



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

December 16, 2022
5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Meeting #4

APUS Board of Directors				
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Friday December 16, 2022				
		PRESENT	ABSENT	REGRETS
Board of Directors - Voting Members				
Executive Members				
President	Jaime Kearns	X		
VP Equity	Dianne Acuna	X		
VP Events & Outreach	Jennifer Coggon	X		
VP External	Shanti Dhoré	X		
VP Internal	Adam El-Masri	X		
Board Members				
	Annie Antonenko	X		
	Susan Froom	X		
	Andrew Kesik	X		
	Richie Pyne			X
	VACANT			
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Non-Voting:				
Executive Director	Michelle Pettis			
Board Resources:				
Speaker	Nadia Kanani			
Minute Taker	Michelle Pettis			
External Attendances of Note (if applicable)				
Additional Resource-Persons:	N/A			
Invited Guests/Media/Presenters:	N/A			

I. AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order 5:09pm

2. Roll Call

Introductions and Access Needs

3. Land Acknowledgement

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION Moved: El-Masri Seconded: Kearns

Be it resolved that the meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIES.

5. Presentation - Community Spotlight “Downtown Legal Services” (15 minutes)

Presentation delivered by Downtown Legal Services on who DLC is, and how it does its work. Detailing of current services available to part-time students, and what is available to levy paying students. Part-time students are not levy paying.
Question and Answer period.
Slides available to board members.

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION Moved: Kearns Seconded: El-Masri

Be it resolved to table the Board Meeting minutes of June 3 2022 to the next scheduled Board Meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIES.

7. Approval of Minutes

MOTION Moved: Kearns Seconded: El-Masri

Be it resolved to approve the Board Meeting minutes of October 28, 2022.

Noted to correct spellings.
Noted to include charts and linked materials to package and web upload.

Actioned to upload to website.

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8. APUS Fall General Meeting

MOTION Moved: El-Masri Seconded: Antonenko

Whereas quorum was not achieved at the originally scheduled Fall General Meeting.

Whereas the bylaws require rescheduling within 3-5 weeks of original date, and require no General Meetings scheduled within first 3 weeks of any academic term.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors reschedule its Fall General Meeting January 27 6:00-8:00pm.

Be it further resolved that VP Internal seek the Executive Committee for approval, in the event of any unforeseen need to change date or time; provided change is in compliance and actioned to be communicated to the APUS Board of Directors.

Discussion

Best possible date, and date compliant with Bylaws.

Bylaws 4.07 , where meetings can be adjourned no later than 5 weeks; 4.01, where meetings not to be called during first three weeks of Winter Term.

Interpretation reached: 5 weeks not to include when University of Toronto is closed.

On Quorum.

Question: What if quorum is not reached?

Answer: Bylaws 4.07, no quorum requirements for adjourned General Meetings.

Fridays suit Board availability, and non-competing with academic/classes.

Communication optimistic; Listserv issues with UofT resolved.

Additional strategies.

Action item: VP Internal, VP Events & Outreach, and Executive Director to meet on additional strategies; and posterizing minimums. Identifying classes, affiliate members and groups.

Question: Will there be board elections for vacancies?

Answer: No. Agenda must be identical to original.

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9. Break

Speaker calls for break 6:26pm.

10. Executive Updates

Executive present verbal reports.

VP INTERNAL, Adam El-Masri

Focused on internal facing roles, including Bargaining Committee and Labour Management Committee. Will look for commitments from Executive in advance of C.A. Bargaining meetings. Including potential for Board/Executive trainings current and succession planning on unions. Wanting regular meetings with OVPS, to connect with Jaime.

PRESIDENT, Jaime Kearns

Continues to monitor response to air circulation testing Sid Smith. Sid Smith opening plans dependent on confirmation from UofT of this step. Planning for opening similar to current ASSU (plexi and operations at door). Sid Smith lounge closed.

Attendance at Governing Council and spoke to Sexual Assault Policies. Credit to PEARS, and want admin to look to PEARS on what and more to do.

Regular meetings of University Affairs Board, Arts & Science Council. PUSAQ finances.

Supporting programming of the Beading Circle through fall term. APUS offers the in-person component to the virtual/hybrid.

Working with CFS and The Circle. Communicating with Exec on letter of support to The Circle, acknowledging CFS National hurts and harms.

Jaime elected as CFS National Part-time and Mature Students Rep. to be ratified.

Regarding Deferred Exams Fee campaign, Dean Wooden addressed at recent Arts & Science Council meeting, in communications with ASSU. Ensure follow-up and consult with APUS and campaign.

VP EVENTS & OUTREACH, Jennifer Coggon

Addressing newsletter distribution issues with UofT.

Outreaching with the “Don’t Invoice Our Illness” campaign. Tabling and photos, yielding over 87 survey results so far. An integrated campaign between events & campaigns going well.

Committee work, including CAR and budget. Proposed PT student gym access/membership options, a win to get in writing. Advocating on equity and access issues, including those raised by Board. Fuller report back on success of proposals to come.

Library committee work, alert that the library is closing more and more services and access since pandemic. Return to limited to paid access or card access, including for study space. Board alerts to notice trends in precarious library labour post-pandemic. Library announcing EDI initiatives.

Partnering with SCSU on Black History Month programming.

VP EXTERNAL, Shanti Dhoré

Attended CFS National as Rep. First in-person experience. Great to experience. CFS National General Meeting closing adjourned until January date to come.

Tabling and presence with SCSU.
SCSU new PT director on the SCSU Board. Exploring that relationship, including potential meet-ups. Meeting invites and follow-up in winter term.

Attended Governance Review Workshop with UTSC, gained insight on admin level understanding.
Attending MATSA meetings and programming. Will announce and share January programming invites.

VP EQUITY, Dianne Acuna

Regular attendance at Executive Committee Meetings, Board Meetings, General Meeting.

Interested in online and hybrid meetings and programming.
Representation at Hart House Board of Stewards, participation in financial workshops, and research to ready for votes in January 2023.

Question Period.

11. Other Business (10 minutes)

Kesik: UofT TAs CUPE 3261, and UofT Staff CUPE 3902 reached agreements. Student solidarity really helped.

Dhoré: Recommends Pan Am Centre facilities to tour and experience. Encourages new experiences.

Dhoré: Answers questions if MATSU is organizing any hybrid event options. Answer: Not yet.

12. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Antonenko

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 6:56pm.

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