts may increase the levels of grad-turnout, but may also deter other students from coming, as they may not feel that they have a space.
- Babrawala asked what should be done if the demand for tickets exceeded the 200-person limit.
 - Ogonna stated that the ticket sales could be first-come-first-serve
- Atreay read Ma's concerns from the Google Meet Chat: "My thoughts: March 15th is WAY too early, that's in the middle of midterm/assignment time right before exams. This was the same problem as the grad formal last year, more students come when the formal is scheduled in the first Friday in April. Also, are the washrooms gender neutral? If not, how are they going to accommodate any trans/NB students? Also, it would be nice to know the vegetarian/vegan/halal options for each venue to make a fair decision."
 - Babrawala stated that the menu was very extensive, however she had presented the cheapest option. In regard to the washrooms, Babrawala said that they were not gender neutral but that she would ask the venue to change their policy for the night. She also stated that she had chosen the date as to avoid conflicts with exam periods and to ensure that students had not already graduated.
 - Tung suggested that organizers could make their own signs to place over top of the washroom label at the venue to make all facilities accessible. She expressed that this should be done considering NCSC is the client. She also offered the idea that in all locations at least one be designated as gender neutral.
- Ogonna asked if the washrooms were wheelchair accessible.
 - Babrawala confirmed that all washrooms are.
- Atreay stated that it would be beneficial to have more information and clear numbers on expenditures/budgets before council voted on the venue of Grad Formal.
- Hönig suggested that there be a Facebook post so that NCSC could see all of the options to ensure that council members are making an informed decision and voted on in the future.

- Babrawala expressed that it would be difficult to push this decision to a future date as time was of importance and because a venue needed to be confirmed via contract in the near future in order to reserve a date.
 - Ho asked if Babrawala could contact the venues again so that she could obtain firm numbers and quotes. Ho stated her concern that without firm numbers venues could add additional charges and fees. Ho agreed that this topic could not be pushed to the next plenary meeting (October 28th) as that would leave Babrawala short on time.
 - Babrawala asserted that the prices for the venues are pretty firm and all total around \$38,000, but that a location needed to be picked in order to determine the price of other factors such as D.J., A.V., etc., which are dependent upon location.
 - Ho asked if Babrawala could obtain firm numbers on all venues.
 - Ekeanyanwu proposed that grad students have a choice on the venue and that Babrawala create a document which outlines the breakdown of finances, which could be put online and voted on. This vote could then inform council's decision.
 - Babrawala agreed.
 - Leung voiced concerns about the timeline and proposed an additional 'emergency' meeting so that council could vote in a timely manner.
 - Atreay voiced Ma's agreement with Leung and her desire to have council meet again on a new day so that the matter may be voted on in a responsible manner.
 - Ho suggested that a deadline be created which would fall within the week so that the venue could be voted on sooner. Additionally, she expressed desire for more concrete number which could be presented to graduating students.
- There is no further discussion.
 - Huntelar declares the item closed.

6. Approval of Grad Formal Venue

Be it resolved that item 6 of grad year formal venue be referred to grad year commissioners and grad year students.

MOVED BY: BABRAWALA SECONDED BY: TUNG

- Babrawala stated that it was fair for the vote to be tabled and in the duration, she would be able to try and get more concrete numbers.
- Ekeanyanwu had a Point of Inquiry to see if a firm deadline could be created to allow all students to vote with specific information.
- Hönig proposed that the Grad Year Commissioners would either have jurisdiction over the issue or that the NCSC move the vote to a future emergency meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Presentation from New Dragons

Presentation given by the New Dragons to discuss additional funding in the amount of \$10,000 was discussed by New Dragons representatives Lorraina (via Google Meet and later Facetime), Alissa and Chris (in person).

- Huntelar ruled for this presentation to be limited to a discussion item.
- Lorraina outlined her position of Finance head for the New Dragons during the 2018-2019 season and introduced Alissa and Chris.

- The purpose of New Dragons is outlined through a video shared over the Google Meet, following which Lorraina outlined the team's benefits to the University of Toronto community, providing undergraduate and graduate students with a chance to be physically active, mentally healthy and role as a team which brings international reputation to the school through success at competitions.
- Lorraina explained that the \$10,000 which New Dragons are asking for from NCSC was needed to purchase new boats (which would total around \$14,000) and to offset a number of costs, including an annual team trip to Haliburton (which is paid for by students and which is highly recommended to all members), as well as the team trip to Saskatchewan. Lorraina noted that while these trips are subsidized, the team cannot afford to provide a larger discount to members. Additionally, the new boats which are needed for the team are due to the condition of their current boats, one of which is unsafe due to many broken components (including a seat), and which hinders the success of those athletes who use the equipment. Lorraina noted that the team is also working to raise their own funds through fundraisers.
- In person representatives of New Dragons handed out hard copies of the New Dragon budget to council members.
 - o Ho asked if the New Dragons were not returning to nationals this year
 - Alissa clarified that nationals occurred every two years, but the trip this year to Saskatchewan was needed to qualify for the competition next year.
 - Ho requested a more accurate breakdown of the price for an international trip.
 - Alissa stated that she was unable to provide this breakdown as the cost was dependent on systems which were not available yet.
 - Ho expressed that she wanted the breakdown when it was available.
 - o Tung asked if there was a \$200 off the \$700 team fee, as well as inquired about the demographics of the team (year of study, college affiliation).
 - Alissa stated that the team is made up of 53-58 students depending upon the tryouts and who actively participates. Of this number, a portion was New College students.
 - Chris added that the number does not include the college affiliation of graduate students.
 - Atreay noted that the number of New College students on the New Dragon team was irrelevant, as the New Dragon trophies and reputation came back to New College itself.
 - o Ekeanyanwu inquired about the budget and the \$4000 allotted to boats and other purchases made around the boats.
 - Alissa stated that the costs associated with the boats are due to boat rentals which need to be made since one of the team's boats is too unsafe to use.
 - Hönig asked if the new boat would completely eliminate this expenditure.
 - Alissa confirmed that it would.
 - o Ekeanyanwu inquired as to how long the new boats would be expected to last.
 - Alissa stated that the team expected them to last around a decade.
 - o Hönig asked what would happen if students could not pay the \$700 team fee.

- Alissa responded that while the team tried to offset the cost by allowing participants to pay in installments, students would ultimately have to pay the fee if they wanted to participate in the season.
 - Alissa noted that that New College students receive \$100 compared to non-New College students and that what was remaining from their budget cost would go towards subsidizing the fees for New College students.
- Sebastian Scott (Diana's Proxy) inquired as to how much it would be to replace the seat of the boat.
 - Alissa explained that there were more problems with the boat than the seat and is so slow that when the experienced teammates row against the team rookies, the experienced members are so hindered by the boat that they cannot win.
- Babrawala inquired as to the condition of the boat which is not broken.
 - Alissa confirmed that it was in good condition and should last the team a number of years.
- Tung reminded council that the team's success was paramount, and that Dragon Boating was a sport where time is critical.
- Ho asked about the actual expenditures from last year as well as the remaining balance that the team had available to them.
 - Alissa walked through the budget and confirmed that there were no additional funds which could be accessed at this time.
- Zuo asked how accurate their numbers were compared to that of the previous years.
- Hönig asked how much money the New Dragons planned to get from UTSU and what UTSU funding would go towards. She then asked if the \$7000 went towards the boat if the remaining \$3000 would go towards subsidizing New College students. She asked if NCSC would still be able to provide the \$100 subsidy as the \$3000 divided by the number of teammates (50) would only leave a \$60 subsidy.
 - Alissa clarified that only 20 New College students were on the team and would receive the rebate.
- Babrawala inquired as to how the team is affording anything, considering their revenue (\$27,000) was less than their overall cost (\$125,000)
 - It was discussed by council members that participants paid for their own accommodation in international competitions.
 - Alissa also stated that there were not subsidies for previous trips and that New Dragons had paid the difference between the fees.
 - Atreay clarified that of the total cost, about \$90,000 as paid for by the participants, including the team fees.
- Tung asked if the New Dragons had approached any other colleges for funding.
 - Chris said that since New Dragons was affiliated with New College, the team thought that it made the most sense to go to NCSC first.
 - Tung suggested that NCSC could be the primary source of income, but that the team look for funding from other groups.
 - Alissa stated that while this had not been done before, the New Dragons would look into this. She also highlighted the demographics of team

- members from other Colleges which may make justification for monetary support difficult.
- Atreay stated that she was willing to see if there was a way in which she could alleviate the cost of the room fee which the team has for Wilson hall.
 - Babrawala asked how the team got to \$22,000 on the budget sheet for the cost of the season.
 - Lorraina stated that the projected cost of \$22,000 is the raw cost of the season without any outside support from the team. So, the number is what participants have to pay out of pocket divided by the number of teammates (50). So, the season will cost \$22,000 where each student pays \$440.
 - Alissa clarified that the student has to pay \$700 but the subsidies bring the cost down to \$440.
 - Babrawala asked why the team was spending \$68,000 if the cost was actually only \$22,000.
 - Lorraina confirmed that this was counting for nationals, which had to be a separate charge to ensure that students could go before they were charged and therefore, the entire team was not overcharged. Members were asked to pay the \$440 up front and the remaining charges for trips later in the season.
 - Ekeanyanwu asked if the \$700 was the full price of a team fee without any funding and asked the New Dragons to confirm that the New College students were getting a discount.
 - Lorraina confirmed that without any form of outside funding, that each member would have to pay \$700, which did not include the price of the trip to attend nationals. She then confirmed that New College students have a discount, so they are paying whatever the total team fee is, minus \$100.
 - Ekeanyanwu pointed out to New Dragons that since the \$22,000 had been divided by 50 people rather than just the number of New College students, it looked as though the team had been applying NCSC funds to give a subsidy to all students, not just the New College students.
 - Lorraina confirmed that the discount was only for New College students, and that only New College students are provided with a rebate.
 - Atreay asked how much money the New Dragons had obtained from UTSU and how much they could obtain from UTSU.
 - Lorraina stated that they could gain up to \$31,988,38. However, the team may not receive that full amount and since the funding is not coming from NCSC, Lorraina stated that the money would be used to give rebates to all team members equally because of personal financial conditions which affect all team members.
 - Hönig made it known that in the past ORSL had given money to the New Dragons and inquired to see if the team could go to ORSL again to try and obtain funding.
 - Lorraina confirmed that this was being looked into and that their earlier fundraisers from this year have allowed them to gain some of their own funds.

- Atreay also noted that she was working on New Dragons merchandise which would help offset some of the costs.
 - Ho asked if students had to pay their own registration fees for nationals again and why the team was requesting a higher amount from NCSC if that was the case.
 - Lorraina confirmed that they have to pay out of pocket and said that last year they had asked for the same amount but were unable to obtain it because of NCSC's financial position last year and that this year, they will be used towards a boat. Lorraina notes that of their two boats, one is fine, but they need to replace the other one as in the past it has capsized. Additionally, the team now understands how to properly store and maintain the boats, which means that they could probably keep this new one in good condition for twice as long.
 - Ho asked if NCSC could give a rebate to New College students who are going to nationals.
 - Lorraina confirmed that this was possible and a new way to reimburse New College students was also achievable.
 - Ekeanyanwu wondered if the money for the new boat would reduce the amount left for a discount to give to New College students.
 - Lorraina says that she does not think that they will be using entirely NCSC money to pay for the boat, so it should not really affect the rebate. Additionally, since they are not travelling internationally this year, the amount should be far less. Finally, Lorraina says that the boat is also so critical for the team and if there was less of a rebate towards the New College students that they will be gaining in experience what they may be losing in monetary discount.
 - Tung asked council how many New College student groups applied for grants last year so that NCSC could be sure that there was money available for any other groups which may apply.
 - Ho confirmed that the application for funds was live on Facebook and that the deadline was next Sunday. Presently, there had been no applications.
 - Hönig added that the budget for grants had been doubled this year.
 - Atreay proposed that the New Dragons receive their funding but that it be given in two installments of \$5000 per semester so that the funds could be used in a transparent method and to allow the New Dragons work with administration to gain additional funding.
 - Ho asked for a Point of Information, clarifying that last year there were 8 student groups which asked for grants, but that of these eight only 3 actually were approved.
 - Peters also stated that the grant application had been seen by around 700 people on Facebook – so the lack of applications for grants from NCSC was not because people had not seen the post.
- Atreay motioned to grant the New Dragons \$10,000 in the 2018-2019 academic year, with the first \$5000 being paid in the first semester with the possibility for an additional \$5000 later in the year after a second presentation and review from council.
 - Lorraina asked if it would be possible to divide the funds into allotments of \$6000 in the first semester and \$4000 in the second semester, as the

money had to come out of her pocket and there was no funding from the team until February since that is when the team fees are due.

- Ho said that this would be possible and that Lorraina's request for a meeting time to discuss the way in which New Dragons presents their budget would also be possible.
- Huntelar declares the discussion closed

Motion to add funding to the Agenda
MOTION CARRIED.

8. Approval of New Dragons Grant

Be it resolved that NCSC grants New Dragon Dragon Boat Team \$10,000 in the 2018-2019 school year to be paid in two installments, one of \$6000 in the first semester with the possibility for an additional \$4000 later in the year after a second presentation and review from council.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY: ATREAY SECONDED BY: IRFAN

- Ho asked if NCSC should add in the condition that some rebate be given to New College students
- Zuo asked as to how the rebates are given out and if the amount is lumped together.
 - Lorraina confirmed
- Ekeanyanwu asked if the \$6000 was enough if the boat needed to be purchased this semester
 - Alissa said that she is unsure but that it is also unclear as to when it would be purchased, and at that time other funding would be used.

Motion for a 30-Minute Recess

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTIONED BY: HO SECONDED BY: TUNG

Meeting Reconvened at 3:43 PM.

9. Executive reports

Be it resolved that the following executive reports be approved as presented.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: HÖNIG

- i. President
 - Hönig noted the progress which has been made in the Health First Initiative wherein free menstrual products would be provided in the Wilson Hall bathrooms. After collecting information, NCSC has been provided with 2000 pads, 2000 tampons and 5 dispensers. Hönig notes that following her meeting with VUSAC and UTSU to talk to school administration about making this initiative school-wide, administration confirmed that they were willing to pay for the pilot across campus. Hönig stated that the next steps are strategizing as to which buildings the pilots should take place in. This step requires a meeting with Karen and Leah as refilling sanitary dispensers is not currently in the job description of maintenance staff and they would be asked to do this on top of their regular jobs.

- Executive stipends were paid for and personalized thank-you notes were written. Cheques will be available for pickup in the office. Hönig and Ho continue to reconcile the accounts. The next step is to present this information at New College Student Services. Hönig also stated that she wanted council members to sign the thank-you notes.
- Hönig stated that Ho had just helped sign the cheques for the office renovations and that NCSC has donated the \$7000 to the project as their official contribution.
- Hönig asked that council help Ogonna with office clean up during office hours over the next few weeks so that council is ready to move out of the office prior to renovations.
- Hönig stated that the office would be receiving a new fridge as part of the renovation.
- Hönig provided an update on the Halloween Haunt: the RAF has been submitted to Todd. Tickets will be \$15, with the ability to bring one New College guest at the same price. Non-New College students will not receive this discount and the price will be \$40.
- Future undertakings:
 - Hönig expressed that Food Services is willing to meet with NCSC so that council may advocate for a bubble tea location on New College campus. This is a need because it is a large part of the college's identity.
 - Hönig is considering launching the Health First Initiative with products that extend beyond menstrual products to include deodorant, toothbrushes, and pregnancy tests as she feels that this range of products is more effective for student's needs.
 - Hönig continues to work on coordinating the General Meeting where the constituents may vote. This will occur on October 31, 2018.
 - Planning the Mental Health Forum will occur after the General Meeting.
 - Hönig is reviewing the NCSC bylaws with the aim to make them clearer. She aims to have the revised bylaws which she is in charge of ready to be voted on at the General Meeting.
 - Nguyen inquired as to when NCSC would be voting on the bylaws.
 - Hönig stated that she intended to present the bylaws at the next NCSC plenary meeting (October 28) and have them voted upon at the General Meeting.
- General Comments:
 - Hönig expressed excitement to work with new, incoming council members.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii. Vice President Administration
 - Ogbonna said that issues were found with the orientation identification form last year. This was followed up with and that it was in accordance with the sexual diversity policy.
 - Ogbonna is working with Atreay to ensure that NCC has more seats for globs and student groups which do not currently have a seat. This would need to be voted upon at an NCC meeting. Ogbonna recommended that if council members wanted to attend and ask questions to administration about anything, this was the opportunity as all of the branches would be present.
 - Ogbonna has put together a when-to-meet form and has inquired about the process to create scholarships for marginalized groups (i.e., non-binary students). Additionally, Ogbonna wants to meet with APUS so that she is able to see how they achieved scholarships for marginalized groups.
 - Table will start soon as the office is moving.
 - Future Undertakings:
 - There will be a “goodbye office” study session in the board room if the RAF gets approved
 - The RAFs for future plenary meetings have been filed
 - Ogbonna expressed that she would like to hold an ASL event as NSCS is unable to have an equity commissioner
 - Tung suggested a mutual friend (Michael)
 - The 4-on-1s have occurred and those who have yet to have a meeting this is the opportunity for the executives to meet with council members.
 - Headshots will be occurring soon, and an email will be sent out soon to determine times available.
 - Ogbonna stated that there is a mental health counsellor in Wilson hall, but that they would have to wait for more information before we gave out that information.
 - Ogbonna also asked council to find the new email in their NCSC emails which invites members to edit the 2018-2019 file which includes RAFs and other critical forms.
 - Peters noted that in the future that if any council member is creating their own advertisements to ensure that they are in the council numbers so that all platforms look similar.
- iii. Vice President Finance
 - Ho stated that any budgets would like to be seen in 4-on-1s so that budgeting can be given feedback. Budgets will be presented at the General meeting, so budgets should be ready by the next plenary meeting at the latest.
 - NCSC currently has \$148,000 in the bank right now. Ho will be providing updates on the financial status of NCSC at every meeting.
- iv. Vice President Student Life
 - Atreay continued to work on the Club’s policy and create a personal relationship with the clubs that she is working with one-on-one. She aims to help lobby for

- them and wants to see if there are ways to add seats to ensure that they have a voice. Atreay feels that communication has been done effectively through Peters.
- Apparel is almost finalized and should be in by the end of the month.
- Future undertakings:
 - Atreay plans to present the club's policy on the 28th plenary
 - Atreay also plans to work on the new Mental Health commission and get it off the ground.

10. Fall 2018 Elections Recap

Presentation by the CRO and DRO.

- The election period lasted 3 weeks with campaigning, nominating and voting. There were 9 positions, 8 of which have been filled. 19 students ran but only one was uncontested. This year there was a voter turnout of 3% of the student body. Possible solutions are to make the voting period longer in the spring.
 - Peters noted that advertising included 27 Facebook posts, 17 Instagram posts and stories and snapchatted all candidates' posters. The posters that were shared were not interacted with online, and the giveaway post had 600 interactions on Facebook alone, but there was very limited interaction (30 participated). The more that NCSC had promoted on social media about voting was less effective the more that students saw them. Peters also said that Instagram stories were more effective than posts and that there may be a more effective way of creating an event page on Facebook. She suggests campaign videos.
- NCSC elections were also held later than other colleges and this may have been good considering the number of candidates.
- The elections committee noted that it may be effective if there were first-year targeted forums which were mandated and interactions with classes to introduce who NCSC is to spark interest. Additionally, the bylaws need to be adapted due to new forms of media which disappear after 24 hours. It was suggested to look to other college's policies on violation of social media rules. They are considering a point-system where one violation may mean that 1% of their votes were affected. The lack of consequences also meant forms were not being handed in on time.
- The new bylaws and disqualification consequences will be ready for the next election period. She opens up discussion.
 - Ogbonna noted Dirk's suggestion for the consequence of affecting votes as it could look strange.
 - Hönig expressed her strong opposition to removing the ability of a student to vote and said that if a candidate messed up that should not negatively affect the ability of voters to voice an opinion. Additionally, she noted that we should be encouraging students to participate especially given the low turnout. Finally, she inquired as to why incentivized voter turnout was made considering a past discussion on incentivizing the election.
 - CRO and DRO explained that this was done as a last-minute way to ensure that some people were voting
 - Hönig said that NCSC may benefit from a campaign where there is interaction with students so that they understand the purpose of NCSC rather than just giving votes once a year.

- Hönig also asked if there would be a way for the students to have a message that they could put onto their social media which was made by NCSC and which tells students how to vote, but which does not allow them to campaign for themselves. Finally, she discussed having one designated place where voting could occur so that it could not be missed.
 - CRO and DRO stated that they had wanted a voting table in Wilson Hall, but council members were not available. Therefore, this is something which needs to be supported by NCSC in the future.
 - Hönig noted that since we will be without an office that tabling will ensure that it is more obvious and accessible to students.
 - CRO and DRO discussed that the social media policy had been one which was
- Zuo noted that when she was campaigning students were confused as to where to vote. She suggests getting dons to post the links to voting on the Facebook pages. Additionally, since people will vote when they have someone who they are connected to, voting could be improved by assisting the candidates posting online. The creation of a ‘brand’ around NCSC could be improved by reformatting the pamphlet sheet given at the information session and a forum to get the positions out there. Finally, she noted that consequences would be good.
- Atrey read for Ma who said that removing student’s votes creates an idea that their votes do not matter and that the UTSU should be a yes or no option. Additionally, there was a time line may not work with the students as usually voting starts the night of the forum. Atrey noted for herself that the CRO and DRO did a good job of getting people to run and getting the NCSC name out.
 - CRO and DRO noted that the Thursday was chosen because it was seen to be a better fit than the Friday. In regard to the UTSU yes or no option, this was overlooked and will be fixed in the future. Additionally, CRO and DRO noted that consequences of disqualifications and removing votes seemed unfair but was just an idea.
- De Leon said he felt that the campaign period was short and felt he would benefit with more than 5 days of campaigning. He discussed about the UTSU social media project which they run wherein council members participate in a ‘day in my life’ story which is charming and fun.
- The CRO and DRO noted that the campaigning period could be extended
 - Tung asked if the posters could be left up for longer and wanted to suggest if there was a free food event linked with social where students could vote in person or where they could gain information. She also inquired if there was any past information which could help create an informed plan. She also asked if candidates could leave their posters up through the voting period.
 - Peters noted that the problem with the stories was that some candidates were unable to hand in documents on time, and NCSC does not want to be unfairly advantaged by NCSC helping students’ campaign.

- Zuo seconded the Tung's idea about poster being left up throughout the voting period. Additionally, she said that platforms should not be placed on the posters as there is already a large amount of information, finally that NCSC should not govern
 - Atrey noted that an information session would help NCSC reach more students to foster a less cliquy culture so that all students can run.
 - CRO and DRO noted that a major barrier is the inability to post candidate posters on residence floors which need to be changed. They then asked for suggestions for consequences.
 - Ogbonna noted that many candidates did not post on the Facebook groups and says it may be beneficial to mandate candidates at least make one online post.
 - Leung said that to increase voter-turnout today compared to in the past is because of the size of NSCS itself. Therefore, voter turnout could increase if we increased the size of council. He stated that council members itself could grow our own networks. In regard to the mandated advertising this may force students to campaign in a way they are not comfortable with, where they could be working very hard on a one-to-one level.
 - Zuo proposed a 3 strikes and you're out. She also agreed with the enforcement of mandated campaigning as council members need to be able to do the work for themselves.
 - Peters stated that NCSC could promote the elections but not the candidates to make it fair.
 - CRO and DRO confirmed that they are open to these suggestions.
 - Discussion closed.

11. Presentation of Vacant NCSC Positions

Presentation by the CRO and DRO

- Nomination packages will be made available tomorrow with an election period of 5 weeks, with weeks 1-2 to nominate, weeks 3-4 as the campaigning period with the acknowledgment of reading week and the final to nominate. There was the consideration to use the same Facebook event. This allows for the students to be able to consider the choices, as well as NCSC council members.
- CRO and DRO note that NCSC must use ranked ballot voting and showed a video, where there is a process of elimination.
- Peters gave the idea to create a page called NCSC elections that may be repurposed for all elections in the future. This would mean that the Facebook event could be used for all future elections
 - CRO and DRO agreed and added that though the nominations had been suggested for tomorrow, council needs to vote on the date.
 - Hönig asked for a point of inquiry as to when candidates could be seen by council.
 - Since the meetings which are currently scheduled are both too near and too far, the schedule needs to be adapted.
 - Ogbonna said that an open Facebook page has been a learning curve.

- Atreay said that NSCS could work with other branches to ensure that there were some candidates.
- Zuo stated that she felt the group which was exclusively for the candidates was confusing and recommends against it in the future. She also noted that the eligibility for positions be made clearer.
 - CRO and DROs agreed
- Leung suggested a single mode of direct communication so that candidates have one way to always be reached. He expressed that he agreed with the idea of ranked ballot voting as it is democratic.
- CRO and DRO asked how council felt about the proposed 5-week period.
 - Hönig raised concerns as to how candidates promote themselves in the time period.
 - Peters suggest videos, with the possibility of just stating their voting platforms in a 30 second video.
 - CRO and DRO wanted to confirm that this would not include replacement for the posters
 - Tung seconds the Hönig and inquired if there was a way that constituents were able to cast their votes to representatives on council so that the best and most representative choice could be made by council.
 - Zuo stated that the posters would only make sense if there was the ability for students to vote.
 - CRO and DRO suggested that council members go out and talk to constituents to voice their opinion or even have a vote – however this is not covered in the bylaws.
 - Hönig states that by allowing them to vote on something they can't technically vote on is trivializing voting. She proposes a meeting or direct meeting where constituents can talk to their representatives about their concerns so that they can make an informed decision. She also suggests making posters for plenary meetings where students could have speaking rights. Finally, she suggests continuing the conversation outside of plenary because of time.
- Discussion closed.

12. Nomination of Mental Health Commission Chair

Zuo motions to amend the motion so that the CRO may conduct the secret ballot outside the confines of the Plenary meeting.

MOVED BY: ATREAY Seconded by: TUNG

- Council Members were provided with the opportunity to nominate themselves
- Sharon Ma nominated herself.
- Hönig has Point of Inquiry to as to how to ensure that the vote remains anonymous.
 - Council discussed, with the decision being to elect a temporary head of the Mental Health Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Be it resolved that Sharon Ma be the acting head of the Mental health Commission until a permanent head be elected by council.

MOVED BY: ATREAY SECONDED BY: TUNG

- Considering there is only one candidate the vote is a yes or no for Sharon Ma as temporary head of the Mental Health Commission.
- Motion is carried.
 - o Madison Hönig abstains from the vote.

MOTION CARRIED

13. Grad Formal Committee

Be it resolved that the Grad Formal Committee be struck and approved.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: LEUNG

- Hönig asked if NCSC can advertise this to students.
 - o Ogbonna confirmed that it could be promoted to the student body.
- Motion moved to vote.

MOTION CARRIED

14. Other Business

SECONDED BY: TUNG

a) MLAP Forum

- This will address the mandatory leave of absence in a meeting on November 15, and will involve administration to answer questions as well as mental health professionals from University of Toronto
- Atreay stated that any council member is invited to join and help
- Discussion closed.

b) Committees: Grants, Constitutional Review, By Law Review d) Fall General Meeting

- Hönig explained that there will be three grant periods for grant applications and doubled the allotment of funds so that there is \$20,000 available. Hönig asks that this is also promoted by council members
- In regard to the bylaw review, Hönig asked if there was a way to make the meeting dates more accessible to individuals or if the polls continued to work.
 - o Ogbonna stated that the more people who want to be involved will limit availability.
 - o Atreay noted the state of the current constitution and how it is entirely in disarray.

d) Plenary Meeting Dates

- Ogbonna stated that the Fall general meeting is mandatory and allows representatives to gain feedback. It will hopefully be in Wilson lounge from 5-8 pm. The next plenary will be in two weeks on October 28, after which they will occur on November 25, January 13, February 3, March 3 and March 31. Ogbonna asked for feedback on the times.
- Discussion closed.

e) Office Move Out & Tabling

- Ogbonna stated that the renovations of 45 Willcocks will remove NCSC out of the office. The alternative office space will be in 500U, however this is inconsiderate for student groups who use this for their space. However, administration will not give us another room. Therefore, we will be tabling behind 1021 on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Ogbonna asked for feedback about these times. Ogbonna will also be sending out time forms to ensure that NCSC is moved out by Wednesday October 24, but the storage room will be the primary challenge.
- Discussion closed.

e) Apparel

- Atreay asked for help with creating apparel and said encouraged council to get involved.

f) Upcoming Events

- Tung stated Halloween haunt is mostly planned, but there is an alternative if students do not want to go. This will be a Fall Fest with pumpkin carving or painting (based on if the RAF goes through) or a movie in William Doo. Fall Fest has been chosen to include all without directly referencing Halloween to include all.
- Ogbonna also said that off-campus will be running an event in Wilson from 1-2PM and Council members are encouraged to tell others.
- Athletics is planning a small run on October 28th. There is also the opportunity for the KPE project which provides individuals who identify as female to gain certificate courses such as teaching first aid. This can be promoted by council members in their daily lives.
- Hönig discussed the written director and elected reports to inform constituents as to what happens between each plenary. Since students may not read the whole meetings, Hönig asked how council felt about creating reports.
 - o Ogbonna further noted that there was a large focus on creating events with reports, but that council positions are more than just creating events.
 - o Zuo asked if one Google doc could be created and added to throughout the month to ensure that all information was in one place that was easy to access.
- Other business is closed.

15. Adjournment

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: LEUNG

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting is adjourned at 5:55 PM.