ASSU Meeting Minutes—October 23rd 2017

Land Acknowledgement

Motion to adopt the agenda— made by Sherry, seconded by Cole

Missing from the meeting

* Aaron, Canute, Apeksha, Regan, Mariya, McGinnis, Samuel Rafuse, Nick, Jeremy, Emily

1. **Library Presentation—Associate Dean**

**University Library Master Place**

* *University Library Transformation* 
  + To create sustainable, efficient and effective library system that meets the needs of current and future students and faculty
* *Master Plan- Process* 
  + Steering committee re-established Jan 2015
  + Vision document created November 2015
  + Consultants hired Spring 2015
  + Presentations to faculty councils and key student groups spring 2016
  + Consultations sessions and survey Fall 2016
  + Master Place developed Late fall 2016
  + Presented to Steering Committee January 30 2017
* *Principles* 
  + Meet diverse user needs through flexible, multifunctional spaces
  + Create insiting spaces and innovative services
  + Specialized areas
  + Include range of spaces for different learning approaches
    - Me, we, us
  + Ensure safe, welcoming and comfortable spaces
  + Utilize access to natural light
* *Master Plan Overview* 
  + High level blocking of space by type of programming that is colour coded
  + Snapshot in time
  + As work occurs for a library there will be extensive consultation on the details
  + Renovating exiting space- reduce collection books take up
    - General purpose building
      * Compact mobile shelving
      * 15KM of shelving
      * books can be requested and sent to the library
* *Murray Library Groundfloor*
  + Overhang space, heating it is not a good use of energy
  + Sophet refill
  + Extending the space of the library into the overhang for more we and us space
  + Additional stair sets
    - This mean ground and 1st floor would be open for safe study
* *Murray Library First Floor* 
  + Repurposing north wing
    - Getting rid of books
    - Specialized learning and support spaces
  + Grand reading room
  + Easier access for the north wing
* *Murray Library Second Floor* 
  + Feature spaces, visualization theatre
  + More classrooms, Grad research commons
  + Books in the middle, more space for collaborative learning spaces surrounding
* *Murray Fourth Floor* 
  + Guena Moss Space
  + Additional seating
* *Fifth Floor* 
  + Archives and Special Collections
  + Improve insulation on the floor to better protect archives
  + Reading room, digitizes primary source material for Humanities
  + Roof terrace
* *Science Library—ground floor* 
  + Utilize space behind fish tanks as a shared makers space
    - Attachment to WP Thompson Building
  + Easy access staircase, spiral in the middle of the library
  + Natural light- move offices
* *First Floor* 
  + We space
* *Second Floor* 
  + Tie into WP Thompson
  + Visualization lab
* *Third Floor—New Construction* 
  + Quiet study
  + We space
* *Next Steps* 
  + Continue presentations to faculty councils, university committees, student groups
  + Continue working with the ULTP Capital Steering Committee on project phasing
  + Work with the VP Finance and VP University Relations to determine funding sources

1. **Human Resources Report**

* Reminder to send regrets to avoid impeachment
* Reminder to sign up for office hour slots
* Discussion of social
* Apology for actions- sexual explicit photos, excess consumption of alcohol
* Liam put forward non-confidence vote to impeach Sam Fisher
  + Seconded by Adam Swalm
* Photo of phallic symbol passed around on Sam’s phone
* Handing out shots

Grievances addressed by Liam Depart

* Position of HR operates on integrity alone
  + We say we trust this person to handle certain human resource claims
  + The integrity of the position is brought into question with this behaviour
  + This information is now outside of the organization and our response to it must be prompt
  + Precedent- do you actually have to harm someone for us to take a matter seriously?
  + The ASSU is in a position of damage control
  + 2 possible solutions
    - Sam stays on as HR, overhaul the position and shift some of those responsibilities onto someone else
      * nothing to be gained with this, says Liam
    - second solution is removal, brings a clean slate
      * HR needs to be constitutionalized
      * Potential for things to go really wrong at ASSU events, if things go wrong something needs to be addressed
* Graeme Jobe notes
  + 2 occasions when he was involved that impeachment was suggested
    - abusive comments made by individual (VP) at another member
    - impeachment at the end of the year
    - look at what the Union decides
* Raquel
  + We may be regarding the wrong constitution, the one on the site is actually outdated
  + Jessica Quan added in the HP portion
* Cole
  + Clarification of impeachment
  + Travis responds, explaining the processes and extent of impeachment
* Aidan
  + Dismissed not dealing with the situation on the floor
* Adam
  + It would be pertinent to look at the possibility put forth with Aidan

*Vote on the removal of Sam Fisher from the Arts and Science Students’ Union*

Liam

* Because we like Sam we don’t want to follow our constitution
* In the end if Sam stays at HR officer, there is no way to trust the HR position
* he is concerned that a single person didn’t raise an HP concern and this is a problem with our institution, that we are too passive with issues

Questions from Aisha

* Unanimous choice on behalf of the executive to appointment of

Show of hands on who is ready to vote

* Yes this is a go ahead

Motion: Should Sam be impeached from the Arts and Science Students’ Union?

* Yes, No, Abstain
* Ballots are counted by Graeme, Tas and \_\_\_\_

1. **Presidential Report**

* Welcome back Travis!
* Not much to share

1. **Executive Report**

* *External Report* 
  + Speak OUT
  + Share event page!!!!!!
  + Entrance is $5
  + Liam found a sound person, $30 per hour
  + Motion put forward to spend $105 on sound person
    - Motion by Kylie, seconded by Logan
    - Abstention noted by Liam and Mackenzie
  + Motion for a monetary donation- $150
    - Motion by Kirsten, seconded by Adam
    - Abstention by Liam bc of association w sound person?
* *First Year Committee Report* 
  + Update on movie night, going forward
* *Marketing Report* 
  + Candy give away on Tuesday the 31st, bottom of the arts ramp
  + Motion for money spent of candy, $60
    - Motion to spend $60 by Tas, seconded by Tena
    - Abstention by Mackenzie
  + Halloween give away Thursday 26th to 31st
  + Midterm survival package
  + Motion to allocate $50 to Halloween give away prize
    - Alena motion for $50, seconded by Richard
* No reports from Internal or Academic

**Tally for Votes regarding the impeachment of Sam Fisher**

* Yes: 9
* No: 24
* Abstain: 6

**Motion on floor to remove Sam from HR position, but not from the ASSU**

Adam

* Sam’s actions speak for himself, not trying to perform character assassination but unacceptable for someone holding the position of HR
* No problem with him on the ASSU, but he needs to be removed from his HR position

Olena

* He didn’t force anyone to look at the picture, if they didn’t want to see the picture they did not have to grab the phone and look

Liam

* Removal from position, not entirely
* Case by case basis

Cole

* Case by case basis because of problems in the Constitution

Adam

* Response to Kylie that this is ok to do, and you won’t be removed from the ASSU
* Precedent set that’s we’re okay with this?

*Voting for Sam to be removed as HR takes place*

1. **MSC Reports**

* Aidan
  + Student care
  + 6% insurance premium
  + app through student care
    - claim recipes and money through sending photos
  + Sun life insurance
  + Co-curricular records
    - Talk to MSC’s or Jessica Quan if you are interested in getting your student group onto this
  + Skating rink in the bowl- 5-10 years, risk assessed
    - Skates for rent
    - You can’t play hockey
    - You can lego build your own lego rink!!!!!!
    - Executive project funds-- $7900 yearly
    - Student crew to set it up
    - Nathan question
      * Can the ASSU use it for events?
  + Female menstrual product project
  + Comment from Raquel that they should also be in the men’s bathrooms

1. **ISC Report**

* No report done, ISC rep Brennen not present

**Motion: Remove Sam from HR Position**

* Yes: 21
* No: 9
* Abstention: 10

*Motion for the Executive to meet after the meeting and appoint interim HR*

Graeme

* Student union constitutions are works in progress
* It is reasonable to act according to the will of council when the constitution does not cover certain grounds

Liam

* Interpret removal as removing the job from Sam

Kirsten

* Motion to table the motion to remove Sam from HR position

Graeme

* Word removal should be taken as being kicked out of the organization

Motion to table discussion by Kirsten, seconded Brayden

Motion to destroy first set of ballots by Kirsten, seconded by Katelyn

**Motion to adjourn by Dakota, seconded by Henry**

**End: 6:39PM**