

**Arts & Science Students’ Union Agenda**

**February 12, 2018**

**Arts Building Room 200**

**Regrets: Jayda Jessee, Aaron Hertes, Emma Ashworth, Lydia Sauder, Jack Thompson, Canute Rosaasen**

**1. Adoption of agenda**

* **Motioned by Logan Huard**
* **Seconded by Kylie Phillips**

**2. Recognized treaty 6 territory**

**3. Days for The Homeless Presentation**

**3.1 Discussion**

**4. Executive Reports**

**4.1 Presidential reports**

**4.2 Committee reports**

**4.2.1 VP Paradzik**

**4.2.2 VP Bayne**

**4.2.3 VP Malko**

**4.2.4 VP Guan**

**5. Students’ Councils Report**

**5.1 Member of Students’ Councils report**

**6. Other Business**

**5 Days For The Homeless Presentation**

* Presented by Abby: co-project manager for 5 Days for The Homeless
* 5 Days For The Homeless is national campaign
* It aims to educate, support, and spread awareness on the Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc (EGADZ)
  + raise awareness on issues facing youth at risk and homeless population
* our selected charity is EGADZ
* our committee is composed of 26 students from 6 different colleges
* our goal is to raise $20,000
* our goal last year was the same but we just barely reached it
* our second goal this year is to increase Facebook engagement by at least 10%
  + we’ve been at a steady incline so far
* last year we had 200 bags of clothing collected that we donated and raised $20,400
* funding request: $500 or any donation amount that would help contribute
* we received $500 last year and it help put us over our $20,000 goal
* We are having our event at a different location this year because the location we had it in last year is now closed
  + we needed to pick a new venue
  + the new venue’s plate options are much more expensive
* original budget was smaller because we did not have a location set
* our committee t-shirts are the most expensive items
* $500 would go towards any extra expenses for the tacos in a bag
* the reach used to be an Edwards dominated committee but now is much more diverse
* sherry: in proposal you sent me, you mentioned that one of the events was a steak night at Sutherland Bar, is that still happening?
  + The steak night will no longer be at the Sutherland Bar because they already have an event booked that limited their space
  + We picked Hose because they could accommodate us
* Kirsten: where have you gone for expenses besides us?
  + We applied for the USSU funding but they haven’t approved us yet
    - They usually take a while to get back to us
* The extra $150 is for our beer but we did not ask for money for our beer night
* Sherry: how did you come up with cost of plates
  + Price of each Burger meal and vegan options are $9.95
  + 9.95 x 140 (their max) is a little more expensive than what we have
* Kirsten: how much are tickets?
  + Because it cost so much more this year, I’m deciding between just $20 per ticket that includes the burger meal or a combo for $30 that would include the meal and beer night
  + Kirsten I didn’t realize it was a beer night. Is this a separate event?
    - Yes
* Sherry: can you tell us how this promotes the College of Arts & Science?
  + Last year we had the Arts & Science logo on our committee t-shirts
  + Graphic designer from a different committee would include the ASSU logo as well
  + At least 11 students are from Arts & Science in our committee
* Travis: can you send this slideshow to us so we can look back on it if we decide to vote on it
  + I will have it sent

**5DFH Discussion**

* Travis: 5 Days For The Homeless is requesting $500 from us
* Sherry: we have at least 6 grand in our Internal budget
  + when we approve for funding, we don’t approve every student group
  + we go over what the money would be used for and how it would promote the college of Arts & Science
* Kirsten: I’m concerned about the beer night that was mentioned
  + Beer nights are illegal
  + We are indirectly affiliated with the beer night because our logo will be on their items
* Kylie: We can make sure the money isn’t spent on beer. I think 5 Days for The Homeless is a good cause
* Olena: She said they would use the $500 to supply meat for tacos but it said directly on the budget slide that Sobeys would be supplying that for them. We need to make sure we are getting receipts.
* Mackenzie: I think EGADZ is a great campaign but we need a more clarified budget
  + How much have we funded so far
    - Sherry: $250 to the PSSA
  + We should keep up a reputation of giving funds so we can stay relevant to help pursue interests of Arts & Science students
* Sherry: Rinad has been emailing campus groups to let them know about our funding
  + None of them have been applying so far
  + I’m planning on putting a message out on paws
  + Worst case scenario, we can donate directly to EGADZ
* Aidan: I think it’s a good thought, but its important to maintain the fact that we are a body that funds student experience and student culture
* Kylie: would we be willing to do both? If this goes through, fund the event, but if there’s more money left in budget can It go to EGADZ?
* Olena: could we work with them by helping them raise money?
  + Mackenzie: I don’t think they would need the help from us
* Kirsten: It is a good cause and we want to fund them, but it is important for us is to insure accountability. There needs to be a proper accountability mechanism.
* Travis: If we were able to pass a motion today, would we want to pass a motion to give 500 dollars with receipts from them?
* Aidan: I would make a motion to accept to their request of $500 as long as they show us receipts and won’t use the money to fund any alcohol
  + Am I able to make this motion and then table it for next week?
    - Travis: If you did, we would have to table it for 2 weeks because there is no meeting next week
* Sherry: according to the Funding Policy, if its within $250 then I can pass it myself, but if it exceeds $250 then it would have to go through the Internal Committee
  + Can we decide as a council right now?
  + We should double check policy
* Funding policy dictates that if you request more than $250, your ratified groups need to make an appeal to ASSU internal committee
* Travis: It used to be that Internal could only approve requests that were $250 and funding requests above $250 would have to be approved by the ASSU council
* Mackenzie: What was the point of presenting to the whole group? I feel like the whole council should vote on it.
* Travis: we could give a recommendation to the Internal Committee
* Aidan: I would advise that we approve $500 worth of funding with the stipulation that they do not use it to purchase any beer and they show us their receipts

**Travis Hebert – President**

* Not much to report today
* Ill update you all whenever I get new information

**Mackenzie Paradzik – VP Academic**

* Admin finally emailed me back
* We still have one more process that we have to wait to be approved
* Alumni committee OKed our choice
* The Awards Committee is the last step
* Will be writing up an awards letter soon
* We should be getting the scholarship out to Jessica sometime this week

**Tanner Bayne – VP External Affairs**

* We were thinking of having Arts & Science trivia night this week
* We are not prepared for it this week so we’re moving it to the 27th
* We will be advertising online
* We are thinking about spending money to buy gift cards for prizes
  + Possibly 5 or 6, depending on how many people are in a team
* Gift cards would be $20 for each person
  + Kirsten: we should get gift cards from the new Mystic Java at Grad house
  + Aidan: maybe we could get gift cards for the book store
  + Tim Horton’s Gift card?
  + Olena: could we get Starbucks gift cards?
  + Kylie: I would love 20 dollar gift card to any grocery store
* Event will either be at Louis pub or loft
* Aidan: this could be a good idea for a crew to go out and check out local businesses
  + I think that would be a great idea to for our talent show
  + We give gifts to the judges and those who get 2nd and 3rd place
* Talent show
  + Thinking about having it on March 15

**Olena Malko – VP Marketing**

* We had our valentine’s day give away
* Thanks to those who volunteered to sit at the table
* We picked 2 winners
  + One of them has not contacted back yet
  + Other one has not picked up their prize
* Aidan: what will we do with the first person’s prize if they never contact us back
  + We might keep it for another give away
* Thinking about having another giveaway later
  + Don’t have much details yet

**Sherry Guan – VP Operation and Finance**

* no report

**Kirsten Samson, Kylie Philip, Aidan Murphy– Member of Students’ Councils**

* President D’eon went to Regina to speak with government loans and bursary committee
  + Money people used to receive is currently at 1/3 of what it was last year
    - 52% to 16%
    - not including tuition tax cred
* expect a rise in student tax
* amount of refundable money hasn’t changed
* good news: there’s been improvement to grants funding
  + used to be tiered system
  + now a progressive model
    - It will scale down (like tax brackets)
* income threshold for loans have increased
  + you are more illegible for money
* exceptions for financial burdens
  + will make it easier to access
  + will need a 3rd party professional letter
  + grants are now accessible independent to student grants
* we talked about busses
  + rapid access lines were revealed
  + no more curb side programs
  + we will have platforms now
  + thinking of putting our “transit” right in front of DQ since we will no longer have our terminal at Place Riel
  + will be a big platform in middle of the road
    - safety concerns have risen
    - university will no longer be responsible for it since It wont be on campus
  + there will be park-n-rides
    - park-n-rides are designated parking lots near bus stops that will let you park your car for several hours without getting a ticketed
  + another concern: average door to bus stop distance is currently 200m-300m but will change to 600m -700m
    - if your unhappy with walking distance, call your city councillor
  + emergency vehicles and busses will now have technology to change traffic lights to green
  + hoping to start it by 2019
  + they are running out of funding time
    - this is all dependant on us getting federal funding
* Aidan: someone from one of the faith centers contacted me about an issue of washing their feet in our washrooms for religious purposes. VP Kapacila will get that sorted out.
  + Better access to foot basins would be a good way to accommodate people of this faith so that it is safer for them
* There will be a meeting on February 26 at the Roy Romanow Student Chamber for anyone who is thinking about becoming a USSU member

**Other Business**

* Make sure to send in regrets
* We need one person from each committee who is not running for a position to be a part of elections committee
  + Talk to Travis if you are wanting to join the election committee

**Meeting Adjourned**