



2nd General Meeting of 2018/2019
Friday, March 15, 2019 | 5:00 pm
40 Willcocks Street, WIL1017

ATTENDANCE

Executive Members

Madison Hönig, President
Nkemakolam Ogbonna, VP Administration
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, Incoming UTSU Director
Manuela Zapata, UTSU Director
Daphne Zhuang, Web Designer

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 5:35pm.

Land acknowledgements done by Ogbonna.

2. Approval of Agenda

Be it resolved that the March 15 general meeting agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION

MOVED BY: OGBONNA

SECONDED BY: Ng

Motion carried.

3. Wilson Lounge Renovation Project

MOVED BY: HÖNIG

SECONDED BY: Turcotte

Presentation by the President.

- Motivated by Honig
- New college is now the biggest college on campus and council we are hoping to expand.
- People have voiced issues related to Wilson Lounge which include electrical issues, lack of study space and not being big enough. It was built in the 60's and has not gotten many renovations since. Wilson lounge received new furniture in 2011 which is now degrading. Wilson lounge is a large hub.
- The levy:
 - Amounted to over \$20 per student so consulted with Ron, chief financial officer, to have renovations in 2-3 years in a cost that is not a burden to students.
 - \$9 per year for full time students and \$4 per year for part time students.
 - The levy will be collected for five years. It will be loaned to NCSC for the renovation costs.
 - Talked to renovators who are doing 45.
 - NSCS will be hosting meetings and have surveys to collect information.
 - Should referendum pass with 50+ majority, levy will be collected as of September 2019.
- Honig expresses that we pass through here every 4 years and make it better for future students, as they have for us.
- It will cost around \$750 000, some of which the college will invest in.
- The fee will only be collected in fall and winter sessions, not in the summer.
- Question will be posed on line from 9:00 am on March 16th until 11:59 pm on March 25th and will be asking a simple yes or no question.
- This levy is time sensitive, and this is really our moment to do this.
- A student asks if this fee will be mandatory.

- Honig explains that it will be an essential fee and you will not be able to opt out of it.
- Another student asks to clarify the timeline.
 - Honig explains that it will all be done in the next 2-3 years but the money will be collected for five years in order to pay back the loan.
- Ogbonna clarifies that the next vote is to vote if we want it on the referendum not actually to pass the levy.
- Tod asks who will make the judgements of how to use the funds.
 - Honig states that it will be like the capital project where these funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

Discussion closed

4. Approval of the 2018-2019 Wilson Lounge Referendum Question

MOTION

MOVED BY: HÖNIG

SECONDED BY: Ali

- Honig states that this will be the question that is presented on the referendum.
- Ogbonna states that the agenda is missing the following statement:
 - Be it resolved that we approved the 2018-2019 referendum question as presented.
- Ali asks a question in regards to getting feedback, how will we execute the processes?
 - Honig states that the first round was preliminary data to see if students would be interested in this. The second was physical data to see what changes they want. The third is to strike an initiatives committee where, like the building committee where we proposed 45 renovations, which would be open to new college students. This committee will run parallel to NCSC.
 - Make the surveys more widespread, we proposed the question in the 2022 accepted facebook group where we saw an uptake in feedback.
- Ogbonna states that if the future council does another survey, they should be incentivised as done with appareil, where we link the survey to another survey so there name is not attached to what they say but they are still able to enter the draw.

Motion carried.

5. Constitutional Amendments

MOVED BY: HÖNIG

SECONDED BY: Ali

Presentation by the Constitutional Review Committee.

- Honig presents.
- Honing states that something we could not add was the identity assessment/ new brand and colours, we hope to have it for the March meeting.
- The constitution will remain mostly the same.
- Language was questioned for who is in the NC constitution and membership, NCSC will support all regardless of if they pay the fee or not.

- The largest changes made were the addition of the new positions; the mental health and wellness commissioner and the sustainability commissioner.
- Another change is that we have two clerks, and in terms of hired positions we have left it at the discretion of NCSC because we do not know how are funding will look like in the future.
- There were a few grammatical errors.
- Changed new college clubs program to policy because it was not appropriately reflect what we do.
- Also specified that we are mandated to provide a transition report as a requirement.
- Lastly, really exciting, NCSC will finally have a policy division.
- Honig explains that policies are a little looser for implementing. They need to be approved by two thirds of the council at plenary meetings.
- Todd asks about the NC clubs policy.
 - Ogonna states that it will be present in the By-laws and as a policy.
- Todd also asks about the constitution review meetings, when do they take place and who is invited?
 - Honig states that they should be in the minutes and a part of the presidential duties. We did not have many meetings this term.
- Todd clarifies his question by asking if members of the community can be at the meetings.
 - Honig states that they are open.
 - Ogonna adds that it is not specified.
- Todd poses a question regarding the grievance committee and the elections committee, they were not differentiated.
 - Honig states that those changes have been defined but we do want it in the policies so its more fluid.
 - It will be discussed more during the March meeting.
 - Todd expresses that the registrar had asked to clarify the positions so there are formalised titles.

Discussion closed

6. By-Law Amendments

MOVED BY: HÖNIG

SECONDED BY:Ogonna

Presentation by the Constitutional Review Committee.

- Ogonna presents.
- Ogonna states that there are three things that need to be put back into the by laws.
- The mental health and wellness commissioner is new. They will bring forth any concerns and will make one event per semester. They will also be the primary liaison between NCSC and other health and wellness organizations on campus.
- The sustainability commissioner will be a primary liaison. They will organize two events per semester, one green and gold goal per year which will be presented at end of the year and will go to 2 uturn events
 - UTURN is a levy group on campus who run big environment initiatives.

- Adrien clarifies that its an environment based super student society.
- The first part of recognized groups will be placed in the by laws.
 - The purpose of recognized groups is to have better communication among them, to provide resources and to ensure all clubs get fair treatment. The clubs are autonomous and act in accordance with NCSC policies.
 - They will not be guaranteed a space in 40 Willcocks.
 - They will be reaching out to NC students and holding/participating in events such as clubs fairs, general meetings and other platforms for clubs.
 - Clubs are open to hold NCSC accountable and will given feedback forms to fill.
 - Council folds to revoke recognition but they can apply again next year.
 - They have to be a ulife group, have a minimum of four members, they have to have no fewer that 3 execs and have a primary contact with NCSC.
 - The applications open in the summer. Groups can renew their status. Applications should be emailed to the vp student life, majority is required to be recognized.
 - NCSC will recognize a maximum of 25 groups.
 - Some services they will receive include the use of office facilities and they get a locker, expedited renting, expedited booking, a spot on the webpage, and access to the NCSC photographer.
 - They qualify for a \$400 reimbursement.
 - Applying for grants is the same as other members of NC however they will have to present to council for a grant greater than \$1000.
 - They will also get access to NCSC training.
- Ogonna presents changes made to the by-laws.
 - They are now called transition documents which are not just for orientation and will be hiring people now because if they are providing labour they should be paid.
 - The president should be at GM's and can sit on grant chairs.
 - VP finance has to give updates and be accountable, they also have to publish the budget on the website.
 - Locker rentals are free now.
 - VP finance has to help with goliath and have yearly cleanses.
 - We have added the health and wellness commissioner, and the sustainability commissioner.
 - March 31 meeting and plenary are open to anybody.
- Ho asks about the clubs policy and if it will be in constitution?
 - Honig states that it will be in policy.
- Tod asks to clarify terms.
 - Honing states that its based on UClit.
 - Policies are more fluid which makes them more malleable year to year.
 - Ogonna states that it's a separate document.
 - Honig states that they wanted to focus on internal workings of council so it goes beyond incoming members so it can govern us where as by-laws hold us accountable.
 - Ogonna adds that it tells us how to manage the office, clubs, etc.

- Ogbonna explains that the constitution is wide, the bylaws are the nitty gritty and the policies are how things work.
- Honig adds that there is no specific location where the document is housed.
- Todd continues by asking a question regarding recognized groups policy, student info and where it'll be stored and how its regulated?
 - Honig follows up that it should be stated in the policies and it will be in regulation with FIPPA. It will be in accordance with what the university expects.
- Todd expresses concern with the naming of recognized group policy.
 - Ogbonna expresses that its original acronym was NCRS which is a pre-existing group so they changed it to NCRG.
 - Todd expands by saying that NCRG suggests that the entire college recognises them, it might be broader than the scope of the group actually recognizes them so maybe call it NCSCRC.
 - Ho says she understands the concern and it is easily solved by just changing the name.

Discussion closed

7. 2019-2020 Fee Reassessments

MOVED BY: HÖNIG

SECONDED BY: Ho

Presentation by the Constitutional Review Committee.

- Honig states that this was added to the agenda to see how we'll adjust fees.
- NCSC fee will not be deemed essential anymore.
- NCSC is working with vp student life and ORSL.
- NCSC does not have as much info as we would like. We do not know which areas will and which areas will not be deemed essential.
- Honig expresses that we are committed to being flexible and will continue to make adjustments and will do what we've always done and figure it out, regardless of if they paid or not.

Discussion closed

8. Open Forum Period

DISCUSSION

MOVED BY: OGBONNA

SECONDED BY: Ho

No comments.

Discussion closed.

9. Elections Notice

DISCUSSION

MOVED BY: NGUYEN

SECONDED BY: Ogbonna

- Ogbonna states that the election's voting period starts this week, Saturday to Monday. You will be voting for the new council and referendum items.

- Todd asks if students receive an email or a sort of notification? How do students know to vote?,
 - Hong replies that maybe they receive a notification on Acorn or Quercus.
 - Todd expresses that we [ORSL] can send an email blast.
 - Todd suggests putting a way to reach out and to have voter engagement as an item to discuss in the future.
 - Honig states that we are planning to have physical voting stations this year and have plans to incentivise voting. The CRO and DRO will be giving out “I voted” buttons.

Discussion closed

10. End of Year Presidential Address

MOVED BY: HÖNIG

SECONDED BY: Ho

Presentation by the President.

- Honig thanks everyone who came. There was not much experience to go off of for GM’s. She expresses that she appreciates everyone.
- Honig continues by saying that all of council should be proud looking back at all they have accomplished. There was greater communications and more engagement with students and council has finally begun advocating for the students as we should have in the past.
- Honig states that she knows NCSC will have to face challenges as NCSC always has but council will stay true to their purpose which is to be there for the students.
- One of the biggest changes that are occurring are the renovations, which was talked about when I [Honig] first started on council. It is nice to see the change.
- Honig extends another thank you.
- The speaker thanks Honig on behalf of everyone for two years of great service.
- Honig also thanks Ho for two years of service as well and also thanks the clerks and the speaker.
- The speaker also thanks Ogbonna for her amazing service as well.

Discussion closed.

11. Adjournment

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION

MOVED BY: OGBONNA

SECONDED BY: Honig

Motion carried.

The meeting is adjourned at 6:43 pm.