



December 9, 2021
Council Meeting Minutes

Prepared by: Kayla Clark, Council Clerk

MINUTES- December 2021

Attendance

Executive Members

Jennifer Ramnarine (President)

Dakota Livingston (Vice President Internal)

Vanessa Buecking (Vice President Operations)

Pierce Burch (Vice President Academic)

Faculty Coordinators

Siena Pacheco (Faculty of Public Affairs)

Michael Shores (Faculty of Arts and Social Science)

Mackenzie Huckvale (Faculty of Science)

Departmental Representatives

Faculty of Public Affairs:

Jorja Darrington

Anthony Valenti

Emma Rajala

Stef Burch

Miranda Caley

Will Smith

Ally Kruger-Kischak

Meika Clarke

Ben Beiles

Keana Cavero

Seun Aduwo

Davin Caratao (by proxy of Lily Bacchiochi)

Faculty of Arts and Social Science

Kevin Caswell

Amrita LaRose

Christie Charles

Caedyn Bouwman

Mandi Highfield

Em Madole

Tyson Scott

Faculty of Science

Jay McCracken

Madena Sherzad

Anjali Patel

Nat Chan

Ashley Brunelle

Aishwarya Upadhyayull

Faculty of Engineering and Design

Logan Young
Robin Feeney
Bailey Lenihan
Nishi Prajapati
Xavier Haziza
Shaun Seneviratne
Irbaz Rehman
Matt Reid
Nishi Prajapati

Other Attendees

Olivia Hobbs (Council Chair)
Kayla Clark (Council Clerk)
Jillian Fox
Amanda Goth
Audrey Gunn (The Charlatan)
James Dublin

Call to Order

- Olivia called the meeting to order at 6:03pm on 09/12/2021

Approval of the Agenda

- Olivia requested a motion to approve the Agenda
 - Motioned: Kevin Seconded: Will
- Olivia requested a motion to approve the November Council Minutes
 - Motion Passed

Reports:

- Executive Reports
 - Jennifer Ramnarine (President)
 - Provided an update to the course delivery situation
 - There were 4 main concerns: financial compensation (ex: return of residence deposits, tuition rebates), more in person classes, advocating for the original chosen options to be honored, and an explanation for why this happened
 - The University administration stated that it was due to COVID regulations and more people signing up for in person classes than was anticipated
 - Announced that 0.5 credit of SAT/UNSAT is approved for the Winter 2022 semester
 - Reviewed town hall minutes and provided a follow-up on important issues:

- Has attended meetings with the Undergraduate Governors and the CUSA Vice-President Student Issues.
 - Has attended meetings with the President of the University to continue to conversation into the new year
 - Updates about Earth Science field courses are continuing through advocacy
 - Opting out of U-Pass is difficult due to the nature of the contract between OC Transpo and the University
 - The Registrar's Office is working on a case-by-case basis
 - Financial concerns are being handled by the Board of Governors, and the Undergraduate Governors will be taking on this advocacy
- Dakota Livingston (VP Internal)
 - Reminded councilors to join the Slack Channel to stay updated between council meetings or with committee initiatives
 - Has started work with the Governance Committee to start reviewing the documents. The first meeting will be in early January.
 - Last call to be featured on Instagram for the Councillor Introduction post. Send in photos via email or social media (headshot style, nice lighting selfies)
- Vanessa Buecking (VP Operations)
 - Town Hall meeting minutes are now up on the website
 - Vanessa will be working with Pierce on the AIF meeting to assist with payment details
 - Will be working with Pierce on scholarships over the break
- Pierce Burch (VP Academic)
 - Study snacks next week will be a giveaway for gift cards over 4 days
 - Meeting on the 13th for the AIF committee and will hopefully be approving them on Monday
 - Will be working over the break on more affirmative action scholarships
 - If you need funding for an academic project please apply to the AIF or encourage other students to apply.
- Coordinator Reports
 - Mike (FASS): Provided an update on the past Faculty meeting including reminders to engage with students, and spark more CASG interest. FASS students are feeling discouraged because professors are having a hard time navigating online teaching and the new Brightspace platform.
 - Siena (FPA): Discussed the possibility of an FPA town hall in the new year
- Campus Organization Reports
 - RRRRA
 - No report.
 - GSA
 - No report.
 - CUSA

- No report.
 - BOG
 - Amanda Goth updated the council that the board approved the framework of the budget as well as the new residence building. For more information students can look at the following links <https://carleton.ca/secretariat/boardofgovernors/2021/dec-meeting-summary/> <https://carleton.ca/senate/2021/inside-senate-nov/>
 - The Board will be seeking nominations for Undergraduate Board Representatives and expressions of interests are due January 21. More information can be found at <https://carleton.ca/secretariat/boardofgovernors/elections-nominations/student-representatives/>
 - If you have any questions please reach out to her at amada.goth@carleton.ca
- Senate Report
 - No report.
- Committee Reports
 - No Report
- Constituency Reports
 - No Reports
- Items for Information
 - Jillian Fox
 - Conducted a presentation on the research that she has been doing about the professors' transition to online teaching. Her presentation focused on the importance of education programs. The full presentation can be found on the Council Livestream.

Question Period:

- Anthony Valenti asked when meetings will be happening next year
 - Dakota responded stating that a survey will be coming out early next week to gauge councillor's availability
- Caedyn Bouwman asked if it would be possible to make it required for all profs to have a survey at the end of the semester and the possibility of midterm anonymous feedback so that the professor can receive feedback sooner than later.
 - Jen responded and said that she will bring it to the next Senate Meeting on January 28th
- Does SAT/UNSAT affect grades for masters applications?
 - Jen responded with it's not confirmed but it could have an impact on the way grades are viewed. This is not necessarily the case during the pandemic due to other universities doing the same thing.

Votes:

- Motion to Hire Benjamin Lieu and Gialina Jiang as Equity Officer

Moved: Dakota Livingston

Seconded: Jennifer Ramnarine

Motion Passed:

- In Favour: 23
- Opposed: 9
- Abstain: 6

Adjournment:

- Olivia requested a motion to adjourn the December Council Meeting

Moved: Amanda Goth

Seconded: Pierce Burch