



67h Plenary Meeting of 2018/2019
Sunday November 25, 2018 | 11:45 am
40 Willcocks Street – Wilson Lounge

ATTENDANCE

Those who were present are bolded.

Those who were represented by proxy are indicated.

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 (proxy for Tung)
Kevin Qiao, Incoming First Year Representative
Nicole Ng, Mid-Year Representative (Proxy for John)

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

Commissioners:

John Leung, Athletics Commissioner
Diana Subron, Athletics Commissioner (Proxy for Leung)
Sharon Ma, Acting Chair
Mohammed Ali, Equity Commissioner

Reinald De Leon, Incoming Social Commissioner (Proxy for Qiao)
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 (proxy for Hönig)
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).

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 12:17PM.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. Approval of Agenda

Be it resolved that the October 28 plenary meeting agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: IRFAN

- Ogbonna asked to move Item 6 ratification of Equity commissioner Results to item four
 - o SECONDED BY: Singh
 - o Motion passes
- Motion to approve the agenda

Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Be it resolved that the October 28 plenary meeting minutes be approved as presented.

MOTION

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: GOMES

- Ogbonna noted that all minutes are on the website

Motion carried

4. Ratification of Equity Commissioner Results

Be it resolved the Equity Commissioner election results be ratified as presented.

MOTION

MOVED BY: NGUYEN SECONDED BY: OGBONNA

- Nguyen outlined the results of the election on Tuesday which occurred in-person and through proxy that resulted in the election of Mohammed Ali
- Ogbonna stated that the ratification would allow Ali to vote for the remainder of the meeting

Motion Carries!

Point of inquiry from Ho as to where lunch should be gotten from.

5. Executive Reports

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

MOTION

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY:

- i. President
 - As read by Ogbonna
 - Updates: working with the vote council and with Ali to have a complete team. She thanks the team for the adaptability during the period without the office and overcoming small challenges

- In the future they plan to change the way in which plaques are presented. She stated that to ensure that in there is a turnout at general meetings in the future they hope to have an agenda which is presented earlier and working with dons to raise awareness. They also hope to be more independent from ORSL in the future. The mental health commission will be holding another event in the next semester. With the aim to improve the gaps of the current constitution and with the help of council members the by-law commission aims to present proposed changes to the agenda in the future.

ii. Vice President Administration

- Tabling has begun in Wilson and though there are some problems with having to run back and forth between storage and Wilson, it is a relatively smooth process. Ogbonna continues to organize the storage room and has completed the tabling procedures which will be sent out soon.
- Ogbonna met with APUS and the principle to discuss scholarships. She has set up a meeting regarding how to adjust the way in which GPA requirements are being used.
 - Zapata asked how long it would take to get snacks
 - Ogbonna responded that it would be relatively soon and had been ordered through Costco as it was cheaper.
 - Atreay asked if there was any way that council could have popcorn with the tabling hours a couple times a month.
 - Ogbonna said that this would be possible
- Ogbonna also filled out a RAF for a game's night, although since the room is booked she has emailed ORSL to see if it could be done on another night.

iii. Vice President Finance

- Atreay said apparel is hopefully to be completed by Monday. Atreay has been meeting with clubs, especially regarding NCC and how they may keep them more in the loop, considering they are not kept up-to-date today.
- Atreay had a meeting with Lucinda and is excited to have a comprehensive equity training
- U-TURN, which is an environmental club that supports other green clubs, and which has a budget of approximately \$39,000 and which offers their funding to any event should you fill out a form on their website.

iv. Vice President Student Life

- Ho responded to all the grants and got them finalized. There will be a committee meeting on Tuesday at 4PM and it was opened to council members. Ho has a meeting with Windows this week to discuss their funding in the constitution. Their by-laws need to be modified in order for them to be included in the budget.
 - Singh asked what the total revenue was from the Rock-Climbing event
 - Ho said that she is still unsure as she has yet to have the opportunity to count it.

- Ogbonna also asked that individuals sign outstanding forms and she will be sending a mass email with all forms and indications as to who has which forms are outstanding. This is hoped to be completed by Wednesday.

Motion Carries.

6. Striking of Apparel Committee

MOTION

MOVED BY: ATREAY SECONDED BY: SUBRON

- Atreay has been working on apparel since August and feels that if there was a commission dedicated to the creation of apparel than the product would be more cohesive and could be completed more quickly.
- Be it resolved that an apparel committee be struck and headed by the Vice President of Student Life.
 - o Speaker clarified that striking the committee would mean that the committee would just be created and would not include appointing members now.
 - Atreay confirmed that this was true
 - o Gomes said that since the social commissioners were planning to create a Ninja Tournament event and needed a grand-prize, if the apparel would fall under this committee.
 - Atreay said that since apparel is primarily for bulk items, this would not fall under the jurisdiction and could be done quite easily on a local level.

Motion carries.

7. Approval of the By-Law Amendments

Be it resolved that the By-Law Amendments be approved as presented in the October 28 Plenary meeting

MOTION

MOVED BY: HOENIG SECONDED BY: IRFAN

- Ogbonna noted the constitutional amendment group which has met and the framework that they are working under requires them to be presented today. These will also be opened for further discussion at future meeting.
 - o Singh asked that Ogbonna was able to refresh the by-laws which council would be voting on today since there was a large quantity and if it could be presented on the screen.
 - Ogbonna noted that there was a month to go over the minutes and that there would not be contentious issues being voted on, but rather the adjustments which were largely all in agreement.
 - Zuo also added that the adjusted constitution was available for individuals were able to be seen.
 - Atreay also stated the intention to have specific sub-committees address the rules which addressed them directly to make it more relevant and to review after to ensure that it is more streamlined and informed.
 - Singh also inquired if there were any major announcements
 - Zuo confirmed that there were not
 - Singh further questioned if the amendments passed today would be in effect after this meeting

- Ogbonna confirmed that amendments would be in effect today but could be questioned at general meetings and taken out of effect, but this was done since general meetings are infrequent.
 - Singh asked if the updated by-laws could be sent out to students individually to be transparent to ensure that they understand the relationship which they have with the council.

Motion Carried.
Zapata abstains.

8. Other Business

a) General Meeting Recap

- Ogbonna noted that the general meeting turnout among members was good. She noted that the constituent turnout was not as high as projected. In the future they would like to provide the agenda and proxy form available prior to the meeting as well as create a clear method to sign in. The next general meeting will be held in January. The Executives are looking for feedback to find ways to improve for the next general meeting
 - Zapata noted that the next general meeting should be more organized and that the ability to find the materials needed and set-up took a long time. Additionally, she feels that council should advertise more in the future.
 - This is seconded by Singh, who noted that since the council took more time to get the meeting started, the lack of organization was poor optics and people who wanted to come were left waiting.
 - Irfan suggested that in the future, volunteers on council are able to come in and set up to ensure that the meeting starts on time and works effectively.
 - Zapata also noted that the agenda was too small and was hard to read. Furthermore, they felt that there was a lack of communication which meant that council was unable to help the executives.
 - Irfan also suggested that the meeting be shifted slightly to the left so that all participants could see
 - Atreay suggested that the meeting be moved to different locations more conducive to presentations
 - Irfan noted that Wilson hall was the most high-traffic area and would allow for the meeting to be open and accessible which is what we wanted to do.
 - Ogbonna also inquired as to whether or not there was a way to turn the presentation so that more individuals can see the meeting.
 - Ho noted that food was ordered in great quantity and was conducive to people coming and taking food without
 - Zuo noted that since it was a high-traffic area, this was not helping the situation
 - Singh also noted that the food could be placed closer to the counter and the food could be given with the presentation of voting cards

rather than making it open. He also suggested signs to tell students that they are expected to be quiet.

- Gomes stated his feeling that meetings may be better off in a lecture hall but with more advertising.
- Gottschalk noted the positive accessibility of Wilson and stated that since it is a public space we cannot expect students to be quiet when it is a shared space.
- Irfan asked if there was anything unreasonable about a voting card for food.
- Ogbonna asked if there was any feedback regarding the content of what was presented at the general meeting or if there was anything that council felt did not work. They thanked council for their feedback so far.
 - Singh stated that regarding Wilson, it may be best to move the space since it is a shared lounge. Furthermore, he suggests more advertising and supplementary physical posters should be put up as the social media presence is not always totally accessible, but posters would generate word of mouth, especially if used on campus dorms.
 - Ali offered that as an outsider, the noise was distracting and there seemed to be an unorganized air. He also stated that it would be beneficial to make an announcement prior to the meeting in Wilson and using tabling time to advertise. They also did not see any form of advertising.
 - Nguyen also offered the idea to give constituents a form which would allow them to give feedback or raise questions
 - Gomes seconded this idea and felt that when during the meeting there was not a chance for constituents to offer feedback and that the meeting was primarily council speaking.
 - Irfan seconded Singh's idea of posters and added that the off-campus dons and other leaders could be used to spread the word. They also suggested a question period could be opened to council regardless of whether or not the agenda addressed it.
 - Zapata also expressed support of posters and the location is dependent upon how much is to be advertised. The less advertising should mean that the event be held in Wilson. They also felt that the constituents who were present were unsure of whether or not they were allowed to vote and in the future their ability to vote and expressing how to vote with the constituents should be gone over. Additionally, they feel that the agenda was not interesting enough to generate turnout and in the future, there could be a benefit by focusing on the impactful events.
 - Tung seconded Gomes point and felt that the meeting did have the air of a normal meeting in a new location. She noted that this could be changed by presenting the impactful agenda.

- Atreay felt that the presentations could be communicated in other ways but were not something that could be done in the future. They also noted that the student-body as a whole does not have a ton of information as to what council does. She proposed an information session where students could learn about what council does.
- Ali proposed merchandise being given out to increase the
- Singh noted that the feedback from students could be given through email to ensure that the communication is official and would be a verified channel of communication. This allows council to give communication from students
- Irfan added to Ali's idea that to make meetings an occasion, there could be a small merchandise sale which is a discounted price or with limited edition merch (later in the future to see how it goes). This has the dual effect of creating merch excitement.
- Atreay agreed with Irfan's idea regarding merch. They added that there was a system to create an official channel of communication but which was not affected.
 - Irfan suggested that in the future a simple how-to guide would be used to outline the student's abilities through the meeting and guides as to how to present issues.
- Singh asked how many more plenary meetings there would be for council to plan these changes.
 - Ogbonna noted that this general meeting would occur after one plenary on the 17th of January and would have to be advertised prior to the event.
 - Sharon asked for confirmation that the meeting was in January
 - This was confirmed
 - Nguyen seconded the idea of a how-to guide and making this accessible prior to the meeting.
- Ho stated that educating the students would be more effective in a classroom and that this was a culture which council should hope to nurture. She stated that the goal is to have critical constituents so that council is held accountable. Therefore, this should be
- De Leon suggested that a dry-run be held so that council can work out any kinks prior to the event.
- Speaker declares the item closed.

b) Health First Initiative Logistics

- Ogbonna noted the Health First initiative required council to restock the dispensers within the college since it cannot be added into the contract of the staff at this point. Ogbonna stated that this would be put into all gender washrooms, male and female and school administration wants the individuals restocking the products to be of the gender. This will need volunteers and will apply to all residences at New College since the caretaking staff is unable to at this time.

Ogbonna clarified that the health first initiative will be providing free menstrual products and pregnancy tests (hopefully) to students with the hope that it goes University wide.

- Gomes expressed support for the product but asked how success would be judged
 - Ogbonna stated that since this is exclusively done by council this year, it needs to be
- Singh also expressed support but proposed that there was a way to prevent theft
 - Ogbonna stated that the dispensers that Council have currently will only allow one to be dispensed at a time
- Irfan addressed Gomes idea of support and suggested posting a sticker on the dispenser to tell students that it was a council decision and have a feedback form being sent out at the end of the year.
 - Ogbonna stated that she loved this idea, but that other student groups did not want the logo on the dispenser. There is the intention to have the program being advertised.
 - Irfan suggested creating a new logo
 - Ogbonna noted that the Student Union did not want it to be a totally New College centered project and wanted to have stickers which would give a website where students could see that the council was working on this project.
 - Ekeanyanwu also suggested that the success could be measured by how often the products are used or the website is visited.
 - Manuela supports Nasa's idea that success could be measured by how many are used and inquired as to why council could not advertise when it is a program which we are offering and that we are getting caught up in the intention to have the program be universal
 - Ogbonna noted since the
 - Zapata also said that regarding admin's disapproval of the New College student logo could be compensated by stating that the program was endorsed by the council to give students a point of inquiry or place to go if they have problems with the program.
- Singh stated that data collection could be done in a similar way to the water-bottles which uses a counter to see how often products are being used. He also inquired as to why council cannot use the logo.
 - Ogbonna noted that the August meeting of council resulted in the decision that the sticker would not take credit for the program. But that
- Singh stated that a logo could generate interest in the Student Council and could demonstrate to the student-body that the council has the ability to work. Singh also stated that by advertising the New College Student Council's sticker it would also allow them to

- Atreyay stated that the sticker should not be bragging or presenting the council as something which is giving the students free products but could present the sticker with the address to contact if there was feedback.
- Ho also added there could be a QR code which could direct students to feedback. She noted that UTSU lacks a dispenser in a similar way to handing out agenda items and which is prone to running out of items. Therefore, by allowing there to be a QR code data collection can be attained in a way which is more successful than the UTSU.
- Ali asked how there would be a counter and if this was even possible to attain.
 - Ogbonna noted that she was unsure, but questions could be directed to Madison who is able to work with the provider should there be a product which does count.
- Ali also asked what would happen in the event that council members are not tabling or there and if the products run out.
 - Irfan noted that this could be a part of tabling hours responsibilities.
 - Ogbonna stated that this could be directed to admin.
 - Atreyay noted that
- Irfan insisted that with the correct phrasing, a sticker could demonstrate that the council wanted to gain feedback and did not need to be ostentatious.
 - Ogbonna expressed the approval of many ideas which had been raised but acknowledged that number collection needed to be used so that it could be presented to admin in the future.
 - Irfan had a point of information regarding whether or not the program would be advertised.
 - Ogbonna confirmed that this would be used.
- Ekeanyanwu also noted that the advertising could be used through the University of Toronto Bathroom Instagram. She also stated that should be checked on every day and asked if products could be kept in a place closer than the front desk.
- The idea of using a full-sized locker could be used.

Item declared closed.

c) Formal

- Ekeanyanwu noted that a survey was created with feedback regarding the venue. About 80% wanted Castle Loma, and about 50% were grad year. Castle Loma has been booked. There were the prices for Grad year, non-new college students and non-graduating and non-new college students. All prices are under \$100.00.
- Singh asked how much Castle Loma was charging council
 - Nasa confirmed that the price was roughly \$5650.00 and this was confirmed by Ho. The next cheque for this event should be due in the upcoming year.
- Singh asked if this was another installment was being used towards the \$5650.

- This was confirmed.

Item declared closed.

d) Event Support/Points of Contact

- Positive feedback has been attained from the student body feeling that the student council has been more active this year.
- Ogbonna noted that in the future the reps would be asked for updates for events so that the intentions may actually come to fruition. This is not the only point of contact. The points of contact are to be more streamlined but are not the only executive which can be spoken to as members can go to who they are the most comfortable with. Ariel will handle grad-year. Ogbonna will handle first year, Hönig will handle the mid-year reps and Atreay with the commissioners. Ogbonna stated that the intention is for reps to have at least one event per month and can be small. This can be movies or small board game events which just make council accessible. These events do not need to be large scale and can be overlapped and done in tandem with other people, sub-committees or colleges to reduce prices. This can be done to make life easier for the council members. Executives noted that the intention is to go overboard to get the name out and could be an event per week.
- Social stated that they are willing to work with other committees in the framework of their general events.
- Singh noted that since the UTSU did not provide him with a budget he can help in other ways.
 - Atreay noted that the ultimate goal is to have UTSU reps ask the UTSU for funding to have events and that council is happy to have any help.

Discussion closed.

e) Upcoming Events

i) Crafts 'n' Chill

- Irfan noted that this will be happening tomorrow from 4-8PM in Wilson hall with pinecone decorating, mason jar decorating and a Bob Ross paint-a-long. There is food and it is going very smooth. They do not foresee the need for help but would like council to help advertise via word of mouth.
- Atreay noted that someone could create signs to point people in the right direction. Furthermore, this could be advertised during tabling
- Gottschalk noted that there could also be an announcement in the cafeteria.

ii) Mid-Year Event

- A study event with academic advice and a study group will be held on Friday. There needs to be help in advertising the event.

iii) Board Game Night

- ORSL has sent the go-ahead for the board game and snack events to be held on Tuesday December 4, from 4-6. Ogbonna is open to suggestions.
- Irfan asked if the council members want their events to be advertised at the crafts day.

Discussion closed

9. Adjournment

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION

MOVED BY: OGBONNA SECONDED BY: GOMES

Carried/Failed

The meeting is adjourned at 2:11PM