

**Arts & Science Students’ Union Agenda**

**November 19, 2018**

**Arts Building Room 202**

**Regrets: Frances Trotter, Arhum Niaz, Hooriya Zia, Aadil Kahlon, Nadia Ristau, Braden Dubois**

**1. Adoption of agenda**

* **Motioned by Lydia Sauder**
* **Seconded by Hunter Martin**

**2. Recognized treaty 6 territory**

**3. Debate Presentation**

**4. Executive Reports**

**4.1 Presidential reports**

**4.2 Committee reports**

**4.2.1 VP Williams**

**4.2.2 VP Jessee**

**4.2.3 VP Jaisee**

**4.2.4 VP Ashworth**

**5. Students’ Councils Report**

**5.1 Member of Students’ Councils report**

**6. Other Business**

**Kagen Newman – Debate Presentation**

* President of the Debate club came in to talk about funding request made for Diefenbaker Cup
  + Club fosters debate and speech proficiency
    - We do this by holding practices, weekly meetings, & tournaments
  + Tournaments
    - Consist of 4-6 rounds of debate
    - Compete against people from around the nation
    - Had the Diefenbaker Cup on November 3rd
  + We requested $500 from the ASSU to cover tournament expenses
    - We supply everyone food for the entire weekend
      * Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, & breakfast for the next morning
    - 45 debaters
    - We Subsidise registration for debaters
      * We also subsidies registrations for those who still struggle to afford it
  + Money is also made from hosting tournaments which we use to:
    - send our debaters to other tournaments
    - pay for gas money
    - buy food
  + We invited high school students to compete in the tournament as well
    - We provided subsidies for them

**Discussion**

* Emma: We already approved their funding request
  + They already made their budget according to the fact that we will fund them $500
  + Unless there is a reason why anyone thinks we shouldn’t, we will go through with it
* Remember: this is funding for an event that has already happened
  + You can say no but you must have a valid reason
* Motion to approve funding request of $500 to The Debate Club
  + Motioned by Jayda
  + Seconded by Tyrel
    - Motion passes

**Olena Malko - President Report**

* Received an email from a professional basketball team – The Rattlers
  + Offering us 2019 season tickets, not sure why
    - Tickets are $500 each

**Richard Williams - VP Academic**

* Scholarship has launched
  + Launched during reading week
  + People had already gone home by the time advertisements went out
  + We have from now to the 5th 
    - Not a lot of time, please advertise the scholarship as much as you can
    - Send mass emails out to your classes
    - Talk to your profs and ask to make an announcement about it at the beginning of your classes
  + We have advertisements up on the USSU TVs in Place Riel & the TVs in the Arts building
  + Also on the Paws site
  + Carlos will mention it at the next USSU meeting
* All applications will be emailed directly to Richard
  + All instructions are online in a clear & specific format
* Scholarship Questions:
  + List any community or volunteer involvement
    - Changed it to community involvement this year from university involvement so application could be more inclusive to first year students
  + Why did you apply for this scholarship & how will it benefit you?
    - Want to give scholarship to someone who actually needs it
  + List involvement in academic or athletic groups
  + List awards achievements or honours
  + Applicant must answer 2 essay questions
    - 1 mandatory question
      * Describe what makes you a leader. How have you demonstrated leadership ability in your athletic, community, and school involvement?
    - Can pick 1 question from 2 options
      * What do you believe is an important problem afflicting society today? How will you use your Arts & Science degree to improve upon this problem or contribute to a solution for this issue?
      * Describe a time where you encountered an obstacle and/or failure, and how you used your leadership capabilities to overcome and grow from the experience
* Promote scholarship as much as you can
  + tell all your arts and science friends

**Jayda Jessee – VP External**

* Paint Night is happening this Wednesday
  + Posters are up
  + Thought about playing a Bob Ross video
    - Aurora might be instructing as well
  + Paint and brushes are in the office
    - will do more shopping tonight for canvases & more paint
    - Planning on getting 30 canvases
    - We’re estimating everything will cost around $200
  + STMSU is providing food & alcohol
    - They have a separate insurance that allows them to serve alcohol at their events
    - $2 shots. Mix included
  + Planning on getting 1 bottle of Rum and 1 bottle of Vodka
  + STM will also be providing a bartender
* Are 2 bottles enough for 30 people?
  + Alcohol is not advertised
    - people will not be coming to the event for the alcohol
  + Not everyone will drink
  + STMSU is not allowed to keep any left overs
    - Will have to pay full price of any bottle used
    - We’ll be better off having not enough drinks than too much
* Food provided will be cheese platters
  + This was the cheapest option
  + We can buy chips if we feel like we don’t have enough food
* Motion to spend $200 on Paint Night
  + Seconded by Tyrel
  + Motion passes

**Tasnim Jaisee– VP Marketing**

* Posters were made for Paint Night
* December
  + Want to have a tutor give away
    - Free 3 hr tutor sessions for finals
  + Will make a post on Facebook
  + Will start advertising tomorrow
  + Will run until November 27
  + Winner will be picked on the 28th
    - Before finals start

**Emma Ashworth – VP Operation and Finance**

* We no longer need to buy a new mouse
  + New batteries fixed the problem
* We want to start putting up winter decorations in the office & lounge
  + We asked to use $200 for Halloween decorations but only spent 100
    - 200 is a max, we won’t go over it
    - Planning on spending around $100 again
  + Want to have the windows painted
    - Window paint is expensive and is not something we can get from the dollar store
      * Costs about $70 with paint brushes
    - Want to have a winter theme
  + Might put garland along the Arts Building ramp railing
    - Will have to talk to FMD about that
  + We’ll still be using décor from last year as well
* Motion to have a budget of $200 for winter decorations
  + Seconded by Tasnim
  + Motion passes
* Taz – Secret Santa
  + Want to do Secret Santa
  + Cap $20
  + A Facebook poll will go up on the page
    - Your name will be added to a bucket if you vote yes
    - We can draw names online
* Internal Committee has been talking about getting a TV for the lounge
  + Need permission from FMD
  + We want to make the lounge more inviting
  + We already have a gaming counsel available
  + Discussion:
    - People like to do homework in the lounge
      * gaming will distract those who like to study there
        + we could always make sure to keep the sound off
        + Pool is also noisy

There’s difference between clicking sounds and people yelling

* + - * video game players can get really loud
    - The lounge was renovated 2 years ago
      * It has been working better than it ever has
      * People used to never use the lounge
    - Counsel gaming is not super inclusive, how many people can play at the time?
      * Will have people there for hours
      * There will be a niche
        + We can have memberships, we can set up rules
        + Can set up time limits
      * How would we enforce it?
    - Geology Students have private lounge where they have Projectors
      * FMD is phasing out a lot of projectors
        + We can talk to them about giving us a projector for free
      * Geology students recommended projectors over TVs because they are cheaper & more versatile
    - Lounge is known as a study space
      * Adding a TV and video games will make it unusable for those who currently use it as a study space
      * Lounge is for the students, we need to put what they want first
        + We can have a poll and ask other students
    - Lounge is open 24/7
      * If we have TVs, we can’t keep it open 24/7
* Will table this discussion for next meeting

**Carlos Pimentel – Member of Students’ Councils**

* Friendly reminder that AGM is on Thursday at 6:00pm
  + Arts 143
  + Free pizza and pop
  + We need to meet quorum to pass amendments

**Other Business**

* Olena: someone suggested I should make keys and have a deposit
  + $50 deposit
  + Office is there for members, sometimes people want to come in late or on the weekends
  + Name will be attached to key
    - As long as we give NSID, they will know who a key belongs to
  + Discussion
    - We have up to $50,000 in office
      * People can always copy keys
      * If there are any more lost keys we’ll have to change the locks again
    - How will this be beneficial to members?
      * Only 2 people who have keys are available most of the time
    - We could impose regulation based on membership
      * Would have to be a member for a year
      * This excludes most of group
        + Members are members
  + Table this discussion to next meeting
* There’s a karaoke night at louis on the 29th
  + 7:30pm
  + Tickets are $5
  + 19+ event
* Paint night – bring food item or monetary donation

**Meeting Adjourned**

* **Motioned Rinad Ramadan**
* **Seconded by Amber Jackson**