



## ResSoc General Assembly Minutes

Date: November 19, 2023

Assembly Commenced: 8:05

Assembly Adjourned: 9:14

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

### **I. MOTION 1: Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Officer Krivokapic



Seconded by: President Beckner-Stenson

Officer Krivokapic: Strike motion C from the agenda

In favour: 20

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Motion Carried

## **II. MOTION 2: Addition of Discussion Points**

Moved by: President Beckner-Stenson

Seconded by: HP Cheng

President Beckner-Stenson: Addition of Discussion Points - Leonard Hall Cook-off and changes to orientation.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

Result: Motion Carried

## **III. MOTION 3: Approval of the Minutes from [Oct. 29]**

Moved by: HP Amer

Seconded by: President

In favour: 18

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 2

Result: Motion carried

## **IV. Chairperson's Business**

This is our last GA, and we will reconvene in January. Thank you for everybody actively participating in GA

## **V. Reports by Executives**

### **a. President's Report**

We are looking to wrap things up, mainly focusing on getting elections ready to go. Will be an upcoming event with a panel including the core exec team for people to ask questions. Looking to finish up insurance renewals, and various ongoing conversations about advocacy.



**b. VPSO's Report**

Have been working on ResSoc recap, co-authored by exec to explain what has been done this semester in hopes to help transfer year-to-year. Water use survey is still ongoing although responses have slowed down, so please continue to promote this in your building. There is also a raffle students will be entered in. I had my workshop yesterday that went well, and there is interest in having a winter semester version.

**c. VPRO's Report**

Finished house council kick-off today as well as 1:1's this week

**d. CFO's Report**

Since last GA lots of billing and banking, as well as pre-event forms and distribution of supplies. Working on reconciliation and finalizing my part of ResSoc recap.

**e. HRO's Report**

Finished first social. Working on elections with the president to have it ready for January. I am also working on my version of ResSoc recap, and I would like quotes from HPs to help perspective HPs in understanding the role – there will be an email and slack message regarding this.

**f. PMO's Report**

Focusing on event planning. Upcoming event with AMS sustainability commission – sustainability hub with sustainable vendors to introduce first years to these groups. Later this next semester working on a giveaway. There will also be an exam study-relief event during exams.

**VI. Committee Matters**

**a. CAEC**

Reviewed an additional by-law solidifying intern roles. We will vote on this next term. Will be discussing elections.

**b. Finance and Audit Committee**

Scheduling meetings and looking at what the committee will be like next semester.

**c. Hiring and Elections Committee**

Working on prepping the process of elections for next semester.

**d. REC**

Working on house-council kick-off. Working on rec report for end of semester.

**e. Sustainability Committee**

Will have to push future initiative for next semester. Water survey on-going.



**f. EDIIA Committee**

Discussed having a survey to discuss representation of cultures in the dining hall. Discussing how this will look.

**VII. Reports by Members**

**a. Addy-Ban Report**

Planning for my December event, ugly Christmas shirt designing for students.

**b. Brant Report**

N/A

**c. Chown Report**

We had house council meeting and planned collaborative event. Having house council help plan events for next semester.

**d. David C. Smith Report**

Just held an event at Smith, it was a costume contest. Working on planning my next event in December with my house council.

**e. Endaayaan- Tkanónsote Report**

Finished second event, holiday event. It was successful and had good feedback. Will be working with my house council to plan future events and have met with CAEC.

**f. Gordon-Brockington Report**

Just finished my second event and planning a gingerbread event.

**g. Harkness Report**

Have an upcoming event and have been meeting with house council to plan for future events.

**h. JRH Report**

Had my first meeting with my house council and discussing issues with students. I will be hosting my next event next weekend and am planning my third event.

**i. Leggett Report**

Planning for my next event. I will be hosting a collaborative event with therapy dogs to help students prep for exams. Met with house council.

**j. Leonard Report**

Met with my house council to plan our next event which is a gingerbread building contest event.



**k. McNeill Report**

I have planned my next event with my house council which will be a therapy dog event. I am currently working with them to plan future events as well.

**l. Morris Report**

Submitted a pre-event form and working with to meet with my house council, which has been delayed

**m. Victoria Report**

Meeting with my house council and went to ban together. Current focus is to make sure my final event runs smoothly. We have discussed January and what they would like to see.

**n. Waldron Report**

Just wrapped up my second event. I have met with my house council to see what we want to see in the future. I have my next event this Friday.

**o. Watts Report**

I ran an event yesterday and I am meeting with my house council.

**VIII. Question Period**

None.

**IX. MOTION 4: By-law Suspensions**

Moved by: President Beckner-Stenson

Seconded by: HP Kim

President Beckner-Stenson: looking at elections moving forward, the current by-law is out of date. But we will be asking candidates to following by-law. We will suspend current by-laws such as collecting nomination packages which includes collecting 5% of ResSoc signatures. The assembly has the power to do what is in the best interest of the assembly.

HP Cheng: Can you clarify the rationale?

President Beckner-Stenson: This is not something that has been done in previous years and 5% of ResSoc membership is a big task. If we enforce this this year, we might lose interest in future candidates.

HP Amer: How does someone become a candidate.



President Beck: Candidates fill out candidate packages, they go through an interview process, and you can't have any conduct infractions and you must have worked in residence for a year.

In favour: 14

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Motion carried

**X. Discussion Period**

**a. Meal Swipes**

HP Amer: Students are concerned about going back to 19 meal swipes as they feel this will not be enough food to have 3 meals a day.

HP MacLaughlin: Coming from someone who needs to be up very early every day, I eat 4 meals a day. Student athletes need to consume 3 meals a day. There are also people who don't consume these meals.

HP Ban: My floor reps have also mentioned this and their concern.

HP Sun: From RAC perspective, they only implemented this because of Lenny's closure, and it is normally 19 meals a day.

Officer Kriv: What HP Sun said, they are returning to the baseline.

President: TO give insight, I have asked hospitality and their rationale is they do not see an uptake in use the full 21 meals a week. Understanding the points brought up, those who will have to change schedules and not getting the nutrition they need, I would be willing to advocate to REC to keep the 21 meals for the winter for this year

HP Kim: I understand we are returning to the baseline; this has always been a problem that students have always had an issue. So, we are returning to something that didn't work

HP Amer: This has always been an issue, and making people change their nutrition intake. And with 50 tams, they still contribute to the 19 meals a week.

Officer Cao: It is my understanding you can pay for a top-up if you need it, and REC has stated they have seen

VP Schuck: Our meal plan is already \$3000, so to have to pay extra to receive three meals a day is ridiculous. It should be the baseline.

HP Cheng: If people aren't using 21 meals, it doesn't matter to take them away. President, would it make sense to pass a motion in support of keeping the 21 meals.

President: Yes, that is a good idea. The feedback I will get is for people to speak to a dietician to receive their 21 meals if needed.



HP Sun: My concern with that is the stigma surrounding going to a dietitian.

VP Schuck: I have never had a productive meeting with the dietitian. I don't see them doing anything to help an athlete if they do talk to them.

HP Amer: We shouldn't make people work extra to receive the recommended diet in Canada while we are in Canada.

President Beckner-Stenson: I would like to motion that GA supports 21 meals a week.

Chairperson: This motion will be we give you permission to speak on behalf of the assembly that 21 meals a week indefinitely.

#### **XI. MOTION 5: Advocating for 21 Meals a Week**

Moved by: President Beckner-Stenson

Seconded by: HP Cheng

Amendment: ResSoc will advocate for 21 meals a week indefinitely.

In favour: 17

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 2

Result: Motion Carried

#### **b. Vacuums**

President Beckner-Stenson: Is any other building experiencing this.

HP Amer: This is also an issue in Vic. The garbage bags are also an issue.

HP Sun: Some kids stock up on garbage bags in their rooms, causing them to run out fast.

HP Ban: This is not a problem just for this year, it was a serious problem last year.

HP Amer: I think there is an underestimation of how many are necessary. So, there should be more provided in the first place.

HP Alam: West has no vacuums. At all.

HP Kim: Harkness also does not have vacuums.

President Beckner-Stenson: Information can be forwarded to residence facilities manager.

#### **c. Leonard Hall Cook-off**



President Beckner-Stenson: ResSoc has been invited to be a part of this, we need a few people for a team and to come up with a recipe. We have until Wednesday/Thursday to decide this.

HP Amer: It is on a Tuesday next semester.

HP Ban: I just want to clarify the time and date?

President Beckner-Stenson: Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:30-8:30 pm

VP Wong: We are to submit a menu item for the dining hall to prepare, and then this will be voted on by the AMS and principals office.

HP Amer: I would like to participate.

HP Ban: We give them the menu item and they cook it?

President: We prepare a demo, and they mass produce it.

HP Ban: A lot of sauces or materials they do not have already, do they compensate for that?

President: Yes, they do.

HP Ghasezadeh: Do we say we would like too now? I'm interested.

Chairperson: Everyone who is interested will meet before Wednesday to discuss this.

#### **d. Changes to Orientation Structure**

Right now, there are discussions in progress to make orientation a one-week event before classes start. This means the events are spread out and can be draining over time. They will not delay the start of classes, so this means staff training will be one week earlier, students will have to be moved in one week earlier.

HP Ban: can training be shortened?

VP Schuck: They most likely won't let us. We tried to this year, and we couldn't.

VP Wong: We as ResSoc would have to negotiate with ResLife to make our training complete separate and were unable to.

HP MacLaughlin: Moving everything earlier would not benefit students. Lots of students rely on summer jobs and they rely on the money.

HP Sewell: Would this take. Away reading week?

President: No, but something would have to be adjusted.

HP Amer: Why is there a push for this?

President Beckner Stenson: Trustees brought this up and was brought up at the last AMS meeting. For orientation leader its very draining to have to do things every weekend.





VP Wong: Activities happening into week 3 reduces attendance.

HP Sun: If we were going to separate from ResLife, I think it is important to train with the dons to get to know them and meet them

VP Wong: that was one of our considerations when debating separating training.

HP Amer: It was important to connect and meet the dons. Maybe extending the initial orientation a day or two and then doing one additional weekend. Shifting everything would impact people too much.

Chairperson: Training should be paired down but not cut short

**XII. MOTION 6: Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: VP Wong

Seconded by: HP Alam

In favour: 20

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

Result: Motion carried