

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

January 31, 2020 6:00pm Meeting #6 APUS North Borden Office Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto (APUS) Board Meeting #6 – January 31, 2020 APUS North Borden Office

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 **January 31 at 6:00 pm** in the APUS Board Room at the North Borden office.

Included in this package:

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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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Local 97 of the Canadian Federation of Students
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APUS North Borden Office

I. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION Moved: Kearns Seconded: Pyne

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

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Coggon

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

a. Board of Directors Meeting #5 - January 16, 2020

4. Annual General Meeting 2020 and Board of Directors Elections 2020-2021

MOTION Moved: Kearns Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that in accordance with Article 4.03 of the APUS Bylaws, the Annual General Meeting be held on March 13, 2020; and

Be it further resolved that in accordance with Article 5.04 of the APUS Bylaws, the election of the Board of Directors for 2020-2021 be held at the Annual General Meeting on March 13, 2020.

5. APUS Operating Budget 2019-2020

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Kearns

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the Operating Budget 2019-2020, as proposed in the addendum; and

Be it further resolved that the Board cause a copy of the Operating Budget 2019-2020 to be sent to the General Meeting for confirmation.

Seconded: Kearns

6. Council on Student Services Operating Budgets

Moved: Pyne

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote _____ (in favour/against) the proposed budget for the Department of Student Life.

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote _____ (in favour/against) the proposed budget for Kinesiology and Physical Education.

Be it resolved that the APUS COSS representatives vote _____ (in favour/against) the proposed budget for Hart House.

7. Executive Reports

MOTION

- 1. President
- 2. Vice-President Internal
- 3. Vice-President Events and Outreach

4. Vice-President Equity

8. Adjournment

II. MINUTES

a) Board of Directors Meeting #5 - January 16, 2020

In attendance: Jaime Kearns, Susan Froom, Richie Pyne, Jennifer Coggon, Christine Cullen, Sam Wong,

Mahdi Kazemi, Dianne Acuna, Marcel Stevenson

Staff: Caitlin Campisi Speaker: Nadia Kanani

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 5:58pm.

Everyone introduces themselves and states their access needs.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION Moved: Kearns Seconded: Froom

Be it resolved that the meeting agenda for Board of Directors' meeting #5 be adopted as amended.

DISCUSSION

Kearns moves to amend the agenda to consider Item 5 before Item 4 to accommodate members' schedules.

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 #4 - October 29, 2019

Vote carries.

4. Bylaw Amendments

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Kearns

Whereas a Bylaw Review Committee was struck in July 2019 with a mandate to review the Bylaws and make recommendations to the Board to amend the Bylaws; and

Whereas the Bylaw Review Committee is recommending the following amendments to the Bylaws;

Be it resolved that the APUS Bylaws be amended as recommended by the Bylaw Review Committee and proposed in the addendum; and

Be it further resolved that the Bylaw amendments come into effect January 17, 2020.

DISCUSSION

Kearns moves to amend the motion to add a clause for the Bylaw amendments come into effect January 17, 2020 due to the rescheduled date of this Board meeting.

Froom reviews the recommended bylaw amendments. She reviews that the Board gave a mandate to the Bylaw Review Committee to review the Bylaws and present amendments. She states that a major change being proposed is that Assembly Meetings will become General Meetings, which will now be held a minimum of three times a year (once a semester). She states that this will be more accessible for our members and allow students to more easily get involved with APUS. She clarifies that there will be no more reliance on the signature of a course instructor in order to get involved, and no limit on the number of part-time students in each class that can get involved. The Board would be elected directly at the General Meeting. We would have a Summer General Meeting, a Fall General Meeting, and a Winter Annual General Meeting for legal purposes. She states that there are many amendments but they almost all speak to the replacing of the Assembly/Class rep structure with a General Meeting structure. The duties and responsibilities of the Assembly will now be given to the General Meeting, i.e. changes to fees, election of the Board of Directors, consideration of budgets. The general membership will also have more power in terms of bylaw amendments, striking committees, and reviewing finances. She states that there are a few small additional changes. The quorum for General Meetings is also being changed to 25 as we will now have three a year instead of one. We are changing the definition of business and non-business day to be aligned with days that U of T is open. We have clarified that for the election of Board there are multiple rounds of voting until a candidate receives a majority of the vote, as has been our practice in the past. We are clarifying language regarding the Mississauga, Scarborough and Governing Council representatives on the Board without changing their powers. We have clarified the term of the Speaker. We have clarified the process for the amendment of Bylaws as per the Ontario Corporations Act. She states that this is the substance of the changes. All new language is bolded in the addendum and language to be removed is in strikethrough, with the exception of Amendment 3 which amalgamates two sections in current Bylaws (current Assembly and Annual General Meeting to new General Meetings).

Kanani clarifies that for the purpose of this meeting only current Board members may vote but all are invited to speak on the motion and ask questions.

Froom clarifies that the Bylaw amendments will be sent to the Annual General Meeting for ratification following the Board's vote. The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 13 and all are invited.

Kazemi asks for clarification regarding the Board elections, including the body that votes on the Board elections and the process regarding the majority of votes.

Froom clarifies regarding the process for voting in the Board elections at the Annual General Meeting. She also clarifies that all members of APUS are invited to the Annual General Meeting as well as to run for the Board and vote in Board elections.

Kearns states that Bylaw Review Committee brainstormed ways to make it easier for members to get involved, and that is was important that more than one person in a given class be able to do so, and these amendments are the result.

Kazemi states that he is glad that the course instructor will no longer have to sign in order for members to join the Board and get involved.

Kearns states that you will now be able to bring your colleagues from your classes along with you to APUS meetings.

Kazemi states that he is very much in favour of the changes and believes it will now be more accessible for members to get involved. He asks regarding campaigning. Froom clarifies that there are no campaigns but that candidates are invited to give a speech at the Annual General Meeting itself, and the vote takes place at that meeting.

Wong states his understanding regarding the appointment for vacancies on the Board in relation to the overall process as described by Froom. Froom states his interpretation is correct.

Pyne states that he was first elected to the Board when there was a vacancy on the Board and then ran again the following year.

Acuna asks regarding the current term for the vacant seats on the Board in relation to the term after April 30 described in the Bylaw amendments. Campisi clarifies the difference in terms.

Kanani asks if there are any other questions about the Bylaw amendments.

Coggon thanks Froom for properly highlighting all the changes to the amendments and states that this was very accessible. Froom thanks Campisi for her help formatting the bylaw amendments. Kazemi thanks Froom for her clear explanation.

Wong asks regarding the change from one General Meeting to three General Meetings. Froom clarifies that the intent is to have a General Meeting once a semester, and therefore three is the minimum a year, but the membership could also call for more. The Annual General Meeting will still hold a specific legal purpose.

Vote carries.

5. Appointment of Directors to the Board of Directors

MOTION Moved: Pyne Seconded: Kearns

Whereas Article 6.09 of the APUS Bylaws states that a vacancy of an elected Director on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the remaining Directors from amongst the members of the Assembly; and

Whereas there are currently three (3) vacancies for Directors registered in the Faculty of Arts & Science St George campus as per Article 6.03 (b) (i); and

Whereas there is currently one (1) vacancy for a Director registered in University of Toronto Scarborough campus as per Article 6.03 (b) (iii); and

Whereas there are currently three (3) vacancies for At-large Directors as per Article 6.03 (b) (iv);

Be it resolved that Dianne Acuna, Marcel Stevenson and Sam Wong be appointed as Directors for Faculty of Arts & Science St George campus for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.

Be it further resolved that Mahdi Kazemi and Mussa Marashi be appointed as At-large Directors for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.

DISCUSSION

Kanani asks if there are any questions regarding the process for the interim Board of Director elections. Acuna asks regarding the current composition of Board, how the election works, and the powers and duties of the Board. Campisi provides an overview of how the election of Directors due to a vacancy works under current Bylaw Article 6.03 b). She clarifies which seats on the Board are currently open which vacancies are open, the powers and duties of the Board, and the role of the Board in the overall organization. Pyne states that there are also opportunities to serve on U of T Committees as APUS representatives.

Kanani invites nominations from current Assembly members for the three vacancies for Directors registered in the Faculty of Arts & Science, St George Campus. Stevenson, Acuna and Wong nominate themselves.

Kanani invites nominations from current Assembly members for a Director registered in University of Toronto Scarborough campus. There are no nominations.

Kanani invites nominations from current Assembly members for the three vacancies for At-large Directors. Kazemi nominates himself. Kearns nominates Marashi who has indicated he is interested.

Kanani invites each candidate to speak for up to two minutes to the Board.

Stevenson states that he is a political science student, a mature student, and a student-parent. He states that he has worked as an industrial engineer, and that he wants to make a difference and is therefore going back to school. He states that joining APUS will be good.

Acuna states that she is a student in environmental and Indigenous studies. She states that she has switched from full-time to part-time and wants to take the opportunity to get more involved. She states that she would like to work on her leadership skills and APUS is a good way to do so.

Wong states that he is a student in equity studies and Indigenous studies. He states that he is really enjoying taking a lighter course load and is trying to get more involved in campus. He states that he has met a lot of people and has been building a network on campus. He states that he is familiar with APUS' work on mental health and Indigenous signage and wants to get more involved on these projects.

Kazemi states that he found out about APUS at the Woodsworth Orientation, including all the benefits that APUS offers for students. He states that this got to him and he was the first to volunteer to be a Class rep in his course. He states that he has always enjoyed group discussions, giving back, and helping other students. His resolution is to get more involved in things that are intrinsic and rewarding for him, and he would like to be more involved at APUS moving forward.

Kanani facilitates secret ballot votes for the Directors registered in the Faculty of Arts & Science, St George Campus and the At-large Directors. Only current Board members are eligible to vote.

Kanani asks for a scrutineer to help count the ballots. Coggon volunteers to scrutineer.

Kanani states that Dianne Acuna, Marcel Stevenson and Sam Wong have been elected as Directors for Faculty of Arts & Science St George campus for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.

Kanani states that Mahdi Kazemi and Mussa Marashi have been elected as as At-large Directors for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.

Motion to ratify the results

Pyne/Kearns

Vote carries.

Motion to destroy the ballots

Pyne/Kearns

Vote carries.

6. Executive Updates

1. President

Kearns states that she has enjoyed many APUS events over the past few months, including our SBA Self-Advocacy Workshop, Cupcakes and Chill, Bystander Intervention Training, Consent Workshop and Lunch & Learn with Downtown Legal Services about knowing your rights. She states that she spoke with Downtown Legal Services about future partnerships, and is looking into the process of having additional levy groups, such as DLS and SBA. She has also spoken to the OVPS about this process. She states that she attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at U of T. She has also been attending the President's Undergraduate Student Advisory Group Meetings and has been highlighting the ongoing student mental health crisis on campus and the changes we have made to our mental health coverage for our members. She notes that the recently released report from the Task Force on Student Mental Health mentioned the increased mental health coverage on the APUS Health & Dental plan as an example of positive change. She states that she attended the CFS National Meeting and that we got a lot accomplished at this meeting. She attended a meeting of the student Mental Health Policy Council and governors. She also represents APUS at the Council of Athletics and Recreation meetings and the Council on Student Services. She states that the APUS team met with the OVPS, and we discussed student mental health, the Student Choice Initiative, and the Sexual Violence Policy. She states that she has done a lot of mental health outreach, including giving out care packages at New College during exams and at the ASSU Exam Jam. She also participated in APUS' Take A Break: Puppy Yoga. She states that she spoke at Governing Council against UMLAP, and that APUS successfully created a discussion amongst governors about the policy. She notes that we had an APUS holiday party. She states that she attended the memorial service for students who lost their lives in the plane crash in Iran on behalf of APUS. She is very happy to announce that following a semester of successful lobbying, there will be an embedded counsellor at First Nations House.

2. Vice-President Internal

Froom states that she has attended Finance and Management Committee meetings. She states that she chaired the Bylaw Review Committee, and drafted the bylaw amendments that we just

considered. She states that she also attended many APUS events over the past few months, including: SBA Self-Advocacy Workshop, Bystander Intervention Training, Consent Workshop, Cupcakes and Chill, ASSU Exam Jam, and Take a Break: Puppy Yoga. She has also been attending the President's Undergraduate Student Advisory Group Meetings with Kearns and speaking to student mental health. She also represents APUS on the Community Liaison Committee, which includes community members from the local neighbourhood and considers new buildings on and around U of T. She states that she has been successfully advocating for more family housing and bicycle parking. She has also been representing APUS on the Student Life long-term planning committee. She also represents APUS on a couple of library committees. She is happy to note that recent improvements include a free childcare pilot at Robarts, and mental health counsellors at Robarts during the exam period. She also attended the U of T Remembrance Day Ceremony and December 6 memorial event on behalf of APUS. She attended a meeting of the student Mental Health Policy Council and governors. She attended the CFS National General Meeting with the APUS team.

3. Vice-President Events and Outreach

She states that along with our Events & Outreach Coordinator, she has been hosting our weekly Cupcakes and Chill programming. She states that we have many returning students every week and we make good progress on the puzzles. She has also been doing weekly outreach at WCSA Wednesdays during their pancake breakfast to hear from our members at Woodsworth. She states that she also attended many APUS events over the past few months, including: SBA Self-Advocacy Workshop, our Lunch & Learn series, Bystander Intervention Training, and Take a Break: Puppy Yoga, She states that she was a member of the Bylaw Review Committee, She states that she enjoyed the U of T Community Town Hall which APUS co-hosted with U of T student groups and labour unions. She attended the CFS National General Meeting with the APUS team. She states that she represents APUS on the Woodsworth Council and notes interesting programs such as Walls to Bridges that Woodsworth is planning to implement. She also represents APUS on the Student Initiative Fund, which includes reviewing many proposals from student groups. She also attended the Wet'suwet'en solidarity rally and the memorial service for students who lost their lives in the plane crash in Iran on behalf of APUS. She is working with a U of T archivist to include APUS documents in a student movement archive. She is also working on a campaign against recent changes to OHIP funding for psychotherapy. She notes that along with our Events & Outreach Coordinator, she has been making hundreds of care packages to give out to students.

4. Vice-President Equity

Pyne states that he enjoyed the U of T Community Town Hall, which was a partnership between APUS, CUPE 3902, OPIRG, USW, UTFA and OCUFA. He spoke on the panel about Defending Post-Secondary Education: Current and Future of Post-Secondary Education. He states that he spoke to impacts on students of recent cuts, including the Student Choice Initiative, cuts to OSAP, and changes towards a performance model of funding for post-secondary education. He states that others spoke to Bill 124 and collective bargaining rights for workers on post-secondary education campuses. He states that there was interest in more town halls in the future. He states that he attended the CFS National General meeting with the APUS team. He states that he was able to participate in the Black Caucus at this meeting, which he enjoyed and was a great space for Black students to speak about their experiences. He also attended meetings with the OVPS and spoke to the Student Choice Initiative and student mental health. He states that he represents APUS on the Hart House Board of Stewards and the Council on Student Services. He states that he also participated in the ASSU Exam Jam. He notes that he is working on an Indigenous language signage project at APUS and also pushing for Indigenous

language signage more broadly at U of T. He gives the example of washrooms signs in Anishinaabemowin and possibly Mohawk.

7. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Kearns

The meeting is adjourned at 7:58pm.

III. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

1. President

A) APUS Meetings/Events

I attended the **Bylaw Review Committee**, which met on Nov 8, 2019. We were able to make recommendations that would enhance the inclusiveness that APUS strives for. I also attend the Employment Rights **Lunch and Learn** session on November 14 and the **Safer Communities** Workshop series on Nov 28 and Dec 6, 2019. These were all very successful and informative for those who participated. Last semester we held the **Take A Break: Cupcakes and Chill programing** every Wednesday at the Sid Smith office. I was able to attend on Oct. 30, Nov 13, and Dec 4, when we stopped for the semester. They are still well attended and doing better than ever and we started them back up on Jan 15, 2020.

B) U of T Governing Body Meetings

On Nov. 7, 2019 I attended a meeting with **Faculty of Arts and Science** along with the Executive Director. We were able to discuss concerns around Sid Smith tabling and how best to reach our members that utilize that space. I attended the **Remembrance Day** Event at Soldiers Tower where Susan Froom was a representative to place a wreath in memory of students that lost their lives during the war.

During this last term mental health has been a top priority for APUS. I have been able to speak to administration regarding students' concerns. I spoke at the **University Affairs Board** on Nov 13 and **Governing Council** on Dec 12, 2019. These speeches were well received by the Governors and they are starting to discuss this topic more in depth. I also attended the **Provost's Undergraduate Student Advisory Group** meetings on Nov 19, 2019 and Jan 20, 2020 and a meeting with the executive team and **Office of the Vice-Provost of Students** on Dec. 3, 2019.

I am fortunate to sit on the **Council of Student Services**, which met on Jan. 10 and Jan. 20th 2020. I am also the representative on the **Council for Athletics and Recreation**, which met on Dec. 3 and an **Equity** meeting on Jan 21, 2020.

C) CFS, External or Community Meetings/Events

I participated in a conference for **the Council of Constituency Representatives** for the Canadian Federation of Students on Nov. 13, 2019.

From Nov. 22 -26 I attended the **CFS National General Meeting** in Toronto where we were able to vote on numerous motions pertaining to students all over Canada.

D) Outreach

Mental Health tabling and outreach was top priority during the exam period. I was able to attend 3 tabling events on Dec. 3, Dec. 6, and Dec.10, 2019. We gave out Care Packages to well over 100 students at each session and talked to even more students.

E) Campaigns, Advocacy and Research

I had the privilege of attending a Self Advocacy workshop with **Students for Barrier Free Access** on Nov 11, 2019. It was so informative and I highly recommend students to attend whenever this session is available again. I attended the **U of T Town Hall** on November 14 where Richie spoke very eloquently on the student experience from a part-time perspective. On November 29, 2019, the **Mental Health Policy** Group held a meeting to discuss the future steps for student advocacy.

2. Vice-President Internal

A) APUS Meetings/Events

In addition to attending regular APUS Executive, Finance and Management Committee meetings, and the January 16 Board Meeting, I also chaired the Bylaw Review Committee which brought forward recommendations for the Board's consideration on January 16. I also participated in the November 11 APUS/SBA workshop on Self-Advocacy for Students with Disabilities, the November 28 workshop on Safer Communities, Safer Campus: Bystander Intervention Training, and the December 6 Safer Communities, Safer Campus: Consent Workshop. I had great fun at both the December 2 Puppy Yoga De-stressor and the December 16 Holiday Party.

B) U of T Governing Body Meetings

Together with President Jaime Kearns, and other student leaders, I attended the Provost's Undergraduate Student Advisory Group meetings on November 19, December 2 and January 20. I represented APUS at the December 2 meeting of the U of T Libraries Student Advisory Committee and the December 5 meeting of the U of T Libraries Advisory Committee. I am also the APUS representative on the U of T Student Life Long-Term Strategic Planning Committee, which met November 11 and the U of T Community Liaison Committee which met December 2. Together with VP Events and Outreach, Jennifer Coggon, and other student union leaders, I attended an informal meeting with the Student and Alumni members of U of T's Governing Council on January 8.

C) CFS, External or Community Meetings Events

From November 22-26, I attended the CFS National General Meeting with my fellow Executives and our Executive Director. I served on the Organizational Services and Development sub-committee where several motions served by APUS passed. I was also elected as CFS National Part-time and Mature Student Commissioner. On November 29, I participated in the CFS-Ontario Executive Committee meeting in my capacity as Part-Time Caucus Chair. I represented APUS at the U of T Remembrance Day Ceremony and December 6 Memorial event. Together with President Jaime Kearns, I attended a Mental Health Policy Council Meeting on November 9 and the Students for Barrier Free Access Winter Social on January 23.

D) Outreach

Together with other APUS Executives, I participated in APUS' weekly Wednesday Cupcakes and Chill and the December 6 ASSU Exam Jam. I did a class talk to newly enrolled Academic Bridging Students on January 14.

E) Campaigns, Advocacy and Research

I represent APUS on the Student Life Strategic Planning Committee, so I have been reviewing their services with recommendations for improvements to benefit our members. I also represent APUS on the Library Advisory Committee and have reviewed current library services and made recommendations for improvements (notably the provision of free childminding and counselling during the exam preparation period and changes to the food policy). Additionally, I reviewed the APUS Bylaws and prepared proposed amendments for the consideration of the Bylaw Review Committee, and subsequently drafted the Committee's recommendations for consideration by the Board. I continue to advocate for mature, family and part-time student housing at the Community Liaison Committee and for a more accessible, greener built environment. I spent many hours reviewing the over 80 motions up for consideration at the CFS National General Meeting.

3. Vice-President Events & Outreach

A) APUS Meetings/Events:

I attended the Bylaw Review Committee Meeting on November 8 and discussed proposed changes to the APUS Bylaws, including moving towards a General Meeting structure.

I attended our APUS/SBA Self-Advocacy Workshop on November 11.

I attended our Lunch and Learn: Employment Rights Edition on November 14.

I attended the Safer Communities, Safer Campuses: Bystander Intervention Training on November 20, which included tips on how to assess, diffuse, and report abusive incidents based on one's personal capacity.

I attended the ASSU Exam Jam on December 6, outreached at New College, and gave out many care packages to students during the exam period.

I attended our Take a Break: Puppy Yoga on December 2, where puppies ate my socks while I attempted poses.

I attended regular Executive, Board, and Assembly meetings and helped with a year-end office clean up in December.

I have been working on an oral history project and U of T archives discussions with U of T archivists regarding the APUS archives.

B) U of T Governing Body Meetings

I attended the Alumni and Student Governors reception on January 8 to discuss student issues, including student mental health.

I represented APUS at the Woodsworth College Council Meetings on October 7, 2019 and January 15, 2020. Topics included student mental health services; effects of OSAP reductions; summer ementorship program; revised course offerings including plans for Walls to Bridges, expansion of WDW ONE, See U of T collaboration with TDSB; Diploma to Degree pilot program with Seneca; WDW enrolment data; Academic Building update; Summer Abroad program; 50th anniversary planning for 2024 including written history.

I represented APUS on the Student Initiative Fund Committee in January. I vetted applications and assessed Tier 2 pitches from students.

C) CFS, External or Community Meetings/Events

I attended a Mental Health Policy Council meeting on November 1.

I attended the Defending Post-secondary Education U of T Community Town Hall on November 15, which included a speech by our VP Equity.

I attended the CFS National Meeting along with APUS Executives and Staff on November 22 – 26.

I attended an SBA care package event on November 28.

I attended the Toronto Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en rally on January 7. The Executive Director and I joined protesters along downtown streets to commemorate the anniversary of the RCMP arrests at the Gidimt'en Access Checkpoint blocking Coastal GasLink pipeline access.

I attended the memorial for U of T students and community members who lost their lives in the plane crash in Iran on January 10 at the Multifaith Centre.

D) Outreach

I have attended weekly WCSA Wednesdays from 10am – 12pm. I have been outreaching to our members at Woodsworth about APUS services during WCSA's free pancake breakfast.

I have co-hosted Cupcakes and Chill every Wednesday in our Sid Smith office. Students completed two puzzles in the fall, one designed by our own Events and Outreach Coordinator. In January we started a third puzzle that is almost finished.

I did class talks to reach out to members about getting involved at APUS on November 19 and 21.

During the exam season, I prepared care packages along with our Events and Outreach Coordinator to give out to students.

E) Campaigns, Advocacy and Research

I have been researching and speaking with U of T community members around issues that concern our members such as bringing children to class, community mental health resources and University-Mandated Leave of Absence Policy, and the sexual violence policy. I have also been working on a campaign around provincial changes to mental health services.

I also sent our completed Sexual Violence Policy report to a number of groups on and off campus, including SBA, CFS, and a group at Rotman.

4. Vice-President Equity

A) U of T Governing Body Meetings

Office of the Vice-Provost – Students Meeting - (December 3rd, 2019)

I, along with APUS Staff and Exec met with Vice-Provost, Students Sandy Welsh to discuss the updates concerning the court announcement of the legality of the Student Choice Initiative.

Hart House Board of Stewards Meeting #4 & #5 - (December 5th, 2019 & January 9th, 2020)

I attended the 4th Hart House Board of Stewards meeting in the South Dining Room located inside the Hart House (second floor). At this meeting, the Board of Stewards were able to receive reports from a few of the Hart House's Committees, as well as appointed the speaker of the meeting as, Chair for the Hart House (Committee) Elections Commission.

I attended the 5th Hart House Board of Stewards meeting in the South Dining Room located inside the Hart House (second floor). At this meeting, the Board of Stewards were able to receive reports from a few of the Hart House's Committees, as well as approve the Hart House Budget for the 2020-2021 academic year. This budget will be presented at the next scheduled COSS meeting.

Council on Student Services Meeting #4 (January 10th, 2020)

Jaime Kearns and I attended the fourth COSS Meeting for this year in RM 313, which is located in Koffler Student Services (214 College St.). Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education (KPE), Hart House, and Student Life made budget presentations for the 2020-2021 school year, each presentation followed up with a question period.

C) CFS Meetings and Community Meetings/ Events

UofT Community Town Hall: Defending Post-Secondary Education: What's Under Attack and How Can We Fight Back? – (November 14th, 2019)

I attended this event as a panelist representing APUS in a discussion about the current issues and events in post-secondary education. Folks from Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG), Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), United Steelworkers (USW Local-1998), University of Toronto Faculty Association (UTFA), Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), and the 15 and Fairness (University of Toronto Chapter), all joined in to talk towards the current budget cuts to education and changes to post-secondary funding from the Ford Government. This also included a conversation around the recent updates around Bill 124 and collective bargaining rights.

Canadian Federation of Students –National General Meeting (Nov 23th – Nov 26th, 2019)

I and APUS Execs and staff attended the Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto, Ontario (Terminal 3, Toronto Pearson Airport). Folks were able to talk about current student issues in post-secondary education in their provinces as well as the recent victory against the Ontario Government in terms of the legal challenge against the Student Choice Initiative in association with the York Students' Federation (YFS). At this meeting, the Black Caucus had its first meeting(s), and has elected their first National Chair and a National Caucus representative.

Additionally, there was an election for the positions of National Treasurer, Deputy Chairperson, and Chairperson for the CFS National. The election results were:

Sofia Desclazi – Chairperson (re-elected) Nicole Brayiannis – Deputy Chairperson Alannah McKay - Treasurer

Arts and Science Students' Union (ASSU) Exam Jam - (December 6th, 2019)

I along with APUS Execs and staff tabled at the Arts and Science Students' Union Exam Jam held inside Sidney Smith lobby on the St. George Campus. Folks were invited to grab any of our APUS info and outreach materials, as well as APUS swag and de-stressor kits.

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University of Toronto Student Life Memorial and Mourning Service: Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752 – (January 10th, 2020)

E) Campaigns, Advocacy and Research

Indigenous Language Signage (Ongoing)

I am researching and currently looking into creating materials to display on campus with Indigenous language(s) of certain landmarks and common areas.