



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

March 8, 2019
6:30pm
Meeting #7
APUS North Borden Office

Board of Directors' Meeting #7

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 **March 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm** in the APUS Board Room at the North Borden office.

Included in this package:

- I. Agenda (page 3 - 4)
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Please feel free to forward any question or concerns via email to me directly.

Sincerely,

Jaime Kearns
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Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto (APUS)
Local 97 of the Canadian Federation of Students
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I. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION Moved: Kearns Seconded: Coggon

Be it resolved that the meeting agenda for Board of Directors' meeting #7 be adopted as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the minutes' package be approved as presented.

- a. Board of Directors Meeting #6 – February 8, 2019
- b. Executive Committee #11 – October 30, 2018
- c. Executive Committee #12 – December 10, 2018
- d. Executive Committee #13 – January 23, 2019
- e. Executive Committee #14 – February 6, 2019

4. CFS and CFS-O Fees 2019-2020

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Coggon

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario combined membership fee for 2019-2020 be increased from \$4.02 to \$4.10.

**Please note as per the referenda CFS and CFS-O fees, the fee will increase annually with the Consumer Price Index.*

5. APUS Health & Dental Plan Fees 2019-2020

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the APUS Health Plan fee be increased from \$65.63 to \$_____ and APUS Dental Plan Fee be increased from \$54.76 to \$_____.

**Please note as per the referenda for the APUS Health and Dental Plan fees, the Board may approve up to a maximum 10% increase for each plan fee annually.*

6. APUS Auditor 2018-2019

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Coggon

Be it resolved that the APUS Board recommend to the membership that _____ be appointed as APUS auditors for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

7. Cuts to Post-Secondary Education and Tell Them No Campaign

8. Executive Reports

1. President
2. Vice-President Internal
3. Vice-President External
4. Vice-President Events and Outreach
5. Vice-President Equity

9. Adjournment

II. MINUTES

a) Board of Directors Meeting #6 – February 8, 2019

In attendance: Jaime Kearns, Jennifer Coggon, Richie Pyne, Christine Cullen, Susan Froom, Mala Kashyap (on phone), Jose Wilson (on phone)

Staff: Caitlin Campisi

Speaker: Nadia Kanani

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6:33pm.

Everyone introduces themselves and states their access needs.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION Moved: Kashyap Seconded: Kearns

Be it resolved that the meeting agenda for Board of Directors' meeting #6 be adopted as presented.

Vote carries.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the minutes' package be approved as presented.

- a. Board of Directors Meeting #5 – December 10, 2018

Vote carries.

4. Annual General Meeting 2018-2019

MOTION Moved: Kearns Seconded: Kashyap

Be it resolved that in accordance with Article 4.01 of the APUS bylaws, the Annual General Meeting be held on March 15, 2019.

Vote carries.

5. APUS Board of Director Elections 2019-2020

MOTION Moved: Coggon Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that the APUS Assembly meeting where the Board of Directors for 2019-2020 is elected be held on March 15, 2019.

Vote carries.

6. Council on Student Services Operating Budgets

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Coggon

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote no to the proposed budget for the Department of Student Life.

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote yes to the proposed budget for Kinesiology and Physical Education.

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote yes to the proposed budget for Hart House.

DISCUSSION

Pyne states that this is the time of the year where we have a discussion at the Board as to how your representatives will be voting at the COSS budget votes. He gives an overview of the COSS protocol, states that students have a majority vote, and that each of the budgets are a separate vote (Student Life, KPE and Hart House). He states that he and Coggon are the APUS representatives to COSS this year. He and Coggon will go over each of the presentations and budgets before making a recommendation to the Board.

Pyne states he will start with Student Life. He provides an overview of the services that Student Life offers. Coggon offers some pros and cons for Student Life in terms of voting in favour or not in favour of their requested budget increase. She states that they are working on a lower student fee reliance. They have allocated additional Accessibility Services funding so that it is supposedly easier to access Accessibility Services at St George. She does not have clarity regarding Accessibility Services on the UTM and UTSC campuses. They have increased work-study positions. There is also a lack of student representation at the level of governance within Student Life and its various departments. For example, APUS does not have a seat on any governing board at Student Life and this is a concern. Coggon states that some of their budget line items could also be concerning. For example, there is a reduction in the staffing budget for First Nations House. Kearns states that this could simply be due to retirement of particular staff rather than less staff overall, as well as some staff working for both First Nations House and Indigenous Initiatives Office which could also explain this difference. Coggon states that other concerns include that in their annual report they list student involvement and student bodies that they state they consulted with, however when she investigated this it was not possible to get much information on these consultations. For example, student involvement in the First Nations Student Advisory Committee included some questionable practices. The Family Care Office budget is decreasing. Coggon states that all this does not add up to a congruence for which she and Pyne would be confident in voting yes. She notes that they do provide important services for students.

From asks regarding the exact amounts for the increase in terms of a yes vote or a no vote. Coggon states that she and Pyne will take a recommendation from the APUS Board to the COSS vote. Coggon clarifies the exact amounts asked for in terms of an increase for part time students. She also explains that a yes vote means yes to a permanent increase which is made up of CPI and UTI considered together. A no vote means that they will still get the increase but this is where CPI and UTI come in to play. With a no vote, CPI is permanent, whereas UTI will be temporary in that it will expire in 3 years. In other words, the impact of a no vote on their budget is low. Students can have a voice but not really do any damage to the budget.

Wilson asks for further clarification around UTI and CPI and exactly how those two components work together.

Pyne states that he will go over pages 10-11 of the Student Life budget presentation. He reviews the requested amounts for St George, UTM and UTSC. He states that CPI is consumer price index which is inflation broadly. He states that U of T has their own separate and additional inflation rate known as UTI, which is a prediction based on enrolment, use of services, etc. This allows U of T to add an additional fee on top of the inflation that is already included. He explains that CPI and UTI are added together to get a full inflation rate for fees at U of T.

Pyne states that he and Coggin do have a recommendation to bring forward. From clarifies that the recommendation is also from the Executive Committee.

MOTION

Pyne/Coggon

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote no to the proposed budget for the Department of Student Life.

Vote carries with one noted abstention (Kashyap abstains).

Pyne states the next vote is Kinesiology and Physical Education (KPE). He states that there are budget documents from KPE available. He states that KPE is removing fees for certain classes, such as entry level basketball and tennis. This will make the classes more accessible. He states that there are many work-study positions for students. They are working well towards their buildings becoming more accessible as well as their activities and programming. They have specific programming for BIPOC, LGBTQ and women students. They have also started swimming lessons specifically for Indigenous students. He notes a particular slide on page 9 of the KPE presentation which includes their accessibility and inclusion programming. Coggon notes that part of the significant criteria for their recommendation is student governance, or how these organizations are embedding meaningful representation for student governance: not just for programming and logistics but for the budget as well.

From notes that there is a real difference between how students are consulted within Student Life and how APUS has a seat on the Council of Athletics and Recreation at KPE where we can vote on budgets and programming. She states that over the years this has caused them to significantly improve their programming and they have listened to our needs. She states that she is in favour of a permanent increase for KPE for this reason.

Pyne notes the many governing bodies within the KPE structure in which there are student seats.

Coggon notes that KPE is very transparent in terms of their budget and their budget process.

Kashyap clarifies that there are several student seats on the Council of Athletics and Recreation.

Pyne goes over the current fees and the proposed fees for part time students at St George, UTSC and UTM.

Coggon recaps that a yes vote would be a permanent increase and a no vote would be comprised of CPI which is permanent and UTI which would be temporary. She also notes that KPE is heavily reliant on student fees.

Froom asks if in all cases we are voting on not only part time student fees but all student fees. Coggon clarifies that our vote covers all student fees, including part-time students.

Pyne moves the following motion and notes it is in line with a recommendation from Executive. Froom notes that there was much discussion at the Executive Committee.

MOTION

Pyne/Coggon

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote yes to the proposed budget for Kinesiology and Physical Education.

Vote carries.

Pyne notes we are now on the Heart of the House, or Hart House. He states that Hart House is a centrally located building at St George and a lot of their space is by students for students. He gives many examples of the types of programming, activities and services offered at Hart House. They try hard to serve students especially with involving students in their governance structures. They have been moving towards relying less and less on student fees. They rely the least on student fees in terms of the three departments and are very transparent with their budget. He notes that they are currently in a difficult situation in terms of a costly re-renovation project. He notes that they are asking the maximum amount for an increase this year to cover infrastructure costs. Due to the fact that Hart House is colonially built over a creek, over one hundred years old, inaccessible, and the equipment is also really old, they are requesting the maximum increase. He notes that many things at Hart House are no longer operational and they are in a place where they need to fix the overall building. This is essentially why they are proposing the maximum. They are also dipping into reserve funds and exploring other options.

Coggon states that they have been really making an aggressive attempt to drive down student fees and their budget approval process is very transparent and includes student representation such as APUS. They have taken these points into account for their recommendation.

Pyne goes over the current fees and proposed fee increase in the Hart House budget.

MOTION

Pyne/Coggon

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote yes to the proposed budget for Hart House.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that this is also the recommendation of the Exec Committee. She notes that Hart House is unique in that the Hart House Board of Stewards not only has student union seats but also elected student leaders in other seats. The majority of the Hart House Board of Stewards is elected student representatives. She is in favour of the fee increase for this reason. It also does not get its budget from the central administration like the other departments. She thinks Hart House is a good deal for students and highly used by students.

Pyne states that he is extremely supportive of the Heart of the House.

Kashyap would like to thank Pyne and Coggon for their effort and collaboration with each other.

Wilson echoes Kashyap and thanks folks for the information and the specific explanations.

Coggon states they took the no vote very seriously and it involved lots of discussion.

Kearns notes the lack of Indigenous student involvement on the First Nations Student Advisory Committee, including having non-Indigenous students in paid roles and Indigenous students in Volunteer roles is very questionable on the part of Student Life.

Vote carries.

7. Executive Reports

1. President

Kashyap states that her report will be short. She notes the proposed changes to the Ontario post-secondary education and thanks our staff who have organized protests and rallies. She thanks Kearns for her leadership on our ongoing actions. She notes she sat on Council of Athletics and Recreation and Hart House Board of Stewards. Kashyap notes that she will be resigning as President as of February 28, 2019. She states that it is time for her to focus on her academics and her last few credits. She notes she will remain on the Board.

MOTION
Froom/Pyne

Be it resolved the APUS Board accept Kashyap's resignation as President as of February 28, 2019 with the understanding that she will remain on the Board.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that she would like to say thank you on behalf of the Board and the Executive to Kashyap for her steadfast dedication to APUS. Kashyap brought heart, insight and an astonishing dedication to APUS that is very much appreciated.

Froom also notes that under our Bylaws, in the absence of the President the VP External is Acting President and performs all duties of the President.

Kearns confirms that she will be happy to take on the portfolio of President for the next two months.

Kearns would like to thank Kashyap for the guidance and knowledge that she has given her as well as the support and encouragement. She states that she is so happy for Kashyap to be able to see graduation and to achieve that goal. She states that we all one day hope to be there one day as well. She thanks Kashyap for remaining on the Board. Miigwetch.

Pyne would also like to give a big thank you to Kashyap. Coggon also thanks Kashyap.

Vote carries.

2. Vice-President Internal

Froom states that we have a finished Collective Bargaining and have a final signed Collective Agreement with our staff. We are continuing to meet to negotiate one item. Froom states that she attended a PUSAG meeting in December. She also attended the CFS-O Ontario General Meeting in January. She participated in Exam Jams and Cupcakes and Chill, which is happening every Wednesday. She helped to host our 5 Buck Lunch with SBA at Hart House. She states that she has done some class talks. She also attended our Letter Writing Party with SBA yesterday. She has done some research around the proposed cuts to post-secondary education. She has participated in rallies and marches and continues to do some research in terms of how APUS is going to survive.

3. Vice-President External

Kearns provides a summary of the cuts to post-secondary education that were announced on January 17 by Minister Fullerton. There are three main parts. The first is a 10% tuition cuts without an equivalent public investment which means that universities will have to make up the difference. The second is cuts to OSAP, including less grants and more loans, the elimination of the six-month grace period, and changing the definition of an independent student. The third is the Student Choice Initiative, which will categorize student fees as essential vs non-essential. This will create an opt-out for all student fees that are deemed non-essential, which is really an opt-in online at time of billing. They have listed what they deem as essential: athletics and recreation, career services, student building, health and counselling, academic support, student ID cards, transcripts, convocation, financial aid office, walk safe programs, existing compulsory transit passes. Health and dental plans are compulsory but must allow students to opt-out if they provide proof of pre-existing coverage. All other fees are non-essential. She states that we do have some concerns. For example, the cuts to OSAP will disproportionately affect marginalized and low-income students. Under the Student Choice Initiative, student services may be disappearing. Food banks, for example, will be deemed non-essential. She notes that many part time students use the food bank and so do folks from First Nations House. She notes that somehow athletics are essential but the food bank is not, which makes no sense. All student clubs are non-essential according to the government. She notes this will be hard to get in place for September, and will really affect first year students. We as APUS are concerned about what this means for us and our future. She states that we participated in an emergency rally organized by CFS-Ontario and CUPE Ontario the day after the announcement. We also participated in two more rallies and hosted banner making for student groups to make banners for the rallies. We have also been doing coalition work with other student groups. We have released a statement against the cuts. We have come together with UTMSU, SCSU, and UTGSU to meet with the OVPS jointly to hear what the administration has in mind and ask them to fight this together with us. There is also an emergency meeting CFS Ontario Executive Committee coming up. She states that things are not over. She states that we are going to ask U of T to say no to the proposed changes. She states that if U of T says no, it will make a big impact.

Kashyap exits the meeting.

Wilson asks about the impact the Student Choice Initiative will have on ancillary fees, and whether U of T has any leeway. He asks how will health and dental insurance fees work when they are essential but student union fees are not.

Kearns clarifies that there is no leeway for the administration under the proposed guidelines with regards to essential vs non-essential status. She states that she is unsure how we can run a health and dental plan without a student union to support it.

Wilson states that he is really concerned and speaks to the importance of student services that are run by student unions.

Cullen states that this is heartbreaking and we are being put in a tough place. She states that it is really wrong what Ford is doing and we need to make sure that all students know about it and fight back together.

Kearns states that she has also been doing a lot of outreach at Cupcakes and Chill and class talks. She has been participating in CFS-O and CFS-O Executive Committee meetings. She states that she served on the Student Initiative Fund and reviewed over 90 applications from student groups. She has been attending all the rallies and banner-making. She is trying to get out and talk to students more and work with other student groups on campus.

Froom notes that it is going to be a real challenge for students who rely on OSAP, including those going into a second entry program. She notes that another issue is that the UTAPS bursaries might be cut.

Cullen notes that certain Professors would be happy to help get the message out. She notes that we should be speaking to faculty and students everywhere. She notes that the privileged students will get more and marginalized students will get less.

4. Vice-President Events and Outreach

Pyne encourages folks to read his report. He states that Cupcakes and Chill was an amazing experience and he encourages folks to keep coming. He states that the Ninth Floor documentary screening is really important and we will try to stream it again. He has been to all of the COSS meetings. He also attended the CFS-Ontario meeting which was amazing. He states that Felipe Nagata was elected Chairperson. He states he is on the Hart House Infrastructure Committee. He states that he attended the emergency rally during the CFS-O meeting and that CFS-O is planning a Week of Action for Reading Week. He states that we have a Mid Winter Night's Chill event coming up with WCSA at Krueger Hall. He states that class talks are coming soon.

5. Vice-President Equity

Coggon states that she has been doing outreach at exam jams, cupcakes and chill, and the Sid Smith office. She states that she attended all the COSS presentations which she spoke to earlier at length. She has been receiving and managing donation requests. She attended the CFS-O meeting which was great and went to Campaigns Forum. She states that the student-led consultations on the sexual violence policy are going well, the facilitator is excellent and we are so lucky to have our Campaigns and Advocacy Coordinator to support. She states that we have one at Scarborough and another one at St George upcoming.

MOTION
Pyne/Froom

Be it resolved that the Executive reports are accepted as presented.

Vote carries.

8. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Kearns

The meeting is adjourned at 8:47pm.

Vote carries.

b) Executive Committee Meeting #11- October 31, 2018

In attendance: Jaime Kearns, Jennifer Coggon, Susan Froom, Mala Kashyap (on phone), Richie Pyne (on phone)

Staff: Caitlin Campisi

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 3:28pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Coggon

BIRT the agenda is approved as presented.

Vote carries.

3. Management Updates

Campisi provides an update on behalf of management regarding human resources and finances. She states that our new Campaigns and Advocacy Coordinator Berry-Crossfield has been hired, completed training, and has been provided with a statement of priorities. She states that she is very pleased with the work our new Campaigns and Advocacy Coordinator has done, including drafting statements on recent events, conducting research on policies stemming from Governing Council, researching financial opportunities for part-time students, and researching institutional policies.

Campisi states she has finalized our audited financial statements for the 2017-2018 fiscal year with our accountants, and that our taxes have been submitted. She states that the audited financial statements will be presented to the Board at our next meeting.

Campisi states that two additional hiring committees may take place this semester: a permanent Events & Outreach Coordinator, and Student Information Clerks. She asks Executives to consider if they have interest and capacity in serving on these committees later in the semester.

4. Exec Office & Outreach Hours

Executives confirm the weekly office and outreach hours they would like to hold for the rest of the semester:

- Kearns: Wednesdays 1 – 3pm, Sid Smith office
- Kashyap: Mondays 4:30 – 6pm, Sid Smith office
- Froom: Wednesdays 11:30am – 1pm, Sid Smith lobby/office
- Coggon: Mondays 10am – 12pm, Sid Smith office
- Pyne: Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 12 – 4pm, UTSC/UTM

Pyne states he is waiting to hear back from UTMSU and SCSU regarding tabling space at UTSC and UTM. Froom states she would also like to do class talks as part of her outreach. Campisi states staff can support Executives who would like to do class talks by identifying courses with a higher number of part-time students.

Discussion of importance of being accessible and available to meet with members. Discussion of communicating these hours to students so that they are aware of availability of Executives. Discussion of doubling up Executives for office/outreach hours so that if one person is not able to attend that week, another can still meet with students. Discussion of trial period for rest of semester.

5. Fall Semester Project Timeline

Campisi reviews the Fall Semester Project Timeline. Everyone provides updates on the progress of each project. Discussion of capacity and re-assigning project leads and supports as needed, and adding additional projects Executives would like to prioritize. There is agreement that there is capacity among the team to continue progress on the projects.

6. 50th Anniversary Birthday Party

Campisi reviews a proposal for a 50th anniversary birthday party event that our Events & Outreach Coordinator has put together, including the theme, programming, location, date and time. Discussion of potential dates and agreement on Wednesday, November 28 from 3-7pm in the Sid Smith Office as well as the Sid Smith lobby. The theme is a children's birthday party with balloons, cake, desserts and a popcorn maker. Programming could include arts & crafts, a caricature artist, and an interactive APUS quiz. Copies of Part-Time and Proud: 50 Years of Student Activism will be available and part of the APUS archival display will be re-created. Sid Smith on Wednesdays is high traffic and our members are already familiar with our Sid Smith office. Discussion of sending invites to former APUS members as well as current APUS members and members of the U of T community. Executives are in favour of moving forward with the proposal.

7. Executive Reports

a) Vice-President Events & Outreach

Pyne states that he has been doing outreach in the form of tabling at UTM and UTSC. He states that he has been focusing on class rep outreach.

Pyne exits the meeting.

b) President

Kashyap states that she has received an invitation for APUS to participate in an IT Student Advisory Committee meeting on November 6, 11:30 – 1pm. She asks Executives to let her know

if they are interested. Coggon asks if she can forward the invitation to SBA. Kashyap states that would be great.

Kashyap states that she has received an invitation for APUS to participate in the U of T Remembrance Day Ceremony. She states that more than one Executive has expressed interest in laying the wreath on behalf of APUS. She asks folks to discuss amongst themselves and let her know by the end of the day so that the correct name will appear in the program. Others can go and attend the ceremony and afterwards participate and reception.

Kashyap states that she viewed the UTSU AGM via livestream. She states that it is important for everyone to know that the agreement between UTMSU & UTSU is no longer in effect and that the two student unions will be separating. She states that the vote was unanimous. She states that she will follow up with scheduling a meeting to discuss the current campus climate and APUS' role.

c) Vice-President Internal

Froom states that there are a couple of small Bylaw amendments that are needed and that we will set up a meeting with the Bylaw Committee soon. For example, the timing of the budget is proving to be inconvenient. She states that the Committee will discuss further.

Froom states that she and Campisi are preparing for bargaining and will be in a bargaining meeting all day on Friday.

Froom notes she has compiled notes from the Board regarding the U of T Library Review. She states she met with a part-time student from Engineering who was interested in CFS Consent Culture materials and provided materials for distribution to students. She states that along with Coggon, she attended the Hillel U of T vigil, as well as a reception at the Hillel Centre, and spoke to students and chaplains about how to support Jewish students following the shooting in Pittsburgh. She states that she spoke with a chaplain from Trinity College regarding white poppies for Remembrance Day and that they were interested in equity materials.

d) Vice-President External

Kearns states that she attended the CFS-O Executive Committee meeting this past weekend. There was a discussion of the recent referendum vote at Carleton Local 1. She states that Carleton students voted yes to remain CFS members. She states that there was a very good presentation on the results of the municipal elections. She states that the women's collective that provided materials for the Ethical Purchasing Network has disbanded and that CFS is looking into finding another cooperative. She states that there was a discussion of next steps in the ongoing Fight the Fees campaign. She states that the Ontario office is working on the Free Speech policies on campuses throughout the province. She states they considered the motions that had been referred to the CFS-O Executive from the general meeting in August. She states that on the motion regarding referendum timelines, they voted to align it with CFS National bylaws for consistency. She states that a steering committee was struck to work on the RISE motion. She states that a committee was struck to work on the motion on childminding. She states these committees will bring recommendations to the next Executive meeting.

e) Vice-President Equity

Coggon states she along with Froom she attended the Hillel U of T Vigil and also reached out to Hillel U of T on behalf of APUS.

Coggon states that she will ask Board members if they are interested in the available ticket to the Dala Lana Student Led Conference on harm reduction.

Coggon states that she has done research on QR codes as a possible element to Indigenous signage and decolonizing education at APUS. She states that QR codes were used in this way at the Hart House Indigenous language exhibit.

Coggon states that over the weekend she played around with turning the 50th anniversary quiz presented to the Board into an online quiz. She states that she spoke with faculty and students at OISE who used QR codes as part of a quiz to encourage folks to take the stairs in order to figure out how to do it. She has a test version of a quiz put together and she will send it out. She is also working on an online membership survey with APUS staff.

8. \$15 & Fairness Media Action

Kearns states that there will be a press conference at Queen's Park on Monday, November 5 at 9am about the importance of \$15 minimum wage and equal pay for equal work. Kearns will be away and will not be able to attend but if anyone can attend please let her know so that they can be registered.

9. U of T Smoke-Free Policy – TABLED

10. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Kearns

The meeting is adjourned at 5:42pm.

c) Executive Committee Meeting #12 - December 10, 2018

In attendance: Susan Froom, Jaime Kearns, Jennifer Coggon, Mala Kashyap, Richie Pyne
Staff: Caitlin Campisi

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 3:48pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Kearns

BIRT the agenda is approved as presented.

Vote carries.

3. Management Updates

a) Updates on Bargaining and ratification of new Collective Agreement

Froom and Campisi state that bargaining went well and they are happy to report that pending ratification by the membership at a meeting with their Union tomorrow, collective bargaining is now completed. Campisi states that it was a lot of work but that we went into it with a

In attendance: Jaime Kearns, Susan Froom, Richie Pyne, Jennifer Coggon (on phone), Mala Kashyap (on phone)
Staff: Caitlin Campisi

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 4:25pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

BIRT the agenda is approved as presented.

Vote carries.

3. Donation request from SAIA

Coggon presents a donation request from Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA) in the amount of \$250 for Israeli Apartheid Week in March. Coggon states that this week includes programming around Palestinian solidarity and the Boycott Divestment Sanctions movement. She states that they have asked us in the past and in 2017 we endorsed the week and gave \$250. Coggon is recommending a donation of \$250 and an endorsement of IAW in the form of general support. She states there is also the question of in-kind support as well.

Pyne states that he is in favour of the donation request. He is also ok with offering in-kind resources such as office space if that is feasible as he notes that we have a lot on the go right now.

Kearns states that it would be great to have Executives also attend IAW and support in person. She is in favour of the donation request for \$250 and asks what this means for our budget. Campisi clarifies that we have over \$1000 left in our donations budget line.

Froom is in favour of the \$250 donation and also offering in-kind support.

Coggon summarizes that the Executive is in agreement with a donation of \$250 and an endorsement in the form of our name and in-kind resources upon request.

MOTION Moved: Coggon Seconded: Pyne

BIRT APUS make a donation of \$250 to Students Against Israeli Apartheid and endorse Israeli Apartheid Week.

Vote carries.

4. Response to the proposed cuts to post-secondary education

Campisi provides a summary of APUS and other student group responses to date, including the emergency rally held at Queen's Park on January 18, attended by many APUS Executives and staff, and an upcoming rally on February 25. She notes that APUS will be hosting a banner-making party on February 24 with OPIRG for interested students before the rally. She notes that

we have released our APUS statement against the proposed cuts. She notes that we have agreed we should cancel our meeting with the OVPS and schedule a joint meeting with the other central student unions in order to make a strong statement that all student groups are valuable. Pyne suggests meeting with other groups before the joint meeting. Executives agree that they would all like to have a joint meeting with the other central student unions and the OVPS. Kashyap states that she has cancelled the meeting tomorrow and will email the OVPS regarding the joint meeting.

Froom states she would also like to discuss OSAP and what will happen to U of T student bursaries. She states that at UAB on Monday there will be an item on ancillary fees for information. Pyne states that it would be good if Froom can ask questions at UAB. Froom agrees.

Discussion around how valuable student-run services are to the student experience, and that all student groups, organizations and clubs are integral to U of T. Discussion of support for all types of student organizations.

5. COSS Updates

Kashyap states that the Hart House, KPE and Student Life budgets will be coming up on Friday. She states that all will be asking for full amounts and we will have the final amounts then. She states that she abstained from CAR and Hart House budget votes because she would like us to discuss first as a team. Executives agree that it will be important to discuss at our next scheduled Exec meeting in advance of the COSS budget vote. APUS COSS reps will make a recommendation then.

6. Class talks & Assembly outreach

Kearns states that she did a class talk today with our Events and Outreach Coordinator. She states that it went well and she answered students' questions and gave out her business cards. She states that they also left class rep forms. She states that class talks are a good opportunity to talk about the cuts to post-secondary education and APUS programming.

Kearns states the Executive should look at the class talk list that the Events and Outreach Coordinator sent out. She asks Executives to sign up on the list and if they can prioritize evening classes in particular.

Froom states we should invite students specifically to our next February 8 Assembly meeting. She states that members could attend their first Assembly meeting in order to explore if would like to become representatives.

7. APUS Programming

Campisi notes that we have a lot of programming coming up and asks folks to confirm which events and programming they can attend. Discussion on 5 Buck Lunch, a partnership with SBA at Hart House on January 28. Kashyap, Campisi, Fatima will attend and Coggon and Froom note they will likely be available. Discussion on Black History Month kick-off event Ninth Floor film screening which will happen on January 30. Pyne provides a summary of the documentary and invites folks to attend. Kearns notes that Cupcakes and Chill has been happening every Wednesday and that these have been great opportunities to debrief with students about the cuts to postsecondary education. Executives agree that Cupcakes and Chill has been a great series

and everyone would like to continue this series as regular programming every Wednesday for the rest of the semester. Pyne notes that we have an event upcoming which is a collaboration with WCSA, Midwinter's Night Chill on February 12 in the evening. This is meant to be part of the Valentine's season and we will have board games, food and a space to connect with students.

Discussion of programming outside of APUS. Kashyap notes that the Hancock Lecture at Hart House is upcoming. Pyne states that the Silence is Violence report has come out and folks can find it online. He states that this report is important to review.

8. CFS and CFS-O Lobby Weeks

Kearns states that we have received notice of the upcoming CFS National Lobby Week on February 18-21. Discussion of whether we should send a representative to this week. Executives agree that Kearns should attend if she would like as our representative as part of her VP External portfolio.

Kearns states that we have also received notice of the upcoming CFS Ontario Lobby Week on February 25-29. Discussion of prioritizing the Ontario Lobby Week this year and the need to meet with our allies in other parties.

9. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Froom

The meeting is adjourned at 6:02pm.

e) Executive Committee Meeting #14 - February 6, 2019

In attendance: Jaime Kearns, Susan Froom, Jennifer Coggon, Richie Pyne (on phone), Mala Kashyap (on phone)
Staff: Caitlin Campisi

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 3:40pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Coggon

BIRT the agenda is approved as presented.

Vote carries.

3. COSS budget vote recommendation to Board

Coggon provides context for the upcoming budget vote at COSS. She states that the vote is on February 15 and explains the U of T formula for ancillary fee increases (CPI and UTI). She explains that the fees are pro-rated for part-time students. She states that there have been presentations from Student Life, KPE, Hart House, and general presentation on the COSS formula. She states that APUS has two votes and that our representatives are herself and Pyne. She states that she hopes to reach a consensus amongst the Executive tonight, and then

present a recommendation to the Board on Friday. She states that the Board will then vote in favour or against each of the fee increases and our representatives vote according to the Board vote. She states that the question we have to consider is whether we vote in favour of the KPE, Hart House, and Student Life fees. Coggon presents the COSS protocol in relation to CPI, UTI, and each individual requested fee increase. She notes that our vote is not the final word, but that our recommendation goes to UAB. Coggon presents an explanatory note she has drafted with the COSS voting options (i.e. a yes vote equates this dollar value in increase for part-time students; a no vote means that dollar value in increase for part-time students) and exactly what each vote means for future years (i.e. temporary vs permanent increases). Discussion on pros and cons of voting in favour or against each of the three votes. Discussion of how much each of the organizations rely on student fee revenue vs looking for alternative funding sources. Discussion of representation of students in the governance structures of each organization. Discussion of the programming and initiatives of each organization. Discussion of overall budgets of each organization. Executives agree on the following recommendation to make to the Board: against Student Life fee increase, in favour of Hart House increase, in favour of KPE increase.

4. New information on cuts to post-secondary education and Student Choice Initiative

Campisi notes that earlier this week guidelines were leaked from the MTCU with new information including that student group fees are categorized as non-essential. She notes that we are all reviewing the new information and will need to discuss further at a later meeting. Campisi notes that we should also give a presentation on the cuts at our Assembly meeting on Friday.

Kearns notes that as our lead on organizing against the cuts to post-secondary education she would be happy to give a presentation at the Assembly. Kearns states she is also organizing the joint meeting with the central student unions and the OVPS. Executives discuss a desire to work with all our allied student groups on this issue.

Campisi notes that we have received a new request to comment from the Varsity on the cuts as well. Discussion of content of response from Executive Committee.

5. Levy requests from SBA and Regensis

Campisi states that we have received requests for further discussion regarding levies from Students for Barrier-Free Access and Regensis. Discussion of capacity to run referenda this spring with the recent proposed cuts to postsecondary education. Discussion of Campisi communicating our will to continue partnerships with these organizations and levies at a later date.

6. Donation request from SBA

Coggon presents a donation request from Students for Barrier-Free Access in the amount of \$104 to cover the cost of TTC tokens for a series of ASL classes. She notes the details for the request have been circulated via email. Discussion of remaining budget for donations.

MOTION Moved: Coggon Seconded: Froom

BIRT APUS make a donation in the amount of \$104 for TTC tokens to Students for Barrier-Free Access.

Vote carries.

7. Executive Updates

Kashyap notes that she attended an event in the Mature Students Academic Workshop series at Woodsworth and that it was well-attended and very good.

Kashyap notes that she will be resigning as President on February 28. She notes that Kearns will be stepping up as Acting President for the final two months of the term. She notes that she will officially resign at the Board meeting on February 8.

Campisi notes that we will be hosting Letter-Writing Party with SBA tomorrow in order to facilitate a space for folks to write letters to their MPPs and Minister Fullerton about the cuts to post-secondary education. There will be template letters available.

Coggon notes that we have Sexual Violence Policy Consultations starting tomorrow. These consultations are a partnership with UTSU, UTMSU, SCSU and UTGSU. We have consultations at UTM, UTSC and two at St George. A lot of work went into planning these consultations and she is looking forward to the discussion.

8. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Froom

The meeting is adjourned at 5:44pm.

III. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

1. President

No report submitted.

2. Vice-President Internal

A) APUS Meetings/Events

Executive Committee: I participated in regular meetings.

Finance/Management Committee: I participated in regular meetings.

B) U of T Governing Body Meetings

Meeting with Vice-Provost, Students: On February 13, together with the VP External, I met with student leaders from UTGSU, SCSU, and UTMSU to discuss the provincial government's proposed "Student Choice Initiative".

Provost's Undergraduate Student Advisory Committee: On February 28, together with the VP External and other student leaders, I met with the Provost and the Vice Provost, Students for consultation on "A Vision for Undergraduate Experience at the University of Toronto" as drafted by the Expert Panel on the Undergraduate Student Educational Experience. This document is intended to guide and inform the nature of all undergraduate operations and programmes.

C) Outreach and Office Hours

I participated in and did outreach at our **Cupcakes and Chill** event on February 13.

D) Campaigns, Advocacy and Research

I continue to **research possible impacts and develop responses** to provincial changes to funding of post-secondary education.

On February 4, I participated in a **rally against the changes to post-secondary education** funding at Queen's Park.

On February 7, I participated in **APUS & Students for Barrier-Free Access Letter Writing Party** regarding the provincial changes to post-secondary education funding.

On February 26, I participated in a **rally at Queen's Park** to protect the Indigenous Culture Fund.

On February 24-28, I participated in **CFS Ontario Lobby Week**. I met with MPPs from the PC, Liberals and NDP parties to lobby regarding tuition fees, changes to OSAP, students' right to organize, First Nations, Inuit and Metis student success initiatives, and a French Language University.

3. Vice-President External

A) APUS Meetings/Events

I was able to participate in the weekly **Cupcakes and Chill** on February 6, 2019 where I was able to outreach to students.

On February 7 2019, APUS co-hosted a **Letter Writing Party** with Students for Barrier Free Access where we created personalized letters as well as signing open letters to our MPPs against the cuts to post-secondary education.

B) U of T Governing Body Meetings

I attended a **meeting with the OVPS** on February 13, 2019. This was a joint meeting with UTGSU, UTMSU, and SCSU to discuss the cuts to OSAP and ancillary fees.

I also attended a **PUSAG** meeting on February 28, 2019 to discuss the U of T Vision for Undergraduate Experience.

C) CFS, External or Community Meetings/ Events

I attended **Federal Lobby Week** in Ottawa from February 18-21. I met with eight Members of Parliament to discuss the three asks from the Canadian Federation of Students. These asks are: i) Federal oversight into post-secondary funding, ii) removal of the 2% cap on PSSSP for Indigenous students, and iii) funding for the Copy Right Act for graduate students.

I was also able to participate in **Provincial Lobby Week** from February 24-28. I met with nine Members of Provincial Parliament. The Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario had five asks. These asks are: i) elimination of tuition fees in Ontario, ii) reverting the OSAP grants program and expanding to include part-time students, iii) protecting students' right to organize, iv) First Nations Metis and Inuit student success by way of data collection of recruitment, enrollment and retention in post-secondary institutions, as well as a fully funded Transitional year program, along with culturally specific programming, Elders in residence programs and academic and mental health supports, and v) reinstating funding for the French language university Universite de l'Ontario francais.

D) Outreach and Office Hours

I held **Office Hours** on February 6, where I was able to do outreach to students. I participated in a **class talk** on February 28 to the Intro to Equity Studies class.

E) Campaigns, Advocacy and Research

As directed in the last Board of Directors meeting, I have been working on an ongoing campaign to "Tell Them No" alongside the VP Internal and our Executive Director, Campaigns and Advocacy Coordinator and Events and Outreach Coordinator. I also attended a Coalition meeting with Students for Equity and Access to Services.

4. Vice-President Events and Outreach

A) APUS Meetings/Events

Cupcakes and Chill Forever (Weekly Wednesdays – Winter 2019)

APUS Staff and Execs are outreaching and socializing with students at the APUS Sidney Smith Office, "forever" (metaphorically speaking). This event series ran weekly on Wednesdays throughout the month of February from 2pm - 4pm.

APUS & UTGSU Sexual Violence Policy Consultations (February 27th, 2019)

I attended the consultation and participated in the discussions held in that space, pertaining to the University of Toronto's Sexual Violence Policy.

A Midwinter Nights Chill (Postponed - February 12th, 2018)

This event is currently being rescheduled. The event was cancelled due to a huge snowstorm that occurred on the scheduled date.

B) U of T Governing Body Meetings

Council on Student Services Meeting #6 (February 15th, 2019)

I and the VP Equity attended the 6th COSS Meeting for this year inside Room 313 which is located on the third floor of Koffler Student Services (214 College St.) at the University of Toronto. In this meeting, the scheduled vote for the budget proposals from each of the services groups at COSS was motioned and voted on. As representatives, we both voted as discussed at the last board meeting, in favour of Hart House and KPE fee increases, and opposed to the Student Life fee increase.

C) Outreach and Office Hours

Assembly Member/Class Representative - Outreach Class Talks (February – Ongoing)

I, amongst APUS Exec and Staff are currently outreaching to classrooms on the St. George Campus for potential class representatives. As promised last meeting, I was able to go to a few classrooms and give information about class rep. membership and general outreach for volunteers.

5. Vice-President Equity

A) U of T Governing Body Meetings

COSS Budget Vote (February 15): I prepared research and consulted with my partner VP Outreach and our APUS team, then attended COSS meeting to vote with the VP Outreach. APUS voted yes to Hart House and Sport and Recreation (KPE) budgets and voted no on Student Life budget, which accorded with the majority vote by the 17-member COSS Council. Some members of the Council challenged the vote against the Student Life budget.

B) CFS, External or Community Meetings/ Events

Student-led Sexual Violence Policy Consultation Committee: The UTGSU Governance Commissioner, APUS Campaigns & Advocacy Coordinator, APUS Events & Outreach Coordinator and I conducted three consultations in February: February 7 at UTM, February 8 and February 27 at UTSG. The UTSC consultation was cancelled and will be rescheduled likely in March. Kayla Carter expertly facilitated each consultation, leading participants through key themes of the U of T sexual violence policy. I helped promote the consultations via posters, digital announcements, social media courtesy several student associations. I assisted with room arrangements and miscellaneous event support. I attended the two UTSG consultations and found the feedback quite profound. The consultation has received some [campus media coverage](#). Based on feedback so far, the final report will offer compelling and urgent requests to U of T administration to revise the sexual violence policy.

Health Studies Student's Association donation: I facilitated a donation request for HSSU's "[The Future of Public Health Care in Ontario Under Doug Ford's Government](#)" conference held on Feb. 27. APUS Executives voted to contribute \$300 for AV or technical costs for live-streaming and for refreshments. HSSU's conference was unexpectedly over-subscribed and then sold-out, so they needed additional support to run the event on a larger scale.

SBA ASL winter 2019 course request for donation: APUS Executives approved the \$104 donation to pay for tokens for the course leader and volunteers. I facilitated the donation request process.

VUSAC request to support "Renaming Ryerson" campaign: I am facilitating VUSAC's request that APUS support their campaign to remove Egerton Ryerson's name from Victoria University's residence building and from a Vic One curriculum stream, in keeping with Truth and Reconciliation Committee recommendations. I have recommended that our team sign their [petition](#) and we are writing a letter of support. I encourage APUS members to read VUSAC's comprehensive report and to sign the petition.

Rally to restore Indigenous Culture Fund (ICF) (February 26): I stood with the VP Internal and many other supporters at Queen's Park in a cold February wind to demand the Ford government reinstate full funding for the ICF which was slashed from \$5M to \$2.75M. The Wynne government and Ontario Indigenous communities developed the ICF to comply with TRC recommendations. The program is only 1 year old but is showing great promise to help restore local cultures that successive Ontario governments forbade and attempted to erase. Personal highlights were Elder

Sadie Buck's teaching and singing and a speech by Anishinaabe teenager Andrea Goulais, plus appeals from parents to let their children recover and learn the lost ways. Jesse Wentz argued that the ICF is a small cultural program that costs a pittance compared to the cost of the Ontario government's other cultural programs that established the Residential School system among other repressive mechanisms. To support this campaign, please see [the petition and letter templates here](#).

U of T Hillel Anti-Semitism workshop with Rabbi Julia Appel: I am currently exploring the possibility that APUS and Hillel will co-sponsor a workshop on antisemitism that Rabbi Julia has run at two other conferences.

C) Outreach and Office Hours

I held **office hours** and distributed CFS-O flyers and a petition to educate our membership and other students about the dangers of MTCU's "Student Choice Initiative," (opt-out to fund student unions, clubs, levy groups, newspapers **and other student-run services**) and cuts to **OSAP**. I also outreach at Cupcakes and Chill on February 6.

APUS-SBA Letter-Writing Party (February 7): I joined our APUS team (VP Internal, VP External, Events and Outreach Coordinator and Executive Director) along with SBA staff and members to write letters to MTCU Merrilee Fullerton protesting their proposed cuts OSAP funding and Student Choice Initiative, which will endanger the existence of student-led organizations. Our Events and Outreach Coordinator displayed her glittering artistic talents and an SBA staff member amazed us with her hot-blower embossing technique!

George Brown Community Action Centre's "Students are Essential" campaign: I was approached by a member of George Brown's CAC to help promote their resistance to the proposed MCTU changes. "Students are Essential" complements APUS's "Tell Them No" campaign, so APUS and CAC may coordinate our efforts in the future. See CAC's [facebook page](#) for more information.