

Council on Student Services

January 23rd, 2012

5:00 – 7:00 pm

214 College Street – Room 313

Summary of Meeting

The Council on Student Services (COSS) met on Monday, January 23rd at 5:00 pm in Room 313, Koffler Student Services Centre, with the following present:

Voting members: Evonne Chen, Ken Duncliffe, Lucy Fromowitz, Anita Comella, Jeff Peters, Danielle Sandhu, Bob Spencer, Daniel Vandervoort, Barbara McCann

Non-voting members: Catherine Drea, Paul Handley, David Newman, Rita O'Brien, Jim Webster

Chair: Justin Goldenthal (non-voting)

Recording Secretary: Diana Scattolon

Guests: From Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education:
Mary Beth Challoner, Manager, Events & Marketing
Jen Leake, Manager, Children & Youth
Beth Ali, Director, Athletics & High Performance
John Robb, Manager, Intramurals
Michelle Brownrigg, Director, Physical Activity and Equity
Khary Lumley, Executive Assistant to Assist Dean - CCE

Liza Arnason, Director of Student Life, UTSC
Calvin McLean, Assistant to Jeff Peters

Quorum was not met. The group decided to continue the meeting as an information session.

1) Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education Presentation

Anita Comella gave an overview of the Faculty's programs and services followed by the presentation of the budget. A detailed copy of the budget and an overview of the faculty were provided to the group.

The Faculty's co-curricular programming covers a broad spectrum of services and opportunities to all levels of participants, from children to high-performance sport. The Faculty is committed to accessibility and equity across all programming.

KPE is an integrated faculty comprised of academic faculty and co-curricular programming for the entire student body.

Anita listed a number of student leadership development opportunities that are offered.

Physical activity and equity initiatives involve partnering with divisions across campus such as Student Life and Hart House and include offering more spaces to student clubs at no additional cost.

Access to Varsity Centre and Athletic Centre is available to students, as well as community members. Space is also rented out to students and community members. Student groups who want dedicated access to space receive a 30% reduction in posted rental rates.

The intercollegiate and intramural sports teams consist of students representing all colleges and faculties. The high performance sport program partners with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, provincial and national sport agencies and the Pan Am Games.

Comella presented usage numbers for the Athletic Centre, the Varsity Centre and the UTM and UTSC facilities, noting that the faculty is working towards ways to increase the percentage of female participants.

Comella listed the following news items:

- The Faculty's name changed as of January to the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education
- A provostial review was completed in July 2011
- An Academic Planning process will be completed this summer,
- A Sport Model Review is underway
- The Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport received approval from the Governing Council
- The Back Campus Fields Project is going ahead as part of the preparation for the 2015 Pan Am Games
- Sustainability initiatives include water bottle refilling stations and on-going maintenance improvements and renovations
- Fundraising initiatives include annual giving programs and the Goldring Centre Capital Campaign

Comella referred to the detailed budget that was distributed, noting that the increase for the 2012-2013 year is primarily due to staff increases, followed by higher maintenance and programming costs. The proposed student fee increase for 2012-2013 is 6.66%.

This discussion followed:

Peters asked if the Goldring Centre will be only for high-performance athletes.

Comella responded that it would be used and accessible to all students.

Peters asked how much the students will be paying towards the operating costs of the centre.

Comella responded that the full capital cost will be funded by the Faculty. The operating costs will be determined based on the costs incurred in the first year of operation (which will be funded by the Faculty). Student fees would be determined at that time.

Spencer asked for clarification on the calculation of the fee increase.

Webster explained that calculation of the UTI and the CPI are both based on the fee base of \$130.96.

Peters expressed concern that the Goldring Centre is being built without first asking the students. Jeff asked if the students have the ability to say no before it's built? Jeff referred to the 2002 referendum in around the building of the Varsity Centre where the students voted against supporting it. The university had to raise the necessary funds through a different campaign.

Comella explained that the Faculty had to present Governing Council with different operating models. Some models incorporated student fees while others did not. Anita stated that students will be asked whether or not they wish to support the centre.

Chen asked if the faculty is looking into improving existing services such as addressing overcrowding in certain classes.

Comella responded that they are looking for alternative and more accessible programming spaces throughout the St. George campus.

Brownrigg stated space is being used at different locations outside of the Faculty's facilities. It has worked with UTSU to open up its space to student designed programming. She noted that there is significant demand for fitness programming and limited space.

Spencer mentioned that the GSU gym can be considered for programming space.

Spencer suggested polling students in advance regarding supporting the Goldring Centre to allow COSS to be better informed about the possible future design of the centre's operating budget.

Sandhu acknowledged that the Faculty has shown commitment to greater accessibility, equity and diversity in the curriculum and the space. Danielle commented on how the opening up of space is important to students' physical and social health. Danielle asked for suggestions on how to ensure even more students use and are exposed to the facilities and the programs.

Comella responded that the Physical Activity Ambassadors offer peer to peer outreach.

Brownrigg explained that the Faculty works toward determining the barriers to participation and removing them. It is partnering with faculty, colleges and divisions on campus to broaden athletic participation.

Spencer asked if the Student Family Housing residences are included in the ambassador outreach program.

Leake explained it is a partnership being targeted next year with Student Life and through the Children and Youth Programs of the Faculty.

Justin asked about the Faculty's outreach program?

Ali explained that student athletes and Varsity Blues teams are active in the community with leadership and role modeling programming.

2) COSS Visioning Statement

Spencer suggested developing some statements about what student services are at U of T by way of a survey to students. It may identify student needs that aren't currently being addressed.

Justin suggested focusing on the statement to the UAB at this time and move further definitions to the future.

Sandhu suggested keeping a list of what can be discussed in the summer COSS programming.

Fromowitz suggested that the statement to the UAB include the process that the group will undertake achieve its goals.

Justin stated that this initiative is a beginning of a process that will be continued through subsequent COSS cycles.

3) Call for agenda items for next meeting of February 6, 2012

No new agenda items were put forth.

- 4) The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.