

CSSS Meeting Minutes – October 5th, 2014

513 University Center

Call to order – 4:45 pm

John Mesman: You will be getting the agenda for the meeting at least 7 days in advance from now on as well as a copy of the updated constitution and bylaws. Today you are going to learn more about us, specifically the executives and their roles and what your role will be in the society. We will be adopting the constitution and bylaws, we don't necessarily need to but we are going to so you are all up to speed on what is going on. The bylaws do have to be adopted every year as they expire. We are an academic body within the faculty of science but we also hold a lot of events. Our biggest programming thing is our winter formal. I didn't bring a fact sheet for you today but just so you are aware you can vote on motions if you are a member of this society.

1) Announcements and Correspondence

- a. None

2) Approval of Agenda

a. **John Mesman moves to move item 3 under motions to item 1**

- i. Seconded by Jessie Thuswaldner
- ii. Motion passes

b. **Anna Marrello moves to move item 6 under motions to item 2**

- i. Seconded by Madison Adams
- ii. Motion passes

c. **Motion to approve agenda moved by Jessie Thuswaldner**

- i. Seconded by Saumya Bansal
- ii. Motion passes – Agenda approved

3) Executive Reports

a. **VP Internal – Ali Acar**

- i. The VP Internal is in charge of everything council related including the agenda, emailing council and the constitution and bylaws. The CSSS is currently in the process of planning a scavenger hunt which will take place the Saturday after reading week (November 8). It is a way to engage first years and get them to learn their way around campus.

b. VP Operations – Martin Gingras

- i. The VP Operations is in charge of the budget. It was submitted and presented to the FACCS board and we are still waiting to hear about how much funding the Society will be getting. The VP Operations is also in charge of the website

c. VP Programming – Madison Adams

- i. The VP Programming is responsible for the events for the society. The pub night is booked for Friday, November 7th location TBD but I will email about the location once it is finalized. Proceeds from the tickets will go towards subsidizing costs for the formal. The formal will be held in January and another pub night will probably be held within the second semester.

d. VP Academic – Anna Marrello

- i. The VP Academic is in charge of anything academic related for the society. Some of you are here because you are associated to CASG and you were asked to be in attendance for a later motion about adding you to our council. The VP academic goes to a lot of meetings for the faculty and academic planning. I have already been to 2 academic planning committee meetings and 1 faculty board meeting. There isn't much to report as most of the changes have been very minor. My biggest event for the year is research night which happens second semester to get first and second years engaged and thinking about research. The responsibilities also include coordinating all of the reps to make sure they are going to department meetings.

e. President – John Mesman

- i. As the president of both CSSS and CASG. I want to make sure our faculty matters within the university. This summer some of the executives attended a conference for the Ontario Science Students' Association (OSSA). We found out that we are the only science society without a levy in Ontario so we have to beg sponsors and the faculty for money so we can run our events. Just to give you an example Western's science society gets \$20 from every science student that goes towards their society and another \$75 from every science student that goes towards a legacy fund which they use to host major events. We are urging for a bigger presence. The new INCO wing is part of this, especially now that we have a whole floor dedicated to student space. Myself and Maddie are your Science CUSA councillors and Martin is the CUSA councillor for Computer Science. We all have a wide array of commitments. Just as a last note we did

lose \$500 on formal last year and we are expecting to lose money on it this year.

4) Question Period

- a. Jessie Thuswaldner – Do we know how many students are enrolled in health science?
 - i. John – not sure yet but we should have a better idea by the end of October once CASG starts

5) Motions

a. Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seats

- i. Madison Adams moves to amend the motion to include 1 spot for integrated science as there is still meetings someone needs to attend even though the program no longer accepts first years
 - 1. Seconded by Anna Marrello
 - 2. Motion passes
- ii. Madison Adams moves to amend the motion and remove TSES since those in science can only minor in the program
 - 1. Seconded by Ali Acar
 - 2. Motion passes with 2 abstentions
- iii. Motion to fill vacant council seats passes
 - 1. Sebastian Srugo is elected as Health Science Rep
 - 2. In order for the election of first year reps to go forward the interpretation of what it means to be a first year needs to be addressed. Motion to overrule the interpretation in the constitution of what it means to be a first year moved by Jessie Thuswaldner and seconded by Martin Gingras. Motion passes with 3 abstentions
 - 3. Alizee, Lindsay and Maria Dalton are elected as first year reps

b. Motion to Add CASG Reps

- i. Martin Gingras moves to amend the wording of the motion to say 'science representatives on' instead of 'newly elected' so as to include appointed seats such as computer science.
 - 1. Anna Marrello takes it as a friendly amendment
- ii. Motion to add CASG reps passes unanimously

c. Motion to Adopt the CSSS Constitution and Bylaws

- i. Passes unanimously

d. Motion to Accept the 2014-2015 Operating Budget

- i. Question from Saumya Bansal – How much do we get from FACCS?
 - 1. John – up to \$2200
- ii. Motion to accept the budget passes unanimously
 - 1. Last year's ledger will be circulated to everyone

e. Motion to Accept the Councillor's Agreement

- i. Question from Jessie Thuswaldner – If an emergency meeting is called do we still have to give 48 hours notice since there wouldn't be 48 hours to give notice?
 - 1. John – No but you still need to let us know if you can't make the meeting
- ii. Question from Kamil Chadirji – If we can no longer fill our duties due to another commitment can we appoint a proxy for the rest of the time?
 - 1. John – Since we don't have proxy rules technically yes but you can also step down and there can be an election for a representative to take your place
- iii. Question from Aiden Forsyth – Can you clarify when something would be considered confidential?
 - 1. John – Only when we say something is 'in camera' is it confidential and you can't say anything to anyone outside of the room but otherwise feel free to share what we talk about and do
- iv. Motion to accept the agreement passes unanimously
 - 1. We will be sending out the agreement to everyone so they have a copy

f. Motion to Strike Science Winter Formal Committee

- i. Motion passes unanimously
- ii. 2 representatives from academic societies within science
 - 1. Alicia Duval – Neuroscience Society
 - 2. Abe Fehr –Comp Sci Society
- iii. 3 members of council
 - 1. Sebastian Srugo
 - 2. Kathryn Little
 - 3. Aiden Forsyth
- iv. 2 members at large
 - 1. Emily Niblock
 - 2. Hirva Patel

6) Adjournment

- a. Moved by Martin Gingras
- b. Seconded by Anna Marrello
- c. Passes unanimously
- d. Adjourn at 6:19 pm