

APUS Assembly Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2016 | 7:00 PM (adjourned from March 4, 2016)

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In attendance:

Riley McCullough, Richie Pyne, Susan Froom, Jennifer Coggon, Yasmin Rajabi, Mala Kashyap, George Gawronski, Margaret Ebifegha, Jose Wilson, Susan Murray, Sophia Ellis, Munib Sajjad, Christine Cullen

Speaker: Caitlin Campisi

Staff: Danielle Sandhu

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Rambali

Be it resolved that the Assembly Minutes from February 8, 2016 be approved as presented.

DISCUSSION

Rambali states the date for item #5 should be 2015-2016 to be 2016-2017.

Chair suggests to address this when we are at the item.

Vote carries.

3. APUS Bylaw Amendments

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that APUS Bylaw 6 – Directors and Bylaw 8 – Officers and Executive Committee be amended as recommended by the APUS Board of Directors on February 26, 2016.

DISCUSSION

The Speaker states Pyne will motivate.

Pyne states that the summary of changes highlights the changes being made. He states that we are seeking to change the rights of ex-officio directors to be non-voting, they will not have the right to move or second motions, and cannot participate in the in-camera sessions of the Board. He references the pages in the package that include the bylaw amendments. He states participants can ask any questions if needed.

Murray asks if we are voting on items all-together or separately.

The Speaker states items as a whole.

Rambali states that the changes are shown with strikethrough and bold language.

Coggon asks for the motivation for the changes.



Pyne states we want to clarify the rights of ex-officio directors. He states that he wants to allow those who are part-time students who are also ex-officio by virtue of holding office elsewhere to be eligible for the Board as well.

Vote carries.

4. Review of the Election Procedures and Robert's Rules

The Speaker states that she will turn the floor to Sandhu.

Sandhu provides overview of the election procedures including nominations process, verification of candidacy, process by which elections will be conducted including nominations for each constituency, the at-large categories, voting procedure, tally and scrutineering for the vote count. She states that the Speaker will act as Chief Returning Officer with assistance from herself and scrutineers appointed by the room.

a. Woodsworth College

Gawronski states that he hasn't been at APUS too long but would like to continue working with APUS.

Rambali states she wants to be part of the team again until she graduates then when she graduates she will allow someone else join the team.

Kashyap states she has been around here for a year and a half. She states she has been working on equity issues. She states that she is very happy to run again.

Ebifegha states that she has also enjoyed her time and she would also like to run again.

Murray states that she has enjoyed the past three years at APUS and she feels very loyal and dedicated to the organization and wishes to continue on.

Ellis states that she is new. She states that she has heard all of the candidates state they want to continue on and are happy to continue, but wants to know what everyone is interested in doing or what they have been doing.

Gawronski states that he has attended the CFS meeting in January. He states that he had the opportunity to hear about the different types of movements taking place on various campuses. He states that this was inspiring. He states he heard about challenging islamophobia and racism and wants to be involved. He states he wishes to be part of the conversation.

Rambali states that she has participated in a lot as President. She states that as President, you don't work on any one thing but touch on all of the portfolios. She states that we have improved the organization a lot this year and there is more to do to ensure we are the best student union at UofT.

Kashyap states that she is answering as Executive but this is a Board seat election. She states as a Board member she was part of the democratic process of the organization. She states that as an Executive she focused on disability and mature students, connecting with other groups on campus and liaising with other committees. She states that she would attend and participate, bring forward discussion to APUS and get a sense of APUS issues.



Ebifegha states that she wants to continue to bring students together. She states that we have started a lunch and learn series and we have seen new students, mature students come out. She states that she wants to continue to find out what resources will be useful to mature students. She says she wants to continue to grow the connection with the membership.

Murray states that when she first arrived at APUS she was Treasurer which gave her insight into finance. She states that she then gravitated to events. When role was created she was happy about that and she went for the role. She has served in that role. She states that she was part of the creative process for Pride, Caribana, orientation, and de-stress events at APUS. She states that she is working on the planning of the Gala. She states that she is interested in engaging students while they learn and it's great to see students relax and she is interested in doing more of that.

The Speaker states that Cheng was unable to be present at the time but is a nominee. She clarifies the process and distributes the ballots to eligible voters.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough exit the room for the count.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough enter the room.

Campisi states that Gawronksi, Rambali, Kashyap, Ebifegha, Cheng, and Murray have been elected.

b. Innis, Trinity, New, Victoria, St. Michael's, University College

Cullen states that the first event she attended was Resisting Democracy and she was so impressed. She states that with everything being what it is there are pockets of people working for change and that she wants to be involved and feels that everyone is like brothers and sisters and wants to be involved.

Sandhu reads a statement for Kuforiji. She states he is from SMC, wanted to get involved, was interested in Governing Council but couldn't run due to changing status. She states he then became an APUS class representative and now is interested in getting involved in the Union representing part time students. She states his formerly was the President of the Black Students' Association.

Froom states she has been a class representative for seven years. She states she has held roles on the Executive previously. She states she served on Bylaw Committee this year. She states she is hoping to continue and to work on issues of disability and rights for international students.

Ellis asks for clarity around comment by Cullen.

Cullen states that UofT is very colonial and bureaucratic. She states that she attended event and was impressed with speakers and those organizing. She states she came back to school and sees these nests of people working to social change and wants to be part of that.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough exit the room for the count.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough enter the room.

The Speaker states that Cullen and Froom were elected.



c. Mississauga

Wilson states that this is the first meeting he has attended. He states he was recently introduced to APUS by Pyne and now is running for this seat. He states that he was presented with a view of the organization as being very close-knit and representing part time students and hopes to be a part of it.

Pyne states that he wants to represent UTM again and be a Board member. He states that folks do not have to vote for him, it's optional, but if not he will run for at-large. He states that he introduced Wilson to APUS and might see him get the UTM seat and that would be a good thing because as a Board member that's what you're supposed to do.

Coggon asks what each would like to bring forward from UTM as director.

Wilson states that this is his first time studying part-time and he is learning the issues. He states that there was a change in the representation at UTMSU including changes with VP Part-time. He states as he learns about the issues, he will bring them forward and advocate.

Pyne states he wants to focus on outreach to students at UTM. He states that he is easy to find in the UTM Student Centre and that APUS' primary role is to outreach to students. He states it could be in that role or through the At-Large seat. He states cooperating with UTMSU and making sure that part-time students are supported at that campus. He states many students transition from full-time to part-time status and need support.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough exit the room for the count.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough enter the room.

The Speaker states that Pyne was elected.

d. Scarborough

Rajabi states that she has been the SCSU designate this year and made sure we are representing UTSC students. She states working she wants to work closely together. She states that she will be serving as the part-time representative on UTSC Campus Council as well and that's another space where representation can take place and assist with work here.

Pyne asks what's her favourite part of UTSC.

Rajabi states that she likes the diversity and close community at UTSC because it's a suburban campus. She states that it's a lot more friendlier campus than UTSG.

Ebifegha asks how we can do that work.

Rajabi states for part-time students it's hard to get involved. She states it's been hard to engage them into running for Campus Council. She states that there hasn't been a space. She states that we need to build a community for part-time students. She states perhaps the Lunch and Learn initiative could be used to build this community.

Ebifegha asks how to identify part-time students.

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Rajabi states perhaps the list serv. Hard to identify part-time students. Doing an orientation with scsu and apus for part time and mature students.

Murray asks for update on UTSC shuttle bus initiative and if there are plans to continue working on this.

Rajabi states the CAO of UTSC wants to see tricampus levy. She states she will follow up with new SCSU VP Ex to see direction. She states that the 198 is not an express. She states that we can follow up with TTC to see if we can make changes. She states that there is a cost of \$2 M that the UofT is looking to cover. She states we will need to investigate and follow up on what we can do to bring more success to this campaign which has been running for 10 years.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough exit the room for the count.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough enter the room.

The Speaker states that Rajabi was elected.

e. At-large

Campisi states the two nominees are Kuforiji and Wilson.

Wilson states he would like the opportunity to serve and support outreach at the UTM seat and be involved in the year ahead.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough exit the room for the count.

Campisi, Sandhu, Coggon, and McCullough enter the room.

The Speaker states that Kuforiji and Wilson were elected.

f. Ratification of election results

MOTION Moved: Kashyap Seconded: Gawronski

DISCUSSION

Pyne states that he encourages folks to vote in favour of the motion.

Vote carries.

g. Motion to destroy the ballots

MOTION Moved: Coggon Seconded: Gawronski.

Vote carries.

6. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Rambali Seconded: Pyne

Vote carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.