



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING PACKAGE
Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto (APUS)

February 26, 2016
APUS North Borden Office

February 21, 2016

Board of Directors' Meeting #6

Dear Directors of the Board,

The following package includes all the relevant documents in anticipation of the next APUS Board of Directors' Meeting to be held on **February 26, 2016 at 4 pm** in the APUS Board Room, at the North Borden Building.

Included in this package:

- I. Agenda
- II. Minutes Package
- III. Executive Reports

Please feel free to forward any question or concerns via email to me directly.

Sincerely,

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I. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: S. Murray

Be it resolved that the agenda for the February 26, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting #6 be approved as presented.

3. Approval of APUS Speaker

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: S. Murray

Be it resolved that _____ be appointed APUS Speaker for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Board of Directors' term.

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: Kashyap

Be it resolved that the Minutes' Package be approved as presented.

- a. *Board of Directors' Meeting – February 2, 2016 (p.4)*
- b. *Executive Committee Meeting – February 18, 2016 (p.12)*
- c. *Bylaw Review Committee Meeting - February 12, 2016 (p.13)*

5. APUS Bylaw Amendments

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: S. Murray

*Be it resolved that **Bylaw 6 - Directors** and **Bylaw 8 - Officers and Executive Committee** be amended as presented in the Bylaw Amendment Package.*

(see p.16)

6. Executive Reports

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the Executive Reports be approved as presented.

- a. *President (p.21)*
- b. *Vice-President Internal (p.24)*
- c. *Vice-President Events & Outreach (p.25)*
- d. *Vice-President Equity (p.26)*
- e. *Vice-President External (p.27)*

7. Adjournment

II. Minutes Package

a. Board of Directors' Meeting – February 2, 2016

In attendance:

George Gawronski, Susan Murray, Maina Rambali, Mala Kashyap, Riley McCullough, Richie Pyne

Staff: Danielle Sandhu

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: McCullough

Be it resolved that the agenda for the February 2, 2016 Board of Directors' Meeting #5 be approved as amended.

DISCUSSION

Rambali states we need to add two motions - one with regards to the APUS Annual General Meeting and one in regards to the APUS Board of Directors, new items #5 and #6.

Vote carries.

3. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the Minutes' Package be approved as presented.

- a. *Board of Directors' Meeting – December 18, 2015*
- b. *Executive Committee Meeting – December 18, 2015*
- c. *Executive Committee Meeting – January 26, 2016*

DISCUSSION

Rambali states the Executive met the previous Friday and those minutes are forthcoming.

Vote carries.

4. APUS Operating Budget

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: S. Murray

Be it resolved that the APUS Operating Budget be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

Rambali states that the draft operating budget is presented on page eighteen. She states that the budget is the same as presented in August with some updates in terms of spending.

Pyne states that there is a discussion of the Executive Committee from the January meeting. He states that the discussion focused on the events and outreach budget and making sure we can allocate enough funds to ensure our planned activities can be conducted. He states that we put in horizontal lines to aid in reading the budget. He states we also included the transfers for OPIRG and CFS in both the revenue and expenses sections to demonstrate that they do not contribute to the operating budget of APUS.

McCullough asked about the costs for hosting the Annual General Meeting.

Sandhu states the costs include food, advertisements in campus press, and honorarium for the APUS Speaker.

Vote carries.

5. APUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the APUS Annual General Meeting for the 2015-2016 year be held on March 4, 2016.

Be it further resolved that for the purpose of notice to the membership, The Newspaper be designated as the Designated Newspaper as per APUS bylaws.

Be it further resolved that notice be provided to members through The Underground at UTSC and The Medium at UTM, if possible.

Be it further resolved that notice be provided to members through the APUS email list-serv.

DISCUSSION

S.Murray asks for the motion to be repeated in full.

Sandhu repeats the motion in full.

Vote carries.

6. APUS ELECTIONS

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: Kashyap

Be it resolved that the APUS Assembly meeting where the Board of Directors for 2016-2017 is to be elected, be held on March 4, 2016.

DISCUSSION

Rambali states quorum for the Assembly meeting is 25% of all Assembly members, or 25 members, whichever is greater. She states we need to encourage students to get involved.

S. Murray asks about the deadline for bylaw changes.

Sandhu states if bylaw amendments are being put forward about elections these need to be done before March 4, with appropriate notice to the Assembly.

Froom enters the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Rambali asks if the meeting is rescheduled, whether new items can be added to the agenda.

Sandhu states when a meeting is adjourned and rescheduled to another day, it is a continuation of the same meeting and the agenda does not change.

Froom asks about publishing in The Newspaper and the requirements. She states we would need to publish the bylaw amendments by February 19, 2016.

Sandhu states The Newspaper has been selected. She states that The Newspaper publishes on in print on February 11 and February 25, 2016.

Froom asks if we can use the online paper of The Newspaper to meet notice requirements.

Sandhu states the Newspaper does have an online component and this can be used.

Froom asks a point of information about decisions to amend bylaws pertaining to elections will take place at the March 4, 2016 meeting.

Rambali states yes.

Vote carries.

7. Council on Student Services (COSS) Fee Increases

Pyne states he will chair this portion of the agenda.

Froom asks a point of information regarding the fee increases is it just for PT or all fees.

Pyne clarifies we are directing our representatives.

Sandhu states that our representatives will be voting on fee increases applicable to all constituencies represented, including full-time, part-time, and graduate fees.

Motion to divide and consider.

Moved: Froom Seconded: Kashyap

Vote carries.

a. Office of Student Life

MOTION Moved: Sajjad Seconded: McCullough

Be it resolved that the APUS Council on Student Services representatives vote against the proposed fee increases for the Office of Student Life.

DISCUSSION

Sajjad states that COSS oversees all of the fee increases for the three divisions of Student Life, KPE, and Hart House. He states APUS has typically voted against fee increases. He states that APUS should not be voting to increase fee increases for students. He states the Administration needs to be addressing the costs and budget centrally.

Rambali states that since she has been in COSS and went through the Student Life budget, she states that she has seen that the Student Life has increased donations to reduce student fees, and expanded on mental health and doctoral supports, from the details she received and circulated. She feels this appropriate and we have state-of-the-art services for students. She states that this is a small fee increase for the services.

S. Murray asks if it would be possible to provide the current and proposed fee increases.

Froom asks if the grad student fee is included anywhere?

Rambali states this is unknown.

Kashyap states that GSU was present for meetings so this is concerning.

Froom states she is opposed to increasing the fees. She states that this is higher than the cost of inflation. She states that while doctors may have been added, the salaries for the doctors are paid for out of OHIP. The fact that we have additional doctors, does not take up the operating budgets. She states that one of the reasons CAPS and Health Services was integrated, was to reduce costs and streamline operations. She states that speaking as an APUS member, there is a concern about the amount of money that is going to senior management salaries as opposed to the front-line workers. She states until we have greater input in how the fees are applied, we should not increase the fees. She states that even if we do not vote to accept the fee increases, an inflationary fee increase of UTI will be applied. She states a no vote does not mean zero increases. She states this is why she supports Sajjad's proposal.

Sajjad states Froom has articulated some of his points. He states that in governance, inflationary increases of UTI will be applied. He states that we need to look at this holistically. He states that this is the only body in the University where students have a majority.

Rambali states that the Department of Student Life has increased the number of staff, and have introduced funds for new hires which is demonstrated in the revenues' stream. She states that there has been a lot of shuffling to make various departments more efficient. She states that she understands that students representatives have voted against in the past but that should not affect future votes.

McCullough states that we do not always see the funding go into the front lines or into the services that we use. She states the funds go towards more senior administrators, many of whom are on the sunshine list. She states it may be a small amount but this can increase and does not address, the costs faced by students.

S. Murray states that she is in support of the fee increase because she does not think it is unjust to fuel salaries. She states that we are one of the top universities in the world, and she wants to see improvements for future students.

Kashyap states that as VP Equity she wants to hear opinions of all folks in the room. She states that the notion of donations is strange to her and she would like to know more about funds

being raised. She states that she supports what McCullough stated earlier, that it's not about voting no for the sake of voting no. She states that she is concerned about the sustainability of the model where fee increases are placed on the students. She states that she hears concerns from students about the reach of the student services, and what does it mean for declaring. She states that she is opposed.

Sandhu states that graduate students fees are same as the full-time and part-time undergraduate fees applied to St. George students. She states that the central operating budget piece needs to addressed and she agrees it is not sustainable to place the burden directly on individual students.

Vote carries.

Rambali noted in opposition.

b. Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Froom

Be it further resolved that the APUS Council on Student Services representatives vote against the proposed fee increases for the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education (Athletics).

DISCUSSION

Pyne states that he would like to speak on this motion based on previous discussions, and he encourages other members to vote against the fee increases that have been proposed for KPE. He states to keep in mind for next motion. He states that he agrees with the idea of student unions voting against student fees. He states that there will be inflationary increases regardless.

Rambali states that in going through the budgets one of the things that is new is the Goldring Centre. She states that this is a new centre for students and community members. She states with a new facility come high costs. She states that she believes that she suspects the fee will lower. She states that the net fee for KPE has decreased. She states that in relation to salaries, the salaries are all tied to collective bargaining and salaries and benefits that have been negotiated. She states that KPE provides employment to a high number of students. She states that she believes the fee increase is reasonable. She states that based on the services being introduced, she supports the fee increase.

Froom states that she supports the motion to vote against the fee increases. She states that the percentage increase is high, and this is significantly above the UTI, which is above CPI. She states that in voting no, we will not alter the base fee.

Rambali states that 6.5% will not be across the board every year, it is based on the one year.

Sandhu states she would like to get more clarity on the KPE fee going down, and also states that KPE has worked to incorporate the feedback and input from student representatives with respect to the quality and accessibility of the services.

Rambali clarifies that with the capital project the costs would go down.

Kashyap states she is opposed to the fee increases because of lack of access. She states that APUS should commit to engaging to improve the services and access.

Vote carries.

Rambali noted against.

c. Hart House
MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Gawronski

Be it resolved that the APUS Council on Student Services representatives vote against the proposed fee increases for Hart House at the February 22, 2016 meeting of COSS.

DISCUSSION

S. Murray states that out of all of the fee increases this one is the most important. She states that Hart House is truly the heart of the campus. She states that she would hate to see staffing issues being affected by a lack of funds.

Froom states that she similarly thinks highly of Hart House and that Hart House does not receive any central funding from the University. She states that she would like to see more participation from APUS in Hart House governance, particularly in the Finance Committee, where GSU currently has a seat. She states that she has already stated that inflationary increases will be approved regardless. She states that Hart House will be taking on a new build, and will be making an appeal to the student unions to run a referendum to fund this new build. She states that if there were a process where the student unions got a student union - controlled space within the new build, i.e. a cafe, that could be more amenable. She states that in addition to funding from the central budget, Hart House could be seeking more funding from the city and from the government. She states they can work with the students to secure this funding.

Rambali states that she agrees that they should seek other funding sources. She states that there is a balance of usage for students and community members and we should avoid the displacement of student space for community use. She states that there is a useful pie chart which shows usage and sources of revenue. She states that she thinks the fee increase is reasonable.

Kashyap states she is torn on this one. She states accessibility is an issue and Hart House is aware of it. She states that the fee increase is just one dollar for the year and this seems like a small amount. She is looking for more thoughts on this.

McCullough states that she agrees that Hart House does great work and that we need to address the central budget piece. She states that we need to see more work being done to lobby the administration to secure central funding. She states she would like to see APUS do more work to lobby for this before seeking a fee increase.

Sandhu states that there are no central funds allocated to Hart House and Hart House makes a contribution of over \$100,000 in overhead. She states she wants to see work being done on this. She states that the Provost oversees a university fund which is based on priorities. She states former UofT President, President Naylor, was supposed to be the "student experience president" and yet no dollars were allocated. She states it will be interesting to think about the impact of the UTSU Student Commons on demand and usage. She asks if this has been considered. She states that there will be a new fee for full-time students when the Commons opens, which will be for operating costs.

Froom states that Hart House does not have free reign to fundraise for itself, and yet is restricted from getting funding.

Sandhu states she has concerns about a referendum coming about a new capital project and we should keep a lookout for more information.

Rambali states that she appreciates hearing the feedback and new information. She states that when it comes down to the cost of the use of the facility, it is a small absolute increase for the cost-benefit relationship. She states that she believes that the benefits outweigh the costs.

S. Murray states that on behalf of Ebifegha who participated in the Hart House Board of Stewards, she wants to state that there was a lot of thought put into the figure.

Pyne states that he does feel Hart House is amazing, and they gain a lot of revenue for their events. He states that over the long term they will have the inflationary increase. He states that he believes in lobbying for more funds for Hart House. He states that it used to be independent and now is a part of UofT. He states that the theatre was added over time to the facility. He is in favour of his motion. He states he is principly against the fee increase.

Vote carries.

S. Murray and Rambali noted in opposition.

8. Executive Reports

Pyne states that he would like to have executives present their reports and then ask questions.

Rambali states that she participated in the CAR budget process which led to a decrease in the proposed fee. She states we also had a COSS Meeting where we saw the budget and service presentations. She states that there is also \$100,000 for clubs to do events, of which \$40,000 has been allocated. She states that CAR has ongoing meetings. She states that we have a meeting with the Vice-Provost Students coming up as we are going to meet with her this week.

Kashyap states that the Sexual Violence report of the Administration has come out today and there is a coalition that has formed to put together a response. She states that there was a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Anti-racism and Cultural Diversity Office. She states Hildyard is moving on from her role as VP Human Resources and Equity. She states that she is involved in the ROBAM Conference, a joint effort between UofT, Ryerson, York and George Brown. She states APUS will be providing \$1000 in funding. She states there will be a volunteer call out soon. She states the Equity Movement is interested in working together on a few initiatives. She states that the Mental Health Coalition has been meeting to try and host a forum to address the report of the provost. She states that the CAR Equity committee is really genuine in terms of how they address input on accessibility. She states Hart House is starting an equity group. She states that Woodsworth College Students Association is starting an equity group and looking for a mature student to fill a vacant seat.

S. Murray states that we had a very productive meeting about a week ago to increase outreach and membership involvement. She states that we are looking to increase board member engagement. She states that we are looking to have 10 class talks per week for the team and folks can sign up. She states that we want folks to also assist with tabling and office hours in the Sid Smith. She states that the schedule will be forthcoming. She states that we are looking to

host more events including a games night, a family-oriented event, and accessing KPE for a keep-fit event for march break. She states that we are also looking to host a Mature Student Gala on April 29, 2016 in the East Common Room. She states that we are trying to define our retro theme choosing a decade. She states that we are also aware of students graduating and want this to be a formal event. She is thinking about featuring a candy bar and photo booth. She states we are looking to sign up folks to be a part of the planning committee for this event. She states that we are looking to have music and maybe screen vintage music videos. She states that we have secured \$2000.00 in funding from WCSA.

Pyne states that we are meeting with the Vice-Provost this week. He states that he is excited to follow up on a previous discussion for part-time students to have secured and prioritized access to residence. He states that we attended the CFS Ontario meeting. He states that he will be coordinating outreach at UTM campus. He states that the Bylaw Review Committee has been struck and we are looking to hold a meeting soon. He states that he encourages members of the Bylaw Review Committee to be prepared for meetings and have content for discussion ahead of time.

S. Murray states that Sandhu is coordinating for UTSG, Pyne for UTM, and Slobodian for Scarborough.

Kashyap asks for an update regarding the UTSU Special General Meeting.

Pyne states that the meeting did not meet quorum and no motions were passed.

Froom states that she would like to ensure that members of Bylaw Review Committee can be consulted on meeting times and for a google doc to be established. She states that she is frustrated that members of the committee have not been contacted for a date or time yet. She states that students have brought forward concerns to UAB about undergraduate students having a policy for when dependents are sick. She states that graduate students currently have this option, but not undergraduate students.

Froom asks if APUS is able to apply for the Student Initiative Fund?

Maina states that we are, but not as APUS. It must be a individual student member of APUS.

9. Adjournment

Moved: Rambali Seconded: Kashyap

Vote carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

b. Executive Meeting – February 18, 2016

In attendance: Maina Rambali, Margaret Ebifegha, Mala Kashyap, Richie Pyne, Susan Murray
Staff: Danielle Sandhu

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 pm.

2. Update on Student Society Summit

Rambali states that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss preliminary thoughts on the Vice-Provost Students' recent announcement regarding a new proposed policy on student organizations.

Motion to go in camera

Moved: Rambali Seconded: Pyne

The meeting went in camera at 9:10 pm.

Motion to go out of camera

Moved: Rambali Seconded: Pyne

The meeting went out of camera at 9:59 pm.

3. Adjournment

Moved: Rambali Seconded: S. Murray

Vote carries.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.

c. Bylaw Review Committee - February 12, 2016

In attendance: Susan Froom, Susan Murray, Maina Rambali, Riley McCullough, Richie Pyne
Staff: Danielle Sandhu

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm.

2. Introduction to Bylaw Review Committee

Pyne states that we should focus on elections-related items, which we may want to implement as soon as possible, and then work towards the rest of the proposed changes. He states that in terms of voting he would like to suggest a two-thirds majority for voting in favour of bylaw amendments.

Froom suggests that a simple majority works here, given that recommendation then go to the Board and then are discussed at the Assembly for further oversight. She states that therefore she thinks three out of five would work.

Pyne states that if everyone wishes for a majority then we can implement that.

3. Amendments Proposal Package A – Served by Committee Member Susan Froom

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Rambali

Be it resolved that ex-officios not have voting rights, nor the right to move and second motions, nor the right to be present in in-camera sessions, but have the right to speak and have access to notice of meetings.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that her proposal is to get rid of the ex-officio members on the APUS Board. She states that we have twelve elected and three voting ex-officios members, the latter of whom are not elected to serve APUS, but elected to serve other organizations. She states that it's problematic that these three ex-officio directors have the same rights as elected members. She states that she would like to add three more elected directors, including one representatives for the Innis/Trinity/New/SMC/University/Victoria Constituency and two at-large Directors. She states that we still have time to do this before the elections.

Pyne states that we still have to do more outreach to class representatives and that we could look to implement these changes in the next year. He states that we have implemented a change in the roles of the Executive Committee and we should build on them and then look to implement the changes to the Board. He states that having twelve for now and then seeing the impact on quorum and that a change in size of the Board to fifteen makes.

Froom states that she understands that concern of waiting. She states she wants to address the non-democratic nature of the ex-officio members, in that they can become Board members of APUS without having campaigned to the membership on being a Board member. She states we should eliminate that and only have those directly elected to APUS serve on APUS. She states that it is also not okay for these ex-officios to be present for in-camera sessions.

Murray states that she is not totally opposed to the ex-officio members. She states that they are elected to represent our membership. She states she thinks that there should be restrictions around access to in-camera sessions.

Rambali states that her concern is that the part-time Governing Council representatives should be somewhat affiliated and so to keep them on, but have them be non-voting.

Sandhu states that adding new elected directors should take some more time and thought based on the size and constituencies of the membership. She states Pyne's proposal to create Board Observers would make them non-voting and would not have access to confidential documents or in-camera discussions.

Pyne states that we should only have bona fide APUS members and elected APUS representatives serve on APUS.

Sandhu states that the proposal also removes the past president ex officio position.

Froom states that every member of APUS is entitled to attend APUS board meetings. She states that it makes sense that ex-officio members be aware of meetings but doesn't think they should be present during in-camera sessions. She states that they should be eligible to run to be an elected board member as long as they go through the APUS election process.

Murray states that we need to ensure fairness and democracy to ensure all members have notice of meetings.

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Murray

Be it resolved that the 'Ex-officio' language be preserved in the bylaws and the Board Observer language not be used.

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states that folks should decide on the terminology of 'Board Observers' or preserve the 'Ex-officio' terminology.

Froom states that she likes Board Observers vs. Ex-officios Board members because of the new Corporations Act and the rights afforded to members.

Sandhu states that in the proposal Board Observers is a category that includes part-time Governing Council representatives and unionized staff. She states also the proposal suggests moving representatives of UTM and UTSC organizations to section 6.03 of the bylaws.

Froom suggests adding the UTM and UTSC representatives to the Board Observer category.

Murray states that she thinks we should preserve ex-officio terminology. She thinks that people will wonder why removed. She states if they are Board Observers, then we should indicate that on APUS board structure document.

Rambali states that if we use Board Observers, we should define it under terms.

Vote carries.

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that ex-officio directors be permitted to run for the APUS Board of Directors' and APUS Executive Committee provided they are APUS members, and participate in the APUS Assembly, Board of Directors' elections process, and APUS Executive Committee process, as outlined in the APUS bylaws.

DISCUSSION

Sandhu states we should now discuss the rights of ex-officio members as pertaining to elections.

Froom states that ex-officios should be allowed to run as long as they go through the APUS assembly election process.

Murray asks for clarity around the elections' process.

Froom references Article 6.

McCullough states that as long as someone goes through the process of getting elected to the APUS Assembly they would be eligible.

Murray states that this is hard to consider with some proposed discussions around changing the Assembly structure.

Rambali states that now that Ex-officio directors will be non-voting, she is okay with this.

Pyne states that as long as you go through the APUS election process and are a member of APUS, he is okay with the change.

McCullough states that she agrees.

Sandhu provides overview of notice for Board and Assembly and volunteers to draft the language as decided by Committee members.

The members agree that February 19, 2016 is the deadline for notice of bylaw changes to the Assembly, that bylaw amendments can be served for ratification at the Board meeting of the week of February 22, and presentation to the Assembly for ratification on March 4, 2016 ahead of the Elections item.

Vote carries.

4. Motion to adjourn

Moved: McCullough Seconded: Murray

Vote carries.

The meeting adjourned 7:10 pm.

APUS Bylaw Amendments

As approved by Bylaw Review Committee on February 12, 2016

In this package:

- I. Summary of Changes**
- II. Proposed Bylaw Changes**

I. Summary of Changes

The proposed amendments seek to change the rights of ex-officio members of the Board of Directors such that they be non-voting directors, without the right to move and second motions. The proposed amendments allow ex-officio directors to have the right to speak and the right to notice of Board meetings.

The proposed amendments seek to allow ex-officio members of the Board to run for an elected seat on the Board, or an Executive Committee position, provided they are APUS members and partake in the APUS elections process at the Assembly and Board levels as enshrined in the APUS Bylaws.

II. Proposed Bylaw Changes

Amendments to Article 6

6.02 Eligibility

(a) ~~Except for ex-officio Directors,~~ Each Director and Officer shall be a Part-Time undergraduate student and a member of the Assembly of Representatives during the session in which their election is held and pursuant to Section 3.02 hereof shall remain a member of the Corporation throughout the term of his or her office.

(b) A Director or Officer of the Corporation shall cease to be eligible to remain in such office:

(i) if at any time he or she shall become of unsound mind or be found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be mentally incompetent;

(ii) if at any time he or she shall become bankrupt;

(iii) upon the submission of his or her written resignation from such office; or

(iv) upon his or her removal from such office pursuant to Sections 6.08 or 8.07 hereof.

6.03 Composition of the Board

(a) There shall be fifteen members of the Board of whom twelve shall be elected **voting** Directors and three shall be ex-officio **non-voting** directors;

(b) The ex-officio **voting** Directors shall be comprised of the immediate past president of the Corporation and the two Part-time Student Representatives who shall have been elected to represent part-time undergraduate students on the Governing Council of the University. **Ex-officio directors shall be non-voting, shall have the right to speak and receive notice of meetings but shall not have the right to participate in in-camera sessions of the Board;**

(c) The elected Directors shall be elected by the Assembly from and amongst the members of the Assembly in accordance with the following:

(i) 6 Directors shall be members who are registered in Woodsworth College;

(ii) 2 Directors shall be members who are registered in any of Innis, New, St. Michael, Trinity, University or Victoria Colleges;

(iii) 1 Director shall be a member who is registered in Erindale College;

(iv) 1 Director shall be a member who is registered in Scarborough College; and

(v) 2 Directors shall be directors at large.

6.04 Election of the Board of Directors

Elected Directors shall be elected by and from amongst members of the Assembly as follows:

- (a) The election of Directors shall be held at the meeting of the Assembly held during the month of March of each year;
- (b) Notice of such meeting shall be given to members of the Assembly at least one month prior to the proposed date thereof;
- (c) On or prior to January 31st in each year, the Board shall designate five members of the Assembly to be constituted as a nomination committee which shall be responsible for obtaining nominations of members of the Assembly to stand for election to the Board and to present a report to the March meeting of the Assembly of Representatives regarding such nominees;
- (d) Notwithstanding the nominations proposed by the nominating committee contemplated by paragraph (c) hereof, any eligible member of the Assembly may, upon presentation of a written nomination form signed by five members of the Assembly and prior to the time when the meeting shall be called to order shall be eligible to stand for election to the Board;
- (e) Directors shall be elected from and amongst the constituencies set forth in Section 6.03 above and shall be elected by the plurality of the votes cast in a secret ballot.
- (f) ~~Where an ex-officio Director's term of office is concluding, and he or she is not standing for re-election, or has not been re-elected to that office, they shall be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors from the constituency in which they are registered.~~

6.05 Term of Office

The term of office of Directors shall be from May 1st to April 30th except that the two ex-officio Directors holding office by virtue of their being elected to represent Part-time Undergraduate Students on the Governing Council shall serve as **ex-officio** Directors only during the duration of their elected term to Governing Council.

6.07 Voting

All **elected** Directors (~~including elected and ex-officio Directors~~) shall have one vote at each meeting of the Board. **Ex-officio Directors are non-voting.**

6.08 Removal of Directors

- (a) Any Director may be removed from his or her position on the Board by resolution approved by at least 2/3 of the remaining Directors to the effect that such Director has failed to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board and/or have missed more than 80% of the Board and Assembly meetings, without, in the opinion of the Board, reasonable cause for such absence and/or has in the opinion of the Board failed to properly perform all or any part of the duties allotted to him or her as a Director.
- (b) Any elected Director may also be removed from his or her position by resolution approved by at least 2/3 of the members of the Assembly of Representatives present and voting to the effect that such Director has failed to properly perform all or any part of the duties allotted to him or her as a Director. Notice of a resolution to remove a Director must be signed by 25% of the members of the Assembly and be given

fifteen days (excluding non-business days) prior to the Assembly meeting where such resolution will be put.

- (b) Any such removed Director shall receive written notice of his or her removal.
- (c) Any Director removed under Section 6.08 (a) shall be entitled to object to his or her removal by referring the issue to the Grievance Officer in accordance with the provisions of Article XV hereof within one week from the date of receipt of written notice of his or her removal.
- (d) In the event that any such objection to the removal of a Director is not made within the time period allotted therefor or upon a final determination pursuant to the grievance procedure that such removal was authorized, then such removal shall be final and binding and the remaining Directors shall be authorized to fill the vacancy created by such removal in accordance with the provisions of 6.09.

6.13 Meeting Procedure

Subject to the letters patent and by-laws of the Corporation, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the rules of procedure of meetings of the Board.

Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, or by resolution of the Assembly, the Board shall conduct its meetings by such rules of order as are considered just and expedient for the transaction of the business before the Board meeting, save that the Speaker may, at his or her discretion, invoke Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised to expedite the transaction of business.

A representative of the student organizations representing part-time undergraduate students at the suburban campuses shall be entitled to all of the rights of a member of the Board, save that said representative shall not be entitled to exercise votes, **to move or second motions, or to participate in in-camera sessions** at Board meetings.

Amendments to Article 8

8.01 Officers and Executive Committee

The Corporation shall have the following officers, who shall form the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice-President Internal
- (c) Vice-President External
- (d) Vice-President Events and Outreach
- (e) Vice-President Equity

The Officers shall be elected in the sequence indicated above by and from among the incoming elected Directors present and voting at the first meeting of the Board, ~~other than ex officio Directors~~, at the Joint Meeting held pursuant to Section 6.11 hereof. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast in a secret ballot. If more than two candidates are nominated, successive ballots shall be conducted, if necessary, until one candidate has received a majority of the votes cast, and on each ballot after the first ballot, the name of the candidate for whom the least number of elected Directors voted for on the immediate preceding ballot shall be removed from the ballot.

~~Where an ex officio Director's term of office is concluding, and they are not standing for re-election, or has not been re-elected to that office, they shall be eligible to be elected for any Officer position.~~

III. Executive Reports

a) President - Maina Rambali

Recent Activities

Office of the Vice-Provost, Students

APUS executives met with Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students (OVPS) and her senior team members for our second meeting on February 4, 2016. We raised a number of issues as well as followed up on issues raised in our last meeting. Our main issues included digital learning resources, diversity in faculty and staff, and minimum wage for on-campus employment and student union autonomy. Our main issue was digital learning resources pertaining to concerns of students being forced to purchase additional software/app and devices required to use for those apps in classrooms. These changes shift the cost burden from the university's central budget (in terms of less number of TAs) to the students. We noted the university reviewed its policy on this every year and requested that we are included in that consultation on a periodic basis. The Vice-Provost advised our input was valuable and will be taken into consideration for further consultation.

The Vice-Provost Students further indicated that her office would be releasing a draft policy proposal on open, democratic and accessible operation of student organizations. This is an outcome of the Student Society Summit convened by the University administration in 2013-2014. APUS was not part of this Summit. Welsh stated their intention to post the draft policy proposal online for the broader university community/student consultations. We made it clear that we were not in a position to comment at this meeting but will do so at a later meeting. We have since been officially invited to consult with the OVPS in early March. Discussions are ongoing with our Executives on this consultation.

For questions or further information on this please contact Maina Rambali at president@apus.ca.

Student Initiative Fund (SIF)

I attended two SIF meetings earlier this month to vet SIF funding applications for the winter session. We had a total of 64 applications ranging from a few hundred to five thousand dollars. These were from a variety of student interest groups with projects that would highly benefit students across the university. I note a number of conferences and symposiums were funded in this session. These initiatives require large funding and usually occur in the winter session, as a result there was a consensus among members to consider changing the allocation break-up of funding in future. In this session, the committee was able fund over 50 projects, ranging from \$300 to \$1,875 for a total of \$55,000. This is a great initiative for students accessing funds for a self-starter or group project. For more information on how to apply please visit www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/bts/sif.

Ongoing Collaboration

We have had a number of collaborations with our sister unions, SCSU and UTMSU, and off-campus unions at Ryerson - the Continuing Education Students' Association at Ryerson, on various events and activities. These include the #Fees Must Fall campaign in South Africa and Black History Month Conference on February 27, 2016. More information on these events can be found in our Part-time and Proud newsletter.

Please contact Danielle Sandhu at ed@apus.ca for more information on how to participate in these events.

Banquet for Mature and Part-time Students

We are in the planning process of bringing you the first Mature and Part-time Student end-of-year party hosted by APUS. This event is happening on Friday April 29th after final exams so that you can be free to celebrate without exam pressure. More information on this can be found in our VP Event and Outreach's report.

Follow up on previous initiatives

Council on Student Services (COSS)

We had a COSS meeting on January 25, 2016 where the COSS 2016-17 budgets were presented from the Office of Student Life, Hart House, and the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education. The final COSS meeting is taking place on February 22, 2016. While these budgets were already discussed in our previous meeting I will provide information to keep on record:

Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice President, Student Life presented the 2016-17 operating plans and budget for Student Life Programs and Services. In this budget the sessional fee for a full time student on the St. George campus is to be increased to \$148.38 (\$29.68 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$3.09 (\$0.62 for a part-time student) or 2.13%.

The 2016-17 operating plans and budget for Hart House, was presented by John Monahan, Warden of Hart House. It states that the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$84.27 (\$16.87 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year permanent increase of \$1.63 (\$0.33 for a part time student) or 1.97%; and that the sessional fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased to \$2.59 (\$0.52 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$0.05 (\$0.01 for a part time student) or 1.97%.

The 2016-17 operating plans and budget for Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education: Co-Curricular Programs, Services and Facilities, was presented by Beth Ali, Acting Assistant Dean, Co-Curricular Physical Activity and Sport. It states that the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$183.52 (\$36.70 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$11.27 (\$2.25 for a part-time student) or 6.54%; and the sessional fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased to \$21.29 (\$4.26 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year increase of \$1.31 (\$0.26 for a part-time student) or 6.54%.

Council of Athletics and Recreation (CAR)

I attended a few meetings of CAR and its Budget Committee in November and December. Beth Ali and Michelle Brownrigg highlighted the manner in which KPE markets its programs including increased use of social media, upward trends in student attendance and participation, and student-led outreach initiatives within the University and greater community. There was a discussion about how to market programs that are not Intercollegiate and High Performance Sports in nature i.e. Physical Activity and Equity (PAE), it is noted that these programs offered are so diverse that it becomes difficult to market all areas of programming offered. This includes programs for mature and part-time students.

Governing Council Meeting

I attended the Governing Council Meeting on October 29, 2015. President Gertler reported that the government was reviewing the funding formula for allocating public funding to universities. He reiterated the University has been continuously advocating for more funding options through the Council of Ontario Universities. A report from the government on this is expected to be released soon. The President also gave an update on the Boundless fundraising campaign and the vast increase in number of alumni participation, noting that they took pride in the institution.

President Gertler gave a report on the Pan Am and Parapan Games, stating that the University is proud to partner and co-host the games this year. He further commented that 35% of the athletes who won medals won them at events hosted at U of T. He invited the Honourable David Onley to report on the games, then invited four U of T athletes who participated in the games to reflect on their experience.

The University Ombudsperson, Professor Foley, spoke to the 2014-15 report and thanked all for their cooperation during her tenure as Ombudsperson. Professor Ellen Hodnett, former Governor on the Governing Council, is the new Ombudsperson starting from July 1, 2015.

Office of the Vice-Provost, Students

APUS executives met with Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students and her senior team members for their second meeting on November 10, 2015. We raised a number of issues and/or interest

we would like to see resolved in the year. These include course enrolment issues, support for student transition from full-time to part-time, mental health and accessibility issues, follow up on the report of the Advisory Committee on the Prevention of Sexual violence and discounted VIP Metropass for part-time students. The Vice-Provost advised our input was greatly appreciated and will be taken into consideration for further consultation.

Council on Student Services (COSS)

We had three COSS meetings in November and December 2015. At these meetings each student resource group: Office of Student Life, Hart House, Kinesiology and Physical Education, made a presentation of their programs and services. We also received a budget overview of the University of Toronto's 2015-16 budget presented by Professor Scott Mabury. Highlights of the budget: the operating budget totals \$2.16 billion for 2015-16; 57.3% of the operating revenue is funded by student fees, 30.3% from Provincial operating grant and 12.5% is from other. The long term enrolment plan is to increase undergraduate growth tri-campus by 6% over five years, from 58,866 in 2014 to 62,483 in 2019. This growth in enrolment is primarily from UTM (20%) and UTSC (14%), St George is nil. However, there is a decline in projected institutional revenue growth from 6.3% in 2014-15 to 4.3% projected in 2019-2020.

The COSS budget presentation for 2016-17 will be presented to members at the next COSS meeting on January 25, 2016.

Red Party

We collaborated with WCSA for their Red Party on December 4, 2015. We promoted the event, encourage our members to participate and attend the event. APUS also provided a raffle draw. The event was success and we look forward to do more collaborations with WCSA.

Town Hall on Islamophobia

APUS also collaborated with UTMSU and the Muslim Students Association on an open Town Hall discussion on Islamophobia at the UTM on November 30, 2015. This was also a hugely successful event. A coalition to challenge Islamophobia has emerged from this event.

Fossil Fuel Divestment

Further to APUS' submission on Fossil Fuel Divestment to the President and the Advisory Committee on Divestment from Fossil Fuels in October of this year, I am proud to announce that the Committee has issued its report to the President on December 15, 2015 with its recommendations for a "targeted divestment strategy". Details about the APUS submission can be found at apus.ca/divestment.

b) Vice-President Internal - Richie Pyne

Bylaw Review Committee – February 12th, 2016

On February 12, 2016 from 6 PM - 7 PM, the committee was finally able to meet and discuss proposed bylaw amendments received from the members of the Bylaw Review Committee. As there are more proposals that we need to discuss, we will be hosting more meetings. In our first meeting, we have been able to bring forward one key proposal = relating to the language surrounding the ex-officio board positions, and the rights of such directors. The Committee is recommending to the Board that ex-officio board directors be able to run for APUS elections as long as they've gone through the APUS electoral process via the Assembly and are APUS members.

Such bylaw amendment proposals will be brought forward in our next assembly meeting scheduled on March 4th, 2016. I highly encourage members to attend this very important meeting.

Laurentian University Student Solidarity Action – February 18th, 2016

On February 18th, the Laurentian Student Union and CFS-O (Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario) organized a student sit-in at the University's Barrie Campus.

What caused this event was the decision from the Board of Governors at Laurentian University to close down its Barrie campus. Many students will be unable to complete their degree and graduate from Laurentian-Barrie and will be forced to transfer to a different campus or transfer to another institution.

I would like to encourage APUS Board members to sign the ongoing petition that asks for all students to be able to finish their graduation requirements at Barrie campus before its closure. A statement of support from APUS to the Laurentian Students' Union is forthcoming.

APUS Outreach – UTM

With the hire of our Events and Outreach Coordinator, APUS has gained more capacity in our efforts for outreach to our members. In response to this, we have held an Outreach meeting focusing on what APUS' goals are for outreaching to our members and how or what that looks like. I have expressed my vast interest in outreaching at UTM (which is my home campus), and will be coordinating all outreach items related to the University of Toronto Mississauga (Campus). We also currently collaborate with UTMSU in outreaching to our part-time student members at Mississauga campus, specifically with the Vice-President Part-Time Affairs at UTMSU.

Tax Clinic Volunteer Call

For our upcoming Tax Clinic in March, as you may have seen, we are still currently searching for volunteers through our APUS newsletter and our part-time student list-serve for anyone who may be interested in this volunteer experience.

If Board members are interested, or know someone else who may be interested, please email our Member Services Coordinator at services@apus.ca

Colour Printing Service

As already previously announced, APUS now offers colour printing at our Sid Smith office at the rate of \$0.50 per page. I encourage folks to spread the word about this new service to our members, as they are now to able to print in non-monochromatic fashion at their hearts' content at \$0.50 per page.

c) Vice-President Events and Outreach - Susan Murray

Exam Destressors - Winter 2015

We closed 2015 with some well-attended De-stress events such as our Yoga/Convo Café held at the Multi-Faith Centre, and our Exam Jam event, which included a ball pit, balloon artists and a photo booth held at Sidney Smith. We also collaborated with the SCSU on exam de-stressors at the Scarborough campus. New this year, we collaborated with the Woodsworth College Students' Association to deliver a Puppy Therapy event featuring several small dogs, which took place at the Water's Lounge. This event saw over 200 attendees in a span of two hours! In December, our team collaborated with the WCSA on the Red Party and held at Bar Mercurio. We contributed door prizes to some grateful students and took part in the festivities.

UTSC Shuttle Bus Initiative - January 2016

In January, we joined the SCSU in a campaign for affordable transit for our Scarborough members. On January 13, 2016 we launched the Shuttle Bus Initiative which included a pop-up intercampus shuttle bus between the UTSC and UTSG campuses. We offered students a free bus ride between campuses on this day. We also served coffee to members. We successfully gathered petitions from over 1000 students who favoured a shuttle service between Scarborough and St. George Campuses.

Outreach Initiatives

Also in January, we held an outreach meeting with our executives and staff members and established that just one hour of individual outreach would significantly enhance our membership engagement. Our goal is to collectively deliver 8 hours of outreach service to our members on all 3 campuses on a weekly basis. We will be hosting a workshop on how to engage in outreach and will keep you updated on the time and location. If anyone is interested in conducting class talks or tabling, please contact our Events and Outreach Coordinator, Grayce at events@apus.ca to confirm your availability.

Fees Must Fall Talk - February 23, 2016

We are collaboratively sponsoring a *Fees Must Fall* talk at Ryerson University with the Continuing Education Students Association at Ryerson, Student Association at George Brown College on February 23, 2016. Guest speakers Nompendulo Mkhatshwa and Karabo Marutha will be talking about the fight for free education and workers' rights in South Africa. Following the proposed increase of fees at their university, student activists responded with protests that swept other campuses and eventually the country as a whole. As a result of their efforts, the President of South Africa declared that no tuition fee increases would occur in 2016.

Lunch and Learn Series - February 25, 2016

We have hosted two successful Lunch and Learn events for mature students. These events focus on delivering skills on topics of interest to mature students and feature a catered lunch for participants. Our February 25, 2016 Lunch and Learn event focused on the ins and outs of Facebook.

Upcoming Events

Currently, plans are underway to launch a Family friendly event at the Goldring Centre in March, Winter exam de-stressor events, and a Mature and Part-Time students Gala. The Gala is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 29th in the East Common Room of Hart House.

If Board members are interested in getting involved with APUS events, please contact me at vpoutreach@apus.ca.

d) Vice-President Equity - Mala Kashyap

Sexual Violence Report

In early February 2016, the Final Report of the Presidential and Provostial Committee on Prevention and Response to Sexual Violence was released. This report has been the subject of much discussion on campus. There are issues of concern in terms of the evolution of this document. A review of this document is underway between APUS, SBA and the Centre for Women and Trans People and this is an ongoing effort with the aim of forming a collective response to the document to submit to the Provost as a response. If anyone is looking for more information on this, they can contact me at vpequity@apus.ca or contact Danielle directly at ed@apus.ca.

Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office (ARCDO)

ARCDO met in January 2016 for the first time since one year prior. Angela Hilyard is working on a preparing a document to collect statistics via a questionnaire that would be distributed among staff and faculty at the University to determine diversity of race and disability on campus. The categories on this questionnaire were debated extensively with no resolutions. Angela Hilyard announced she was leaving her role as Vice-President Human Resources and Equity in June and that this project would be taken up by her successor. Angela and Sandra Carnegie-Douglas indicated that this group would meet one more time before the end of the academic year to continue the conversation about the questionnaire.

The Council of Athletics and Recreation (CAR) Equity group

The CAR Equity group has met three (3) times this year. A two-day event is being planned at Hart House in late May 2016. This will be an equity-based event dealing with intersectionality in sport and will be called Facilitating Intersectional Dialogue on Sport, Health, Physical Activity & Education. The event will be organized by a team led by Caroline Fuscu and Terry Gardiner from the Kinesiology and Physical Education department. More details will follow.

Hart House Equity group

Hart House has initiated its own equity group called the Warden's Accessibility and Inclusion Review. This group has a seat for VP Equity at APUS. The objectives of this group is to perform a thorough review in terms of equity, accessibility and inclusion and prepare a report with next steps. This group has will meet in late February. More details will follow.

Reclaiming Our Bodies and Minds (ROBAM) Conference

Organizing is on-going for the ROBAM Conference which will be held on March 11-13, 2016. Volunteers are encouraged to participate and are needed to support programming, logistics, registration as well as facilitation. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact me at vpequity@apus.ca.

e) Vice-President External - Margaret Ebifegha

\$15 and Fairness Campaign

Apus has endorsed the campaign for a fair living wage and engaged with it. Both at the CFS national and CFS Ontario levels, member locals put forward motions to support this campaign and all motions were ratified. The \$15 and Fairness campaign is not just about the wage issue, but broadly addresses workers' need to have rights at work and be treated fairly. The campaign calls for paid sick days which a lot of jobs lack right now, decent work hours, and good laws and policies that protect workers.

We are currently collecting signatures which are sent to the legislative assembly through an MPP (Member of Provincial Parliament). The more signatures we collect the better for the campaign. We look forward to having more membership engagement with this issue as it affects a good portion of our membership. If anyone is interested in assisting to collect signatures, please contact me at vpexternal@apus.ca.

At our last meeting with the Vice-Provost Students, we asked for on-campus wages to be raised to \$15 for work study students as the cost of living has gone up but there has not been an increase in the student work study positions for years. Let's continue to work strategically to address low-wages and precarious employment even on our campuses.

Hart House Board of Stewards

The House proposed some constitutional amendments and the Stewards approved it after discussion. On November 19th, the Board of Stewards discussed the possibility of expanding membership eligibility to persons who are not alumni of any university, which they refer to as "members of the broader commune". This amendment was passed because this will help enhance the Hart house brand and make the place more welcoming and inclusive. The financial budget was also approved with about a proposed \$0.33 increase for part time students which is subject to COSS approval.

Hart House Mentorship Program Committee

Committee members gathered to discuss their shared interest in the establishment of a mentorship program based at Hart House. This program would match graduate students and self-identified mature undergraduate students with mentors recruited from Hart House's pool of alumni, senior members and supporters – both those who are currently active in the House, and those who may be interested in becoming active if given the opportunity to serve as mentors. Currently, they expect 20-25 matches between students and Alums by the end of 2016-2017 school year.

Next steps include possibly meeting with John Fraser to learn about the proposed model of mentorship, and designing a questionnaire for use with prospective mentors/mentees to gather qualitative and quantitative information relevant to prospective matches. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this initiative, please contact me at vpexternal@apus.ca.

Lunch and Learn Series

Lunch and learn is a collaboration between APUS and Student Life. The series kicked off and it has been very well received with new APUS member participation. The first topic was on facebook, instagram and twitter. The second will go in depth about Facebook as members had lots of questions around the platform. The third will be blogging or LinkedIn, depending on member preference or demand. Student Life also sponsored the lunch for that event. Executives, board and staff members were on hand to support the event. Board members can suggest other topics that you might want to see to me at vpexternal@apus.ca.

Canadian Federation of Students-National General Meeting

The 34th Annual General Meeting was held from November 21st -26th, in Gatineau Quebec. Students from across Canada came together to deliberate and take decisions regarding student issues. In attendance from APUS were: Richie Pyne, Danielle Sandhu and myself. We had elections for our Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer, who will be Bilan Arte, Anne-Marie Roy, and Peyton Vitch respectively. Importantly, Nour Alideeb, from University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU), Local 109, did a presentation on Islamophobia in the open organizing space forum and it was well attended. This workshop was very timely given recent events in Paris and the rise in Islamophobia on our campuses. The meeting was well organized and there was a strong sense of unity. There were many productive and supportive discussions about racism and colonialism at this meeting.

The Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience Summit was also approved at this meeting to give students the opportunity to gather, share the stories of struggle, nurture and heal together. There were presentations from representatives from the European Student Union, Student Representative Council of the University of Witwatersrand, and the United States Students' Association. They shared their strategies and challenges; it was very inspiring.

The number of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit student presence at CFS has grown. Unfortunately, delegations from UoFT have not sent representatives from these communities to attend. As such, we need to work more aggressively to engage members of these communities on our campus so they can attend, participate, and help shape our broader student movement.

Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario

This was held from January 14th to the 17th, 2016 in the Greater Toronto Areas. In attendance from APUS were Richie Pyne, Mala Kashyap, George Gawronski, Susan Froom, Danielle Sandhu and myself. Elections for Chairperson, National Executive Representative for Ontario, and Treasurer were held and Rajean Hoilett, Gayle McFadden, and Sami Pritchard were selected. As a representative of APUS, I facilitated an open space organizing forum on minimum wage. It was a good space to ask questions around wages, why the present structure exists and what we can do as students to help bring change. In addition, as the CFS-Ontario Mature and Part-time Student Constituency Representative, I also hosted constituency meetings where mature and part-time students can gather to self-organize. Delegates agreed to continue to brainstorm on a campaign for our members that could be launched through the federation. We also discussed a survey of all the schools with mature students.

Coming up soon is CFS-Ontario lobby week, taking place from March 7-10, 2016. I encourage Board members to get involved and take advantage of this opportunity to lobby MPPs on funding and access to education in the province.

Please contact me directly at vpexternal@apus.ca if you're interested in organizing on education.