

Minutes
Student Administrative Council (SAC)
April 19th, 2021
Via Zoom

Present: Kaivalya Dahale, Board Chair

Cole Ayerst, Director
Suman Moira D'Sa, Director
Vishal Harikrishnan, Director
Katyayini Thakur, FSU President
Kavya Kozhiparambil Pradeep Kumar, Director
Stacyann Stanley, Director

Thomas Hutchison-Hounsell, Board of Governors Student Representative
Paul Masse, General Manager

Bonnie Williams (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Naznin Akter, Director

This meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

15.1 It was:

MOVED by Vishal Harikrishnan, SECONDED by Stacyann Stanley and
CARRIED to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

15.2 It was:

MOVED by Suman D'sa, SECONDED by Kavya Kozhiparambil Pradeep Kumar
and CARRIED to approve the Minutes from Meeting #14.

Action Item Review

The 'Class Representative Progress Report' were added as a New Business Item for Board Meeting #15.

Chair's Report – Kaivalya Dahale

Kaivalya noted an inquiry regarding Student Visas/Work Visas. It was encouraged that students reach out to the Student Life and Immigration Advisor at Fanshawe College to answer any questions regarding Student Visas. It was noted that any inquires about Work Visas and work eligibility (part-time vs full-time) after graduation should be directed to the Immigration Advisor at Fanshawe College. It was noted that there is a session being held next week by the International Department and the details were shared with the Board.

President's Report - Katyayini Thakur

Katyayini noted the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on April 12th, 2021. During the Annual General Meeting, the 2019-2020 Financial Statements and Chief Returning Officers Election Report was presented to the Members as well as motions to appoint the engaging auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, until the next Annual General Meeting, ratify the 2021 FSU Election Results, and 2021-2022 SAC Honoria. Katyayini noted Members were given the opportunity to comment and discuss the items as well as bring forward any new business items for an open discussion. Katyayini noted all presented motions were approved by the Members.

Katyayini noted a contract-freeze under the same terms and conditions for one additional year has been negotiated with the LTC. Katyayini noted this will ensure a timely collaboration with our partners and give the FSU the opportunity to prepare for future long-term contract negotiations as well as allow the FSU to serve our Members in an effective manner, given the current circumstance.

The 'Class Representative Progress Report' will be presented to the Board under 'New Business' and will address the potential move of the Class Representative System to be managed under Operations as of May 1st, 2021.

Koffee with Katy (Counselling Edition) which focuses on highlighting counselling supports that are available for students has been released on FSU Social Media. Koffee with Katy (The Final Edition) will be filmed this week and celebrate the 'big wins and accomplishments' throughout the year. Additionally, a 'Passing the Torch' video will be filmed virtually to introduce the incoming Executive Team.

Katyayini participated in the Future of Student Advocacy Meeting, hosted by CollegesOntario, to discuss high-level advocacy opportunities moving forward as well as provide a platform for Colleges to work collaboratively to raise high-level student advocacy concerns with the Provincial Government.

Katyayini noted the Student Impact Gala will be held on April 8th, 2021 to celebrate resilient student leadership throughout the year.

Katyayini provided an update on Food Services and noted food services remain open under strict grey zone restrictions with temporary suspension of all dine-in/dine-on-site options. Katyayini explained the Out Back Shack will be open for on-Campus delivery and take-out via the Chow Now App/FSU Website as well as in person ordering and pick-up. Additionally, Oasis, Booster Juice and Oasis Express are offering take-out options for students.

Katyayini noted several 'Big Wins and Accomplishments' for the 2020-2021 academic year which included successfully negotiating the LTC Bus Pass for fully-online students at a deeply subsidized rate, negotiating a Tuition Fees Freeze with the College for both Domestic and International Students for the 2021-2022 academic year, and the completion of a Governance Review to include Co-Op Students as FSU Members. Further, the FSU contributed \$440,000 in COVID-19 Bursaries and Financial Support to our students and supported students financially through the Walmart Gift Card Program (1,200 students), Holiday Hamper Program, Adopt-A-Student Program and The Sharing Shop (200 students) as well as numerous sponsorships and donations to the Community.

Katyayini explained enhanced communication efforts and student collection were implemented throughout the year through Koffee with Katy, an open opportunity for students to get their questions answered by the FSU President, Interrobang, FSU Newsletters, Surveys and Online Learning Focus Groups. Further, the FSU front desk and food services stayed open during the pandemic to offer continue support to the Members, in addition to providing virtual advocacy support and engagement opportunities which included FSU Class Representatives, Clubs, Social Media Ambassadors and numerous job opportunities. In conjunction with the College, the Adobe Creative Cloud Software was obtained as a free download for Members in addition to the pre-existing free version of Microsoft Office, and a virtual scheduling system for the Ombuds was established. Katyayini presented a few photos of Innovation Village and noted the Student Union Building will be unveiled in the Summer of 2023.

Katyayini noted the FSU was able to quickly pivot from an in-person to a fully online/hybrid model of operations and programming without affecting the level of service provided to the Members. Katyayini noted several events and initiatives that were held during the year which included Financial Literacy Month, Money Talks, Tax Tuesdays, Motivational Mondays, #FSU Experience, Donut Cheat, Drag Show and Mental Health and Sexual Health Awareness Events.

Katyayini showed a Year in Review video and thanked the Board of Directors for a wonderful year.

Board of Governors Report - Thomas Hutchison-Hounsell

Thomas noted the 2021-2022 Board of Governors Election (Chair/Vice Chair) was held and the 2021-2022 Strategic Direction and Budget was approved. The next Board of Governors Meeting is scheduled on April 22nd, 2021.

Director Reports

Cole Ayerst – It was noted that currently a student who is an FSU Director is not eligible to work an employee for the Fanshawe Student Union. The rationalization was explained the Board and it was noted that Bylaws would need to be amended by the Members as well as a legal opinion/review of governing legislation. It was explained that a report would be presented to the Board.

15.3 It was:

MOVED by Cole Ayerst, SECONDED by Stacyann Stanley and CARRIED to direct the incoming Board to review the eligibility of a Director being an employee of the FSU, in addition to the Director role.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

Action Item – Incoming Board to review the eligibility of a Director being an employee of the FSU, in addition to the Director Role.

Naznin Akter – No report at this time.

Suman Moira D'Sa – Suman held Class Representative Meetings on April 16th and April 17th, 2021. Suman noted a concern regarding email response times from professors and not actively responding in lab help sessions. It was encouraged for these students to speak with the individual professors. Furthermore, the students can speak to the program coordinator if the issue does not get rectified. Suman noted a concern regarding privacy and security issues related to how FOL functions.

Vishal Harikrishnan – Vishal inquired as to if there will be a in-person graduation for those students who have already graduated and only participated in a virtual ceremony. There is no information known at this time, however, if the conditions improve an in-person graduation will be advocated for students.

Kavya Kozhiparambil Pradeep Kumar – Kavya held a Class Representative Meeting on April 12th, 2021. Kavya shared FSU events, information on the AGM and reminded the Class Representatives about CCR and to reach out to the Advocacy and Communications Coordinator for an update for current hours obtained for CCR.

Kavya noted the Class Representatives were happy with the service and commitment that the FSU provided students during the pandemic.

Stacyann Stanley – Stacyann held a Class Representative Meeting on April 16th, 2021. Stacyann noted that there were no concerns brought forward from the Class Representatives. Stacyann noted general feedback regarding the Class Representative System which included having a Class Representative from each level of each program as a Class Rep as it is difficult to reach out to all students within a program.

Stacyann completed a presentation to black high school students on her role as a black student leader in post-secondary education on March 31st, 2021.

New Business:

- a. 2021-2022 Budget – Paul presented the proposed 2021-2022 was presented to the Board. It was explained that the budget has three funds: Operational Fund, day-to-day operations of the FSU, Reserve Fund, and the Capital Fund. Enrollment projections for Fall 2021 were discussed and it was stated there will not be an increase in fees for students except the bus pass as it is a third-party contracted fee. It was explained that the biggest impact on the proposed budget would be the loss from the Hospitality Department due to COVID-19.

A discussion was held regarding allocating \$500,000 to COVID-19 Student Supports (e.g., bursaries) to returning students. It was noted that the FSU would work with the College on how to get this money out to students and a report will be presented to the Board with the details when determined. Additionally, it was suggested to allocated 1,000,000 from the Operational Fund to the Capital Fund to help renovate FSU space including the Student Union Building/Gamesroom.

15.4 It was:

MOVED by Vishal Harikrishnan, SECONDED by Kavya Kozhiparambil Pradeep Kumar and CARRIED to approve \$500,000 to be allocated to COVID-19 Student Supports for returning students.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

It was noted that if there are significant changes that will affect the Budget, a revised budget will be presented to the Board.

15.5 It was:

MOVED by Kavya Kozhiparambil Pradeep Kumar, SECONDED by Vishal Harikrishnan and CARRIED to approve the 2021-2022 Budget, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

- b. Class Representative Progress Report – The Class Representative Progress Report was presented to the Board.

15.6 It was:

MOVED by Vishal Harikrishnan, SECONDED by Kavya Kozhiparambil Pradeep Kumar and CARRIED to accept the Class Representative Progress Report, as presented.

A vote was held and the motion was passed.

- c. Annual General Meeting Update - The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on April 12th, 2021. All presented motions were approved by the Members.
- d. President's Message – Katyayini thanked the Board for their work throughout the year and wished them well in their future endeavours.

Adjournment

15.7 It was:

MOVED by Cole Ayerst, SECONDED by Vishal Harikrishnan and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 p.m.