

Council on Student Services
February 27, 2012
5:00 – 7:45 pm
214 College Street – Room 313

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

The Council on Student Services (COSS) met on Monday, Feb. 27th at 5:00 pm in Room 313, Koffler Student Services Centre, with the following present:

Voting members: Evonne Chen, Anita Comella, Lucy Fromowitz, Bruce Kidd, Jeff Peters, Munib Sajjad, Danielle Sandhu, Daniel Vandervoort, Jim Delaney, Ken Duncliffe, Corey Scott, Carl Bagot*

Non-voting members: Paul Handley, Rita O'Brien, Jim Webster

Chair: Justin Goldenthal

Recording Secretary: Diana Scattolon

Guests: Calvin McLean, Assistant to Jeff Peters
Gilbert Cassar, President, UTMSU

*Note: Letter to Chair from Al-Baalawy giving voting rights to Carl Bagot

1) Approval of the agenda

Motion to amend the agenda by Sajjad by adding the following three motions to the beginning of the agenda.

- 1) Affiliation of Mississauga Academy of Medicine students to UTM
- 2) Working group for future issues of affiliation
- 3) International Centre

The Chair denied the placement of the motions at the beginning of the agenda and agreed to their being addressed under Item 9 as Other Business. Motion by Sandhu to amend the amendment that the 3 motions be addressed as Items 4, 5, 6 on the agenda.

Seconded by Sajjad. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Sandhu. Seconded by Sajjad. Motion carried.

2) Approval of the minutes from meeting of February 6, 2012

Motion by Sandhu. Seconded by Peters. Motion carried.

3) Approval of the Student Services operating plans

a. Hart House

Motion 1:

Be it resolved:

THAT the 2012-13 operating plans and budget for Hart House, as presented in the documentation from Professor Brice Kidd, Warden, be approved; and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$75.43 (\$15.10 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year permanent increase of \$3.80 (\$0.76 for a part time student) or 5.3% (resulting from the elimination of a 2009-10 three year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 7.27%); and

That the sessional fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased to \$2.32 (\$0.47 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year permanent increase of \$0.12 (\$0.02 for a part time student) or 5.3% (resulting from the elimination of a 2009-10 three year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 7.27%).

Moved by Kidd. Seconded by Delaney.

Discussion:

Vandervoort stated that the graduate students have agreed that students shouldn't be paying higher ancillary fees each year and therefore, they cannot support the proposed increase.

Sajjad stated that UTM students have taken the stance that fees should not be increased and that the central administration should take a stronger role in funding student services.

Bagot stated that the SCSU position is that most UTSC students do not use Hart House services enough to agree to an increase in fees.

Peters stated that part-time students are often working and the price of education is too high. APUS would support going to the central administration for more funding but cannot support the fee increase.

Sandhu referred to past meetings where it was discussed that the services and the unions could lobby together to seek additional funding from the central administration. Danielle stated that UTSU cannot support the increase.

Motion by Peters to hold a roll call vote on all 3 motions.

Seconded by Sandhu.

Motion carried.

Vote results:

In favour: Comella, Kidd, Delaney, Duncliffe, Fromowitz

Opposed: Chen, Peters, Vandervoort, Bagot, Sajjad, Scott, Sandhu

Motion defeated.

b. Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education Budget

Motion 2:

Be it resolved:

THAT the 2012-13 operating plans and budget for Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education: Co-Curricular Programs, Services and Facilities, as presented in the documentation from Anita Comella, Assistant Dean, Co-Curricular Physical Activity and Health, be approved; and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$150.01 (\$30.00 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year permanent increase of \$9.37 (\$1.87 for a part-time student) or 6.66% (resulting from the elimination of a 2009-10 three year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 14.5%); and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student at UTM or UTSC be increased to \$17.40 (\$3.48 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year permanent increase of \$1.09 (\$0.22 for a part-time student) or 6.66% (resulting from the elimination of a 2009-10 three year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 14.5%).

Moved by Comella. Seconded by Duncliffe.

Discussion:

Bagot stated that UTSC students do not use the downtown facilities and for the time being are not supporting an increase in the fees.

Sajjad stated that UTM has its own gym facilities and so the students do not support the increase in fees.

Sandhu stated that the UTSU constituency supports the work of KPE but cannot support increases to fees.

Chen stated that a large percentage of part-time students work off-campus and may have physical disabilities and so do not use the facilities of KPE. APUS cannot support a fee increase.

Duncliffe stated that both UTM and UTSC students are very engaged in the tri-campus programming and do make use of the downtown facilities.

Vote results:

In favour: Comella, Kidd, Delaney, Duncliffe, Fromowitz

Opposed: Chen, Peters, Vandervoort, Bagot, Sajjad, Scott, Sandhu

Motion defeated.

c. Student Life Programs and Services

Motion 3:

Be it resolved:

THAT the 2012-13 operating plans and budget for Student Life Programs and Services, as presented in the documentation from Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice President, Student Life, be approved; and

THAT the sessional fee for a full-time student on the St. George campus be increased to \$126.82 (\$25.36 for a part-time student), which represents a year over year permanent increase of \$8.08 (\$1.61 for a part-time student) or 6.8% (resulting from the elimination of a 2009-10 three year temporary increase, and a permanent increase of 8.9%).

Motion by Fromowitz. Seconded by Sandhu.

Discussion:

Vandervoort thanked the administrators for attending the GSU Council meeting on February 22.

Vote results:

In favour: Comella, Kidd, Delaney, Duncliffe, Fromowitz

Opposed: Chen, Peters, Vandervoort, Bagot, Sajjad, Scott, Sandhu

Motion defeated.

4) Motion 1: Affiliation of Mississauga Academy of Medicine students to UTM

BIRT COSS endorse the affiliation and student service fees charged to MAM Students at UTM through the UTM ancillary body, Quality to Student Services (QSS)

Moved by Sajjad.

On behalf of Sajjad, Gilbert Cassar explained that the student unions were not made aware that MAM students would be at the UTM campus beginning in the summer of 2011. Fees were added to fees schedule, having been approved at the UAB but not introduced at QSS. Gilbert stated that a clear process needs to be created. The motion, although not binding at QSS, will show that QSS brought the issue to COSS, the UTSU members of which are currently the MAM representatives.

Discussion:

Bagot asked if the motion is to transfer the fees to QSS.

Delaney responded that the motion attempts to articulate an opinion of COSS about the charging of fees to the MAM students.

Cassar responded that it would demonstrate that the affiliation of MAM students was recommended to QSS by COSS.

Delaney explained that the issue of affiliation is very strictly an academic decision. The university's decision to create a program on a particular campus, even though the home faculty may be on a different campus, is an academic decision. The three protocol bodies can only make recommendations on the fees charged to students. Jim stated that the motion is outside of the scope of COSS terms of reference which deal specifically with fees and services on the St. George Campus. Jim stated that should COSS consider this or a similar motion, it would not set a precedent and that it would not be binding.

Fromowitz expressed concern that the motion asks COSS to endorse affiliation over which it has no authority.

Bagot asked if there is a protocol in place for transferring fees from one campus to another when programs are transferred.

Delaney responded that there isn't a standard process in place. MAM is the first undergraduate example of a program from one campus being housed on another campus. The affiliation question is separate from this process.

Sandhu acknowledged that the situation is a new precedent. Danielle stated that she believes that it is appropriate to discuss this issue at COSS since the situation involves the charging of fees to students who are registered at St. George but who are accessing services at UTM. The motions as originally put forward were to obtain guidance on the charging of fees in these situations.

Cassar suggested that the motion be worded differently so as to remove the endorsement of fees.

Sandhu clarified to Duncliffe that MAM students are registered at St. George and that they have recently voted to be affiliated to UTMSU.

Bagot proposed the group come up with new wording of the motion so that it doesn't interfere with the academic side.

Duncliffe stated that since the MAM students have accepted affiliation with UTMSU, he did not see how the issue of fees was still relevant. They would now be considered UTM students for UTM fees.

Kidd stated that he doesn't see this as a matter for jurisdiction for COSS, but of QSS and UTMSU. If MAM are now members of UTMSU, they will get services from the union and through UTM. Fees should be approved by the bodies on that campus.

Sandhu explained that when issue of the MAM students first occurred, the student unions agreed that they would provide the services and then work with the administration to correct the situation for future cases. In a conversation which occurred in June between administrators, MAM students and the UTSU, the student unions were given reassurance that the process would be looked at COSS for future situations like that of the MAM students.

Delaney stated that there was a commitment to have on-going communication but uncertain if COSS was the correct body for the conversation. COSS also committed to advise the unions of future instances of this situation.

Sandhu suggested a recess to amend the motion.

A recess was called.

During the recess, a motion to extend the meeting was moved by Fromowitz. Seconded by Sajjad. Motion carried.

The meeting was called back to order.

Motion to amend by Delaney

Be it resolved...

THAT COSS receive the correspondence between Vice-Provost, Students, UTMSU, UTSU, the Medical Society and the University Affairs Board dated June 28, 2011, June 29, 2011 and Feb 10, 2012;

THAT COSS recognizes that Mississauga Academy of Medicine students at UTM are expected to be charged UTM campus services fees; and

THAT COSS recommends to the Vice-Provost, Students that a working group be struck to review campus affiliation and charges of campus services fees. This group will consist of, but not be limited to, COSS, QSS and CSS.

Seconded by Sajjad.

Amendment carried. With one abstention (Kidd).

Discussion:

Comella suggested that the third part of the motion include the phrase “but not limited to these bodies”.

Kidd stated that he was puzzled why the appeal came to COSS and why QSS didn't make its own decision and indicated, therefore, that he would abstain from voting on the motion.

Motion by Cassar, on behalf of Sajjad, to amend the third part of the motion to read “including and not limited to UTMSU, UTSU, SCSU, GSU, APUS and the Vice-Provost, Students office”. Seconded by Vandervoort.

Motion by Bagot to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Seconded by Vandervoort.

Discussion on this amendment. None
Motion carried. One abstention (Kidd).

Be it resolved...

THAT COSS receive the correspondence between Vice-Provost, Students, UTMSU, UTSU, the Medical Society and the University Affairs Board dated Feb 10, 2012, June 28, 2011 and June 29, 2011;

THAT COSS recognizes that Mississauga Academy of Medicine students at UTM are expected to be charged UTM campus services fees; and

THAT COSS recommends to the Vice-Provost, Students that a working group be struck to review campus affiliation and charges of campus services fees. This group will consist of, but not be limited to, UTMSU, UTSU, SCSU, GSU, APUS and the Vice-Provost office.

Motion carried, with one abstention (Kidd).

5) Motion 2: Working group to address future issues of affiliation

BIRT COSS strike a working group to develop a long-term protocol in consultation with the central students' unions, QSS & CSS to address the provision of campus service fees to students completing their degree at a campus that differs from the campus at which their faculty is registered.

Motion 2 was formally rescinded by Sajjad as its intent is included in motion 1 of item 4.

6) Motion 3: International Centre

BIRT that the UTM attribution for the Centre for International Experience by redirected to UTM.

Moved by Cassar, on behalf of Sajjad. Seconded by Sandhu.

Discussion:

Fromowitz stated that this attribution has already been removed from the transfer to St. George. The fee now remains with UTM and International Centre services are now delivered locally.

Duncliffe stated that the fee has been part of the UTM student services fee for many years.

Delaney explained that the fee formally went to Student Life but is now going to UTM. This fee is not new; it is just being redirected from St. George to UTM. The protocol itself allows for this reassignment of fees. The attribution has always been a part of the UTM student services fee.

Sajjad noted that the fee is not part of the QSS terms of reference nor is it recognized as a QSS fee. The terms of reference indicate that the International Centre is to be managed by COSS and not mandated to QSS.

Duncliffe stated that the fee is listed in the UTM student services fees.

Sajjad explained that the fee is still not part of the protocol.

Comella commented that the jurisdiction on the fee belongs to QSS and not COSS.

Delaney suggested that the matter be seen as a component of student affairs at UTM. Jim noted that the student services fee lists are often outdated and so the fee in question may not be on the QSS fee list in the terms of reference.

Motion by Sandhu to table the motion to the next meeting. Seconded by Sajjad. Motion carried.

7) Nomination of Chair for COSS 2012-2013

UTSU put forth the name of Virginia Lomax, whose resume will be forwarded at next meeting.

8) Dates for future meetings

March 12, 2012 was agreed upon for the next meeting.

9) Date for COSS retreat

Item deferred to next meeting.

10) COSS Visioning statement

Item deferred

11) Other business

No other business was put forth.

12) Adjournment