



**Students' Council Meeting
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 13th, 2024

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

1-096A SCFL, Multi-purpose Space

Present Council Members: Chair Rep. Asha Kabeto [5:10]; Rep. Ama Dogbefou [5:10]; Rep. Angel Eustaquio [5:10]; Heba Abukhadra [5:10]; Rep. Jaison Singh-Narang [5:10]; Rep. Lawrence Andrews [5:10]; Rep. Naomi Torres [5:10]; Souravdeep [5:10]; Taranjot Kaur [5:10].

Administration: Executive Director Cherie Sawaryn - Daniela Cardona – Board Coordinator

Regrets:				
Absent: Jaison Singh-Narang (attended online however, kept his camera off most of the meeting)				
Guest: VP, Enrolment and Communications Brad Arkison; Optional Attendee: Executive Associate Rachel Grannary				
Meeting called to order at: 5:26 p.m.				
Quorum established at: 5:10 p.m.				
Agenda & Minutes	Motion by:	Presenter	Time	Notes
Motion: To approve the Students' Council agenda for D January 13 th , 2025, as amended.	Motion by: Representative Abukhadra Seconded by: Representative Souravdeep	Asha Kabeto, Chair Representative	2 min.	Motion Carried all in favor
Motion: To approve the Students' Council meeting minutes for December 9 th , 2024, as presented.	Motion by: Representative Kaur Seconded by: Representative Torres	Asha Kabeto, Chair Representative	2 min.	Motion Carried all in favor

Old Business:

- None

New Business:
Items for Information:

- **Disclosure Facilitator Reminder**
 - Send letter of intent by January 15th
 - Mandatory orientation on January 21st.
- **ASEC Open Position**
 - Appointment next SC meeting, Wednesday January 22nd
- **Alternate Chair**
 - Appointment next SC meeting, Wednesday January 22nd
- **Discussion about Convocation Speakers**
 - Discussion at next SC meeting, Wednesday January 22nd
- **Public Transportation Safety**
 - what have you heard from students?

Items for Discussion /Approval	Motion by:	Presenter	Time	Notes
A. Representative Resignation Letter				
Discussion and Approval	Motion: To accept Representative Aneesh's resignation letter, effective December 20 th , 2024. Motion by: Representative Dogbefou Seconded by: Representative Kaur Motion Carried unanimous all in favor vote	Chair Rep., Asha Kabeto	5 mins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No discussion on this item
B. Tuition & Fees Discussion				

<p>Discussion</p>		<p>VP, Enrolment and Communications, Brad Arkison</p>	<p>30 mins.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tuitions & fee (T&F) committee presented a new proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Domestic - \$345/year average increase for domestic learners, with program increases ranging from 0-6% ○ Adheres to the 2% increase cap ○ International - \$1,193/year or \$2,386/program (7%) average increase for international learners. ○ Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees (MNIFs) - No new MNIFs, or changes to existing MNIFs, were proposed for 2025-26 ○ Four-year outlook - Tuition increases based on 2% for domestic learners and 5% for international learners • The main concern students' Council members have from the new proposal is the jump from 5% increase to 7% for international (int'l) T&F. • The committee's response, the college is trying to tackle the financial burden as best as they can, by cutting costs such as, reducing spending on catering for some college's events, travel outside the province costs, cutting down some events, and less hiring; as well as, finding ways to generate revenue. However, the college's biggest revenue is tuitions and fees, since the domestic T&F are capped at 2% the int'l students are going to see the increases quite significantly. • SANQC was very clear that 7% is an excessive increase, that would negatively impact int'l students, as the increase in living expenses is already challenging for int'l students. • The committee responded that the college already is facing major funding cuts from the Gov't of Alberta, such as the FLAP funding and infusion funding. • The committee also share that they have been in contact with other post-secondary education institutions to
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			<p>consult how these other institutions are managing all the cuts provincial funding, and the consensus is that none of these institutions is going to present deficit budget to the province as the province would not accept deficit budgets from post-secondary institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two other points of discussion from SC members were, 1- relating back to their concern about the huge jump from 5% to 7% int'l T&F increase, it would create a further gap between domestic and international tuition and fees. 2- based on the excel sheet that the committee provided with all programs and their estimate increases, SC members chose a based int'l tuition of %548.60 with 3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At a 2% increase it would be \$19,431.30 ○ at a 5% increase it would be \$20,004.60 ○ at the 7% increase, it would be \$ 20,385.00 ○ after 4 years with only a change to the 2025-26. ○ The 7% increase would mean international students would be paying almost 3 times what domestic students would be paying. • Neither party came to an agreement, though both sides (T&F committee and SANQC) presented the information and concerns.
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<p><u>Upcoming Opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza, games and snap event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wednesday, January 15th from 11:30am to 1:30pm ○ SC table at event, need SC members present at the table
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<p><u>In Camera Session</u></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in-camera session

<p><u>Meeting Adjourns</u></p>



Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Motion by representative Souravdeep

Next Meeting: In-person, Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:00pm

These minutes were approved by the Board.

Daniela Cardona Angel – Board Administrator