

MINUTES

Assembly Meeting

September 28, 2015 (Adjourned from August 17, 2015)

6:00 PM



In attendance: Wajihah Naqvi, Kenneth Mills, Susan Froom, Maina Rambali, Jennifer Coggon, Tahreem Butt, Mala Kashyap
Staff: Danielle Sandhu

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

2. Approval of the agenda

Moved: Froom Seconded: Kashyap

Vote carries.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved: Froom Seconded: Kashyap

Be it resolved that the Minutes from the April 6, 2015 Assembly meeting be approved as amended.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that she would like to define the term in seriatum and that in addition, the order of consideration for the items considered in seriatum needs to be amended.

Sandhu states that minutes are about what is stated in a meeting, rather than what an individual might intend to say through their comments. She states if the order in which items were discussed is captured incorrectly then she can make the amendments, however unless someone defined what "in seriatum" means in the meeting, this is not within the scope of amendments.

Jennifer Coggon enters at 6:26 pm.

Vote carries.

4. Presentation: Getting Involved

Sandhu provides an overview of APUS' history, its purpose as an organization, and some of the victories achieved by students through the course of its history. She also provides an overview of APUS' priorities for the year.

5. Role of the APUS Class Representatives

Butt states that it is hard to know who is part-time. She states that communication is an issue. She states having access to email addresses for part-time students, especially in engineering, would be good.

Sandhu states that we can communicate via email to all part time students and through access to a list of courses that have part-time students enrolled. She states we can host events for part-time engineering students in particular.

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Froom states we can host exam de-stressor.

Mills states it has been a useful meeting and he received a lot of information.

Kashyap, Mills exit at 7:18 pm.

Coggon asks about course unions and APUS' role with them.

Sandhu states that we can work with them. She states APUS established as part-time version of ASSU, though our organization has evolved to be the representative for all part-time undergraduate students across all faculties and campuses.

6. Next meeting

Sandhu states that we are required to host one per session.

Froom suggests a doodle poll for the next meeting.

Butt states she would prefer a doodle.

Rambali states maybe last week of November.

Butt asks about part-time students in engineering and how we can work on this issue.

Sandhu states we could research other schools and look at why UofT justifies the charge and think about what we want to recommend. She states from there we could think of arguments and think of presenting this to FASE or specific departments, etc.

Butt states it would be good to consult other part-time students on this issue as a first step.

Coggon states that if you were trying to attract more women in engineering this would be a good way.

Sandhu states this would be all the more reason to research and get demographics of students starting on a part-time basis.

Butt states that employers do not recognize part-time students in the same way as full-time students. She states that they want to see that you can do a lot in a short amount of time and under stress and this is an issue.

7. Adjournment

Moved: Froom

Seconded: Rambali

Vote carries.

The meeting ends at 7:38 pm.