



10th Plenary Meeting of 2018/2019  
Sunday, February 3, 2019 | 11:45 am  
40 Willcocks St, 2002

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**Clerk: Hannah Turcotte**

### ATTENDANCE

#### **Executive Members**

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

#### **Representatives**

Genevieve Gottschalk, First Year  
Representative Lucy Zuo, First Year  
Representative  
Keven Qiao, IFP Representative  
Nicole Ng, Mid Year Representative

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

#### **Commissioners**

John Leung, Athletics Commissioner Diana Subron,  
Athletics Commissioner Sharon Ma, Education and  
Philanthropy Mohammed Ali, Equity Commissioner  
Reinald De Leon, Social Commissioner Conroy  
Gomes, Social Commissioner Sarim Irfan, Social  
Commissioner Sharon Tung, 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, UTSU Director  
Manuela Zapata, UTSU Director Daphne Zhuang,  
Web Designer

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting is called to order at

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Be it resolved that the February 3 plenary meeting agenda be approved as presented.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA                      SECONDED BY:

- Singh posed a question to council but noted that his question was not a motion to amend. He asked about the possibility that several members may leave early.
- Amendment to move the OSAP statement to item number 5.
  - o Seconded by Ali.
  - o Motion Carried.
- Atreay proposed to deliver the written executive reports rather than speak on them.
  - o Speaker noted that this may be difficult, but that it could be tabled for future discussion.
  - o Ng proposed that the presentations be conducted digitally on a large Google Document so that council members may interact with the information and ask questions.
  - o Proposal to amend item 5 to circulate the document online where all council members could have access to it, and the previous reports could be voted on at the next plenary meeting.
  - o Motion to move the ASSU up to item 7 - report by ASSU representative Joshua Bowman.
    - Motion carried.

Motion Carries.

### **3. Approval of the November 25 Meeting Minutes**

Be it resolved that the November 25 plenary meeting minutes be approved as presented.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA                      SECONDED BY: DE LEON

Motion Carries.

### **4. Approval of the January 13 Meeting Minutes**

Be it resolved that the January 13 plenary meeting minutes be approved as presented.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA                      SECONDED BY: SUBRON

- Zuo asked that the final version of the notes be sent out.
  - o Ogbonna confirmed that the final notes would be sent out and proceeded to send out the notes.

Motion Carries.

### **5. OSAP Tuition Cuts**

MOVED BY: OGBONNA                      SECONDED BY: SUBRON

- Atreay stated that it was the intention of the executives to release a statement that was not neutral in nature. She informed council that Hönig had written up a statement which council needed to be voted on. This vote could be amended, but the votes of the proxies would be nullified.
- Singh motions to amend the document.
  - o Tung seconds.

- Motion Carries
- Peters asked if the document should elaborate on the elimination of the grace period.
  - Singh asked for clarification regarding which segment of the appendix Peters was referring to.
  - Peters stated that she did not know the exact subsection the grace period is in.
- Atreay proposed that council write a list of changes which the new statement should include, so that Hönig could rewrite it in her own voice.
  - Singh clarified that if this was to occur, that the statement would not be passed at this meeting, but rather on a digital forum. He asked if this was constitutional.
    - Speaker confirmed that this was allowed.
  - Singh asked what changes council would make to the document.
  - Speaker clarified that as long as the changes do not change the spirit of the statement in the addition of clauses or statements that the council could proceed with releasing the statement following the meeting.
    - Singh asked the following: “When you say that there is no requirement for a formal amendment to incorporate feedback, can we also incorporate text that is part of the final statement that is fast? What about adding new information which is not typographical in nature?”
    - The speaker clarified that this is where the situation becomes a bit “grey.”
    - Tung pointed out that if the information is not sensitive and is based on facts rather than opinions then council should be comfortable releasing the statement.
    - Singh asked how council intended to change the language within the statement. He asserted that facts must be included in the release and that council must discuss the facts.
    - Tung asked that the updated release include the 10% tuition cut will only apply to domestic students. She further stated that if individuals on council wanted to release their statement with respect to the OSAP issue than they have the right to do so. However, she proposed that individuals make statements, rather than the council as a whole, as then council members who disagree with the statement do not have to be associated with it.
      - Singh asked that, if individual statements were to be released as opposed to a NCSC official statement, if they would appear online with any sort of logo or in an official capacity of the organization.
      - Ogbonna stated that this would not occur, and individuals would not be permitted to use the logo, as its use is dependent upon a formal vote and endorsement. She noted that she would not be able to use the logo on a statement which she made as it has not been voted on and therefore would not represent the constituents. Official logos or releases have to be voted on transparently.
      - Atreay asserted that she understood that council members wanted a more decisive stance on the issue. She noted that a good place to start with this statement is to speak to the constituents.
      - It is determined that the constituents must be spoken to more.

Motion passes.

- Serra abstains.

## 6. Arts and Sciences Students' Union (ASSU) Referendum Endorsement

Be it resolved that the NCSC formally endorses ASSU's 2018-2019 referendum.

MOVED BY: ATREAY      SECONDED BY:

- Ma motions to grant ASSU representative Joshua Bowman speaking rights.
  - o Motion passes.
- Bowman introduced himself in the language of the land (Mohawk). He motivated the motion at hand on behalf of the ASSU executive, President of the USI and reaches out to students who are less privileged than they are.
- Bowman noted the previous referendum in 2016, which was not overly successful, partially because it was not advertised to a large group. From this referendum it was found that results tended to be fragmented ideologically and self-motivated. This time, ASSU has reached out to other groups on campus for support. Today, they would appreciate it if NCSC would be able to offer their support. They understand that ASSU does not represent every student, and because of this, some groups may not feel comfortable voting. He provided an example of students who may be comfortable with NCSC but who do not have contact with another supporter, the LGBTQ+ Campus organization and who may not know that they can vote. By recruiting NCSC, ASSU may reach more people on campus and get more conclusive results. He then focused on some specific issues addressed in the referendum:
  - o Why will there be an increase of \$1.05?
    - Calculated to raise in accordance with the Cost of Living (CPI) in terms of the 2018-2019 inflation. Currently, the CPI is in accordance with that of 2009-2010.
    - The last referendum was in 2010 but was not related to the CPI. This could have been changed in 2016, but that year failed. Now, in a more financially stable time, the cost could be raised to \$11 and it would make up for the "lost time." There is an understanding that the levy must occur at some point over time and many groups already have referendums linked to CPI.
- Zao asked if ASSU had solid plans in place should the fee become optional to students, rather than mandatory.
  - o Bowman specified that the largest concern is ensuring that the course unions are taken care of. He stated that "With them, per semester they get an amount anywhere between 1500-2000, we want to protect that at all cost, something that we still want to put our fees into even with funds being pulled back. We don't do as much as all individual course saving unions. We pull back on our own events first, like our border retreat, honorarium for president, mostly because many course unions don't have that so we're more than ok to pull back on it."
- Atreay asked how the levy is merchandized and how much revenue ASSU expects to take in and what it would be in total.
  - o Bowman stated" With enforcing our student levy, we collect our levy for A&S- if you are one of the 27k students, you pay the ASSU levy. For other things tied to the CPI, the larger admin will do it on their own. When we hold a referendum, we are trying to display that enough students in agreement with you increasing the levy. There is a certain number of students in the referendum itself, need 2.5-5% of the 27k students, to display this. We don't measure the CPI ourselves, the admin enforces it. To the second question, if there is no opt-out it will come to about 50k-65k more in total, and all of that money will be rearranged to the

course unions and the awards we offer. Is this going to pay for the staff or the president? No- their salaries are regulated already. Low income students are very dependent on ASSU awards.”

- Ma stated her agreement on behalf of Gottschalk, who she was proxying for. She stated Gottschalk had a strong belief in ASSU as a representative student body who provided useful resources for students.
- Ma asked how many course unions ASSU was currently representing.
  - Bowman stated, “These are a lot of the questions we tend to get, and if anything, when we do approach other communities we never want to shy away from these questions. What does this money look like in terms of funding other events? We have been fortunate to bring in a lot of speakers, we were very fortunate to have that. University matches the amount of money we put in- we give 10k and they do to. Collaborated with the BSA, brought in Angela Davis. Not just what ASSU does, but also what the course unions do. Our money goes to support the course unions that do huge work. We wouldn’t ask for an increase if we didn’t believe in the work we’re doing. Martha Taylor, ASSU exec, working on “Moving on From” that details student’s lives in university. Trying to get ASL offered on St. George. Were responsible for the creation of fall reading week. Responsible for the CR/NCR and the late withdrawal, trying to extend CR/NCR to the last day of classes as of right now.”
- Call to Question.
  - Zapata Abstains.
- Motion Carries.

Quorum is lost.

Quorum regained.

## **7. Grad Formal Updates DISCUSSION**

MOVED BY: OGBONNA

SECONDED BY: EKEANYANWU

- CastleLoma formal will occur.
- March 22 from 6pm-1am, the event will mostly be in the conservatory and the library. Access will not be given to the second floor. Students will enter and walk down peacock ally and that pictures from throughout the year will be placed down the hallway.
  - The tentative schedule is as follows:
    - i. 4:00 – Liberty suite is ready
    - ii. 6:50 – guests arrive
    - iii. 7:00 – Cocktail in conservatory
    - iv. 8:00 – guests seated for dinner
    - v. 8:15 – welcome speech
    - vi. 8:20 – dinner service begins
    - vii. 8:55 – main dessert
    - viii. Wrap speech (3-5 min) – while guests eating
    - ix. 10:05 – Dance floor opens
    - x. 11:30 – Late night sweet or savory table
  - Food and drink will be 3 course – appetizer, entrée and dessert. Passed Hors D’oeuvres will be available during cocktail hour

- Possible late-night savory or sweet table after dinner. Non-alcoholic drink bar and will be open and free. Alcoholic cash bar will provide 2, \$10.00 ticket
  - i. Singh inquired as to whether that alcoholic drink tickets meant that students were limited to \$20.00 worth of drinks.
  - ii. Ekeanyanwu explained that this actually meant that it would be an exchange for 3 drinks
  - iii. Singh asked which types of alcohol would be included, such as hard liquor
  - iv. Ekeanyanwu explained that it would include hard alcohol, but would not include shots
  - v. Ogbonna asked if following using the drink tickets, if the students could just buy their own alcohol.
    - i. Ekeanyanwu explained that in this way, there was not a limit on drinks when students buy their own after the tickets are used but that students can purchase their own at the cash bar and that there is no limit in this way.
  - vi. Appetizers will be soup and a pasta for \$13.00
    - i. Pasta either the penne with tomato sauce or the House made ricotta Gnocchi
    - ii. Ekeanyanwu notes that Castleoma will match the restrictions which individuals may have
    - iii. There will be a seating chart and servers will know which dish goes where.
  - vii. Entrée
    - i. There are vegetarian options which students may choose themselves and which they will fill out via google form when tickets are purchased and which can also identify the other dietary restrictions, such as halal, vegetarian, vegan, lactose/gluten-free, etc.,
  - viii. Dessert Trio
    - i. Crème brulee. Double fudge chocolate
  - ix. Savory or Sweet table
    - i. Fries or chocolate dipped strawberries
- Altogether, the food menu costs
  - i. \$113.00 without dietary restrictions
  - ii. \$115.00 with halal
- The maximum capacity is 200 and it is anticipated that 150 will be sold
- Tables should fit about 10 people so there should only be 20 tables maximum. Ali offered some of his own supplies
- There will be a free photo booth
- There will be a DJ, which is not free
- Possible themes:
  - i. New College photos sent in from students to find themselves
  - ii. Year in review theme
  - iii. Polaroid theme which where the UTSU could also aid in providing a printer and which students can keep after the night
  - iv. Ogbonna noted that there will be a grad committee where more can be discussed

- v. Speaker got called OUT.
- Costs:
  - i. Historical Preservation Fee: \$5650.00 (already paid)
  - ii. Security deposit: \$2000.00
  - iii. Total Food and Drink Cost for 200 students: \$32,00
    - i. \$158.00 for non-halal
    - ii. \$160.00 for halal
  - iv. Cash Bar Set up: \$500.00
  - v. Coat Check total: \$600.00
    - i. Per person: \$3.00
  - vi. Day of Event Coordinator: \$200.00
  - vii. Faculty management fee (18% on all food and beverages): \$5750.00
  - viii. DJ: \$500.00
  - ix. Decorations: \$500.00
  - x. APPROXIMATE GRAND TOTAL (NOT INCLUDING GIFTS): \$51 000.00 - \$53 000.00
  - xi. Gifts: \$10 000.00
- Marketing:
  - i. If this was not to be marketed as a grad formal, council should inquire as to which students are graduating to only provide gifts to those who graduate and to cut costs.
- Currently, the first deposit has been made (historical preservation) and is for \$5650.00 where the second will be made soon.
- Pricing:
  - i. Graduating students: \$60.00
  - ii. Non-graduating students: \$70.00
  - iii. Non New College students: \$80.00
  - iv. Tentative numbers
    - i. 50 grads
    - ii. 100 non-grads
    - iii. A few non-new attendees
  - v. Approximate revenue will be \$10 000.00
    - i. Atreay asked if the revenue accounts for halal or non-halal options.
    - ii. Ekeanyanwu clarified that it will be revised
- Ekeanyanwu inquired as to how much New College Student council wanted to spend and how much they wanted to make from this event
  - i. Atreay stated that she was conflicted about the prices and noted that they seemed a little high. To make this more accessible, she noted that they may consider bringing the cheapest ticket to \$40.00 and pricing from there as the NCSC does not need to make a profit from this event. Additionally, a lower price may encourage more individuals to come.
  - ii. Ekeanyanwu noted that should prices, the formal will come out slightly overbudget and asked if they could meet with social or Ariel to discuss additional financing.

- iii. Zara noted that the non-drinking tickets was a set fee without a limit and that the price has been set at \$60 and \$70 to lower the burden on executives. However, if the executives wanted to lower the price she did not have a problem with it. If the prices were lowered, the price would come in about \$1000.00 over the budget (\$51 000.00)
- iv. Peters noted that among non-grads, some constituents that she had spoken to expressed that they would only pay \$50.00
- v. Ma stated that if the ticket prices remained this high that there would be very few people who came out and noted last year when this occurred and where there needed to be massive subsidies in the past. She stated that since the prices were more expensive that new students would be less likely to bring non-new students as guests. Therefore, the prices should be lowered
- vi. Nyguen noted that there could be discount pricing for groups of students.
  - i. Ekeanyanwu noted that she was fine with the price reduction but wanted to note that if the budget was increased, the event would be fine
  - ii. Atreay again noted that merchandise which NCSC already had could be used as gifts which would help lower costs
- vii. Ogbonna echoed Atreay's belief that ticket prices should be lower as that is what students wanted. Personally, Ogbonna believes that \$10,000 is a significant amount of money.
  - i. Ogbonna noted that in the past, the idea of only giving gifts to graduating students had been discussed as a way to make the event more special for them considering the event has just become a formal. Additionally, Ogbonna noted that the non-alcoholic bar should and will likely be used by drinking students as well.
  - ii. EKEANYANWU noted that the price of tickets already included the price of drinking and non-drinking.
- viii. Ma noted that since the formal is over budget, Ma and Ali would be open to assisting and donating part of their budget.
  - i. Ali additionally asked what other forms would be put into place
  - ii. Ma noted that this could be discussed later
- ix. Ho noted that in the past they had wanted to attain three drinking tickets for students but had been unable to do so because of ORSL, this year she would like more tickets.

Discussion closed.

### **8. Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC) Floor Renaming Endorsement**

Be it resolved that NCSC formally endorses VUSAC's decision to rename the Victoria College residential house and VicOne program, both named after Egerton Ryerson.

- Josh Bowman motivates the discussion and note that his relation to the project through the indigenous student association. This would rename the Ryerson Pearson



Vic One stream and Lower Burwash stream. They note that Ryerson was a scholar but that this individual also supported the residential school system and that while Merick Gertler acknowledges the land he fails to acknowledge the harms which have been done to the original people of the land. He asks for an endorsement to see that NCSC does not stand for turning a blind eye to colonialism.

- Singh notes the ambiguity regarding whether the name will be changed from Ryerson or to Ryerson. He then asks as to why new college needs to take action on this problem considering this seems internal to VUSAC and is unsure as to whether or not NCSC should extend its purview into the affairs of another college if we do not have all the information.
  - i. Bowman clarifies that the name will be changed from Ryerson to a different name. Secondly, he notes that anything which is related to indigenous peoples is not an internal issue, that individuals who are administration at New College have seats on boards which regard indigenous students. The fight for the rights and solidarity with indigenous peoples demonstrates to administration that this is not a small issue and that students care about the colonial history of the university to ensure that the university takes a more proactive stance in the future.
  - ii. Ogbonna echoes the beliefs of Bowman and stands with him. She states that NCSC should work to ensure that the entire university should actively work to create a space wherein indigenous groups are not forced to work in places named after individuals who actively excluded and harmed their historical group.

**MOTION Carries**  
MOVED BY: HONIG

### **9. General Meeting DISCUSSION**

MOVED BY: OGBONNA                      SECONDED BY: ALI

- Another General Meeting needs to occur and the day should be on February 13
- There is the goal to market this event better than the first General meeting. Additionally, the executives were planning on removing any form of presentations to cut down on time.
  - i. Singh believes that the day should not be during the week considering classes. He asks that the meeting be moved to the Friday as it means that students will not be worried about not studying during exams
  - ii. Ali noted that the dates should also accommodate commuter students as their voices are just as critical as other resident students.
  - iii. Zuo noted that in regard to holding the meeting on Friday, a number of students are leaving for the break on the Friday. Additionally, she asked as to whether or not this could be moved to a different day.
  - iv. Atreay asked if there could be a motion to suspend parole to see if the constitution could be superseded to hold the General Meeting after the break.

- i. Ma did note that the precedent has set not obeyed this rule and that regardless the General Meeting would be held.
- ii. Speaker noted that adjusting the date would rely on what council would like to do.
- iii. Ogbonna noted that according to the 2011 Roberts Rules of Order would accommodate the break of the rules.
- iv. Singh noted that he is unclear regarding Roberts rules and that rules should not be adjusted to permit the specific wants of council. Additionally, suspending the constitution should not be taken lightly and there should be the direct involvement of all of council.
- v. Atreay noted that to supersede the motion that there needs two-thirds majority.
- vi. Speaker also noted that there is no way to enforce a higher level of quorum and that this is as involved as council can be, considering that quorum has been met already.
- vii. Singh notes that he still believes that from an official perspective this should still rely on a higher quorum.
- viii. Speaker notes this, but also states that it cannot be demanded. Additionally, he notes that the date, time and location all need to be decided in a new motion.
- ix. Singh clarified that this would not be an amendment
  - i. Speaker clarified that this would be a suspension not an amendment
  - ii. Ogbonna suggested February 26, 2019
- x. Speaker noted Constitutional Agenda Part D regarding general meetings would allow for a motion to either (1) have a new date be set and with a new time or (2) to suspend the motion.
- xi. Question Called.

Discussion closed.

Atreay motions to hold the General Meeting on February 26, 2019 notwithstanding Appendix D 14.2 of the bylaws with the time to be determined at a later date.

- This will move the date of the General Meeting to ensure that the General Meeting will be well thought out and planned to the best of council's ability. By holding the General Meeting prior to reading week, Council would be in violation of a number of bylaws and by moving the General Meeting to a later date, council finds itself in congruence with bylaws.

MOTION PASSES

- Atreay abstains.

## 10. Other Business

### 1. a) Upcoming Events

#### 1. i) SkyZone

- Subron noted that Skyzone is happening on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> and will leave at 3:30 and return at 9:00
- Ticket sales are going well and have sold 15 and will continue to sell until they have run out.

2. **ii) New-vie Night**
  - event will be held at 6:00 at Innes Town hall and encouraged council to come. Since the room is booked for four hours, they may play another movie after.
  - Honig clarified that they had rights through the university to view the movie.
  - Ali noted that the price of the event had come with a 10-20% discount from Innes off the \$700.00 for the 4 hour block and if NCSC was to partner with an Innes club in the future, the whole price would be \$350.00
  
2. **b) NCSC Bulletin Board**
  - Atreay noted that NCSC would like to begin utilizing the bulletin board and that the rules which have not been enforced regarding what was posted and that this be a community transition period where all student could use the boards before it transitioned to be completely controlled by council.
  
3. **c) Executive Feedback Form**
  - Atreay noted that executives have read the comments and that there was one comment which was discussing the advertising team not executives. Atreay clarified that this is not a way to address the members of advertising council and if there are questions of stipends that this go straight to the members themselves and not through this manner.
  - Honig noted that the hired members are also working very hard.
  - Zuo stated that this could also be addressed in an update email.
  - Ogbonna also noted that there are a considerable number of people working on advertising and that one cannot expect advertising to read minds and that specifics need to be included in wants.
  
4. **d) Equity Commission Meeting**
  - This past Thursday there was the first equity commission meeting. The original location was supposed to be Sydney Smith but had to change location because they are no longer allowing student groups.
  - The location change and weather are thought to be the cause of low turnout.
  - Ideas for the future events include:
    - i. ASL workshops
    - ii. Center for Sexual Violence and Prevention Center
  - Additionally, as of March 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be an art gala in Wilson hall in association with Innes College. Preparations have begun and a few members of council have joined the equity commission.
  - The group hopes to meet on a weekly basis and there is also a Facebook group
  - Ali noted that the group would be changed to a weekly, date based process.
  - Ali noted the Peter's idea of showing a documentary called *Pride Denied* and bring the filmmaker to do a townhall. This is in the gathering of information stage.
  
- ii. Other Business

- Ma notes that for the Mental Health commission, the schedule has been thrown off and the next meeting will be next Sunday from 3-4 and meet in Wilson hall.
- Dance event will be soon.

### **11. Adjournment**

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOVED BY: OGBONNA                      SECONDED BY: DE LEON.

The meeting is adjourned at 4:30 PM.