

Minutes

Student Administrative Council (SAC)

Meeting #11

January 29, 2024

SC 2016

Present: Stephin Sathya, FSU President
 Shade Dias – Director, Chair (arrived at 11:15am)
 Krystina Chase – Director, Secretary
 Jitendra Singh Rathore – Director
 Zain Nizamuddin – Director
 Sooraj Sudevan – Director
 Ritchie Regidor - Director

 John Riddell, Executive Director
 Greta Robertson (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Janki Hiteshkumar Gosai – Director
 Shabnoor Abdul Lateef – Director

Krystina Chase called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

Krystina passed the chair to Stephin Sathya, FSU President.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations of conflict were stated.

Approval of Agenda – Meeting #11

11.1 It was:

 MOVED by Jitendra Singh Rathore, SECONDED by Krystina Chase and
 CARRIED to approve the Agenda for Meeting #11.

Mission Moment

It was a big day for Fanshawe College and the Fanshawe Student Union (FSU) with the opening of Innovation Village, and the opening of Forwell Hall. The whole space is exciting and dynamic; students are excited for what the opportunities will be. It's exciting to see as much student activity throughout Innovation Village as a whole. The first event in Forwell Hall is scheduled for January 30 – a country concert. We look forward to seeing more activity and learning more about how students will use the space. It will also be exciting to see the outdoor spaces (courtyard) and how that develops in the spring.

OMBUDS Presentation

Rose Padacz gave a presentation about the role of Ombuds for Fanshawe College.

Stephin passed the Chair to Shade Dias.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

11.2 It was:

MOVED by Sooraj Sudevan, SECONDED by Krystina Chase and CARRIED to approve the meeting minutes from SAC Board Meeting #10, the Finance Committee and the Governance Committee.

President's Report

Stephin reported that he held a meeting with some of the FSU Clubs regarding the Referendum which was a productive meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to give context, history, budget, plans and benefits of the referendum to the leaders to take back to their members. 14 clubs were in attendance out of the 29 that are active currently. A healthy discussion was had about the referendum and the surrounding issues that students are facing. Stephin was able to get support from all 14 of the clubs to support the referendum.

Stephin reported that he went to the Service Fair at the St. Thomas Campus with John Riddell on January 9, 2024. They were able to tour the campus and speak with the staff about various activities that happen and inquired about the resources available to students. A need for an established channel of communication between the various student representatives of the regional campuses and main campus was identified. Further discussions will be had to establish a clear understanding of the solution.

Stephin reported that he is working with his team of coordinators on transition training for the incoming team with FSU staff. Work is currently being done to finalize the document for the respective roles/job duties to assist the next person. Stephin is also working with the Publications & Marketing team to plan the referendum and the campaign surrounding it. The first poster has been released and social media posts are on their way.

Stephin reported that he has been working with the University Student Council at Western University for the local advocacy week. Meetings were held with various city councillors and city staff to advocate for some items that are important to students on the new budget for the City of London. Overall, positive feedback was received on the items presented, but time will tell.

11.3 It was:

MOVED by Jitendra Singh Rathore, SECONDED by Ritchie Regidor and CARRIED to accept the President's Report, as presented.

Membership Report

Class Representatives – Interest and sign-ups for the Class Representative Program has continued into the Winter Semester with 179 new students signing up to the program. Orientation will be held for these students next week which will be recorded and shared with those students who are unable to attend. A total of 86 Class Reps will remain active in the Winter

Semester from the Fall Semester. Monthly meetings and ‘check-in’ meetings have been scheduled as well as a specific Class Representative email which will be utilized to stay connected with those students in the program. Promotion for the Class Rep Program will continue throughout the Winter Semester including Class Rep Table(s) and a Class Rep Flyer with a QR code to direct the students directly to the sign-up form to get involved.

There are currently 28 **Clubs** that are active for the Winter Semester. All active clubs are listed on the FSU Website (fsu.ca/clubs). Clubs Day will be held at London Campus and London South Campus for the Winter Semester in February.

The **Red Squad Volunteer Team** has 60 volunteers for the Winter Semester with designated volunteers at London, Downtown and South Campuses. All new volunteers have completed an orientation session and their assigned health and safety training. Volunteer monthly meetings as well as Volunteer of the Month have been scheduled/will continue in the Winter Semester.

Winter Events and Initiatives planned by the FSU Executive Team are being held/executed throughout the year. Some initiatives planned include but not limited to Financial Literacy Month and Tax Clinics, International Women’s Day Event, Volunteer Fair and a return of Fall-Favourite Events which include Mindful Mondays (held at all London Campuses), Academic Intergri-TEA (all Campuses) and Donut Cheat.

Upcoming/Past Presentations to our Membership –

Student Leadership – Information Sessions

- Promotion of FSU Student Leadership Positions (Coordinator Hiring/FSU Election)

Student Service Fairs – All London Campuses and Regional Campuses

Winter Fest

Ways the FSU connects to the Membership/Membership connects with the FSU - FSU Social Media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, Tik Tok) @fanshawesu
Countless videos and TikToks, events, etc.
Chat with Us – Live Chat

Upcoming FSU Events for Members – Family Feud (Downtown Campus), Collective Kitchen, Steven Lee Olsen and Brandon King, Free Coffee and Treats (Z Building), Donut Cheat (South + Downtown Campus), Condom Casino, Clubs Day, Birthday Month, Lunar New Year Celebration and many more. Get Connected and Subscribe to our Events Calendar (fsu.ca/events).

11.4 It was:

MOVED by Sooraj Sudevan, SECONDED by Zain Nizamuddin and CARRIED to accept the Membership Report as presented.

New Business

a. John Riddell updated the Board about the recent announcements regarding international study permits and how it might affect the referendum. FSU staff recommend that the referendum

proceeds as planned; food insecurity has been an issue for years, it's not a new problem. There are huge changes that the government has thrown on the table with no notice and there will likely be a lot of changes to absorb and deal with over the next few months, affecting everybody. A discussion was also had regarding housing and the announcement regarding housing for new international students. What this housing mandate means exactly isn't clear yet as there are a lot of moving parts.

A question was raised about the expenses related to operating Forwell Hall now that it is open. One-time costs are noted in the Finance Committee report, including the cost of furnishings, A/V and technology. Regular on-going operation costs will be included in next year's operating budget. There will be increased cleaning costs, including set up and take down costs for events, and operating costs and revenue projections for The Nest (convenience store) will be included.

b. International Student Guide – Stephin presented an International Student Guide that has been created and could be a good resource for new international students at Fanshawe College. The cost is \$0.50 per student to purchase a copy of the guide. The fees collected will be used to keep the document up-to-date. Is this something the FSU can support? Stephin will send the document to the Board Directors and can be discussed at the next Board meeting. If there any questions, send them to Stephin.

ACTION ITEM: Stephin to send the Guide to Directors and bring forward discussion at the next meeting.

c. Shade initiated a round of applause for Stephin for his great work at making multiple speeches in Innovation Village and interviews with CBC, etc. Stephin also called out to the Publications & Communications department for their help writing the third speech. Shade thanked them but she applauded Stephin for his delivery in the moment.

Next Meeting

Monday, February 12 @ 11:00am – London Downtown Campus

Adjournment

11.5 It was:

MOVED by Krystina Chase, SECONDED by Zain Nizamuddin and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting @ 12:30pm.