



ResSoc General Assembly Minutes

Date: February 4, 2024

Assembly Commenced: 8:04 PM

Assembly Adjourned: 9:14 PM

Victoria Hall A Wing Conference Room (Vic A011)

Minutes are tentative until approved by the Assembly.

Attendance:

| Staff Member | Report Submitted? (y/n/l) | Attendance (y/n/e/v/l) |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| President: Nathan Beckner-Stetson | y | y |
| VPSO: Alison Wong | y | y |
| VPRO: Teagan Schuck | y | y |
| CFO: Katarina Krivokapic | n | e |
| HRO: Grace Cao | y | y |
| PMO: Ava DeSouza | n | y |
| HP (Adelaide-Ban Righ): Eileen Danaee | y | e |
| HP (Brant): Ivan Iankovitch | n | y |
| HP (Chown): Haarinin Suntharalingam | n | e |
| HP (David C. Smith): Yousef Ghasemzadeh | n | y |
| HP (Endaayaan – Tkanónsote): Ben Hodgins | n | y |
| HP (Gordon-Brockington): Marco Leung | n | y |
| HP (Harkness): Yaein Kim | y | y |
| HP (Jean Royce): Retaj Alam | y | y |
| HP (Leggett): Amin Meghdadi | n | y |
| HP (Leonard): James Sprung | n | y |
| HP (McNeill): Katie Sewell | n | y |
| HP (Morris): Alexis McLaughlin | y | y |
| HP (Victoria): Jana Amer | y | y |
| HP (Waldron): Melissa Ban | y | e |
| HP (Watts): Ryan Cheng | y | y |
| Intern (President): Trisha Kotakonda | N/A | y |
| Intern (CFO): Ian Tsang | N/A | n |
| Intern (HRO): Aliza Tiwana | N/A | y |
| Intern (PMO): Leah Potashnyk | N/A | y |

I. MOTION 1: Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: HP Alam

Seconded by: HP Meghdadi



In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Motion carried

II. MOTION 2: Approval of the Minutes from [November 19th, 2023]

Moved by: President

Seconded by: HP Alam

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Motion carried

III. Chairperson's Business

Reminder that I changed the link to the GA submission before, so make sure you are using the right one. For those who gave reports before the date of GA was moved, I did not include those. Remember for those who didn't submit any to make sure you submit a report.

IV. Reports by Executives

a. President's Report

I've been working on elections the past few weeks as well as stuff relating to tonight's discussions and motions. My role going forward will be looking into advocacy related items and updates to by-laws. With elections, we elected a new president and VP's, they will be welcome to join GA going forward and other executive business. This year's election was not clean with lots of complaints and by-laws. Acknowledge this as I will investigate these issues, however I am not able to speak on this now. In my review of by-laws, elections will be a major focus.

b. VPSO's Report

I have finished the fall-term ResSoc recap for everyone to see what occurred last semester. If you have photos to submit in this semester's document, please let me know. If you would like to contribute as well, just message me. My priority this semester is to inventory the storage room to aid next year's team.

c. VPRO's Report

I've been corresponding with ResLife on room bookings, as well as corresponding with REC to promote officer and HP hiring for next year.

d. CFO's Report



N/A

e. HRO's Report

I have been finishing the HR policy and I will try to get it approved at next GA. My goal this semester is to hire the new team for next year, as well as staff socials and appreciation.

f. PMO's Report

I had both the sustainability hub and mental health events last semester. I will have a Valetines day card making event next week in ban righ fireside. I'm now planning for the 10th anniversary event and have been working on promotional materials. I'm hoping to run another event during the last month of the semester.

V. Committee Matters

a. CAEC

Anything related to elections matters should be directed at hiring and elections committee.

b. Finance and Audit Committee

N/A

c. Hiring and Elections Committee

We will work on initiatives from fall semester and will work further on hiring processes.

d. REC

Working on schedule to both officer and HP hiring.

e. Sustainability Committee

I will be working on inventory in the storage room. We are working on further initiatives for this semester.

f. EDIIA Committee

Last semester we made progress on the culture in the dining hall survey. We are now preparing for black history month which will go into posts this month.

VI. Reports by Members

a. Addy-Ban Report

N/A

b. Brant Report



After the break I met with floor reps to brainstorm ideas for events. I'm working to make a building wide poll to vote on an event.

c. Chown Report

I've been paying more attention to elections this past month. I am now planning on an event for this month. I'm hoping to meet with my floor reps more. (Smith)

d. David C. Smith Report

N/A

e. Endaayaan- Tkanónsote Report

I will be hosting my first event next week. In terms of CAEC, we helped oversee the election process.

f. Gordon-Brockington Report

I've been working on a super bowl event with other HPs and looking at my event for March.

g. Harkness Report

I have planned both the February and March event, and I am working on marketing as well as planning another event.

h. JRH Report

I have been working on my presence known to the Bader kids who joined us and planning another event with my house council.

i. Leggett Report

I am hosting events for the winter and have met with my house council on issues such as exit signs being stolen.

j. Leonard Report

I've been running house council and working with other HPs on a Superbowl event.

k. McNeill Report

I have been meeting with my house council and working to plan our first movie night event, date TBD. Next, I will work with them on planning another event.

l. Morris Report

I've been meeting with my house council who have mentioned they have enjoyed lenny. I am helping with the super bowl event and planning a future event.

m. Victoria Report



My current focus is getting started back up and meeting with my house council, as well as an upcoming event this week.

n. Waldron Report

N/A

o. Watts Report

I had a tote bag painting night last week and I'm collaborating on the super bowl event.

VII. Question Period

HP Iankovich: When will we find out the results of the election?

President Beckner-Stetson: Election results were posted on instagram.

VIII. MOTION 3: Approval of Updates to the Residence Society Constitution Round 1

Moved by: President Beckner-Stetson

Seconded by: HP Alam

President Beckner Stetson: A big part of what I'm doing this year is updating constitutions and by-laws. The first being officer voting, previously officers could not vote at GA, but they have been voting the past few years. I'm hoping for comments and suggestions on this. Another big change is who's eligible for president and VP, I would like to change it so the president can't run for vice president while in office. Another point is general assembly currently isn't a place for general questions, but I propose that situations that are not answered by the constitution or by-law go through general assembly for a vote.

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Motion carried

IX. MOTION 4: Approval of West Campus Refurbishment

Moved by: President Beckner-Stetson

Seconded by: HP Meghdadi

President Beckner-Stetson: The west campus office was not in a good state at the beginning of the year. The space needed to be upgraded to serve the students of west campus. Part of this was done with the help of ResLife, fixing floors and walls, now we need to update the furniture as it was unusable. I had an external company give me a quote of \$11,000 which is better than originally expected. It is still a large sum of money that will need to be approved by the assembly.



HP Meghdadi: Although a large cost, I think the west campus needs this. If this cannot happen now, can it occur over the next few years.

President Beckner-Stetson: I think this is feasible to be done this year and to be ready for use for next semester. We set aside money in the budget for renovations, so this is under budget. Although this was meant for multiple spaces, but it was important to focus on one office.

HP Amer: Are there plans for the Vic office and resource room?

President Beckner-Stetson: We won't be revamping the Vic office, but we will be going through the storage completely and getting rid of unused items. The Vic office will be a project for next year's team, and it will be needed.

HP Kim: I was wondering how the renovations on the west campus help the students? I feel it makes more sense for the main campus office to be updated. I don't think the west campus office will suite the student's need.

President Beckner-Stetson: I think it will be good for the exec living on west campus to hold office hours and more promotion will be done to notify students of the space.

VP Wong: The idea is that the HP's and exec on west will use the office more to bring more awareness on west campus.

President Beckner-Stetson: ResSoc was two organizations that handled both west and main campus, and the concern with merging is that west would be forgotten. This is to help minimize this and make ResSoc more known on west campus.

In favour: 16

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Motion carried

X. MOTION 5: New Bursary Proposal

Moved by: President Beckner-Stetson

Seconded by: HP Meghdadi

President Beckner-Stetson: there have been several vandalism issues with cultural significant items, I think that it's hard as an organization to help support students in these circumstances. We do offer bursaries, and i think students should be able to display items of cultural significance. I would like to propose a bursary to help ease damage done and replace these items. It won't stop the vandalism or change it, but it will hopefully help those who are impacted by these situations. This could apply to a lot of different scenarios.



HP Meghdadi: I think this is a great idea as it has happened quite a bit in Leggatt hall. However, how would we manage these concerns? Some people may disagree with that.

President: I think making the wording so that it is general and applies to any items that have cultural significance. This would need a lot of work, but the point is to set this up for those who have been impacted sooner rather than later.

HP Cheng: Does this duplicate residence insurance?

President Beckner-Stetson: I'm not sure if it would cover these items, I think this is something we could look into and table.

VP Shuck: The residence insurance covers up to \$10,000 but you have to pay a \$500 deductible, and with the bursary there would be no deductible.

HP Kim: Who would be the judges of this?

President Beckner-Stetson: I think in situations like this it is not up to us to judge, but it would rely on people reporting it, an issue could be some people don't want to report it. I think like other bursaries, we would have to see proof of purchase or proof of fixing.

HP Iankovitch: I think this is a downstream intervention and doesn't fix the problem. It may be better to explore upstream intervention and stopping the vandalism. Like the cameras in Victoria Hall.

President Beckner-Stetson: In terms of preventing issues before it happens, ResLife has been working to prevent these sorts of issues. The problem with security cameras is they take a while to establish and plan; they are working on it but won't be able to prevent it for this year. It is difficult to address these sorts of situations, you want to support, but support means different things for different people. I am very open to suggestions on how to support, or if there is an amendment you would like to make this motion, I am very open to it.

VP Wong: Cameras can take up to ten years and lots of planning. We have discussed passive workshops to raise awareness and education. Beyond that we are open to suggestions.

HP McLaughlin: Not everyone is a very truthful person, and I could see this bursary being taken advantage of and being used in the wrong way.

President Beckner-Stetson: That's a good point. I feel we must be able to do something in this scenario. I hope most people who submit are being truthful. We could add restrictions that it is more of an internal or discrete thing where we reach out to people who we hear about. This just won't be forward facing.

VP Wong: We could tell conduct and have them refer students us.

HP Cheng: Even just having this set aside in the budget would be great, because more funding



VP Schuck: We already have the academic bursary where we ask for no proof of income, so people could already be misusing these bursaries.

HP Meghdadi: Maybe along with the bursary it would be good to put funds into promoting inclusivity and to educate people, or at least support mental health.

Chairperson: The funds are there; it is just how they get used. So, I don't know if it warrants setting aside money for programming for education.

HP Meghdadi: I was unaware the funds were already set aside for this. I think it would be great to bring in public speakers to help be inspirational and to help students have a better understanding for students who are faced with this.

President Beckner-Stetson: I think this is a great idea to bring up at the next GA, I think we do need to expand this and develop a framework. I would like to amend the motion, that it is a bursary that is internal, and the conduct office could direct students to us.

XI. MOTION 5 (amended): New Bursary Proposal—Make Internal

Moved by: President Beckner-Stetson

Seconded by: HP Meghdadi

A bursary that is internally restricted to be approved by the President, CFO, and HRO once the student is directed to us by the conduct office.

In favour: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 6

Result: Motion carried

XII. Discussion Period

a. ResSoc General Manager

President Beckner-Stetson: ResSoc needs some serious help with administrative help such as insurance information, payroll information, election happening, training planning, finance matters, executive conflicts of interest, situations where we need another opinion or an opinion of someone who is more experienced. It would be helpful to have a person whose job is to help with administrative matters and to aid with transition from year-to-year. This would improve understanding of constitution and by-law and help things run more smoothly. Having someone professionally responsible to know constitutions and by-laws and to help maintain these. I think this is a role we need and needs to be changed so it is a professional role. I would like to at some point change the constitution from compliance officer to general manager, but I would like opinions on how to do this.

HP Meghdadi: I think this is a great idea. But I think this would be more of a part-time job as they need to consider all factors.



VP Wong: It would be helpful for student representatives to maintain their focus on outwards facing issues and initiatives to help benefit students of that year. Administrative stuff is more complicated and takes up more time than you would think, and it would be helpful to have someone who understands this.

b. Salad Dressing Change in Ban

HP Kim: Students thought salad dressing bottles are not working, the dressing doesn't come out of the bottle and there are splashed of it everywhere.

HP Amer: Sometimes when you use them the lid also falls off and you get too much dressing.

President Beckner-Stetson: I am meeting with Residence staff, and I can bring this up to them.

Chairperson: If anything, else comes up pass it on to the president to be passed on.

c. Mobile Ordering App Timing

HP Kim: I was just wondering how the time is set on mobile ordering?

VP Schuck: The locations have 6 slots for each time, sometimes if the store isn't busy more orders can be done, but it depends on staff.

HP Kim: I think it is an issue of the orders being prepared late, and it is inconsistent across locations.

Intern Kotakonda: I have heard some people have gotten notifications their food is ready, and they still must wait, and the app doesn't stay up to date with the available ingredients.

VP Schuck: Staff does it on their end, but things change so fast and sometimes we don't have time to update the app or sometimes people order before we run out of it and there are discrepancies.

HP Kim: Some places use the message feature and workers will message people about ingredients being out of stock, but the use of this feature is inconsistent.

VP Wong: I think the biggest issue is lack of staff and lack of staff training.

President Beckner-Stetson: This is something i can bring up with residence services. But the issue is ingredients aren't up to date on the app, so you can order something, but they won't have it.

XIII. MOTION 6: Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: VP Schuck

Seconded by: HP Hodgins

In favour: 16



Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Motion carried