

Council on Student Services

Summary of Meeting – January 10, 2018

2:00-4:00 pm, Zimmerman Room, Varsity Pavilion

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members:

Present:

- Beth Ali, Executive Director, Athletics & Physical Activity, Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education
- Daman Singh, UTSU
- Mathias Memmel, UTSU
- Adrian Huntelar, UTSU
- Meredith Strong, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students
- Heather Kelly, Senior Director, Student Success, Student Life St. George
- John Monahan, Warden, Hart House
- David Newman, Senior Director, Student Experience, Student Life St. George
- Brie Berry-Crossfield, GSU (by telephone)

Absent:

- Mala Kashyap, APUS
- Jackie Zhao, APUS
- Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs, UTSC
- Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs and Assistant Principal, Student Services, UTM
- Leonardo Uribe, GSU
- Jose Wilson, QSS
- Kubra Zakir, CSS
- Anne Boucher, UTSU

Non-voting Members: Julia Smeed (Secretary), Jim Webster (KPE), Sherry Kulman (Hart House)

Guests: Caitlin Campisi (APUS), Michelle Brownrigg (Hart House), Jill Cressy (KPE), Denita Arthurs (KPE)

Chair: Richie Pyne

Recording Secretary: Kimberly Elias

1. Introductions

Chair Pyne welcomed the members and guests and gave a brief introduction of himself and then round table introductions took place.

2. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Pyne called the meeting to order at 4:28 pm.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda not approved due to lack of quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes not approved due to lack of quorum.

5. Kinesiology Physical Education (KPE) Presentation

Ali presented University of Toronto Sport and Recreation Highlights 2016-17.

Programs are designed for U of T students with the intent to enrich student experience and wellbeing of students. One challenge stems from the name and how it is interpreted, due to its curricular and co-curricular focus—leading to student confusion about purpose of KPE, and who the programs and services are available to. This came up through surveys and focus groups. This has led to reframing the role, thus the launch of the “Come see what you can do” campaign to engage broader student body, with the tagline “Sport & Rec”.

Alignment of 2017-18 Student Union Priorities align with KPE Sport & Rec: accessibility, equity, mental health, school-life integration, navigating the student experience, campus life, funding. Students are the most important stakeholder on campus, and the Sport & Rec program enhances student experience through outstanding opportunities in sport, recreation and physical activity. Sport & Rec is highly dependent on the student ancillary fee.

Mental health is a priority and physical activity can play a significant role in facilitating mental and physical well-being, contributing to academic success and fun. Accessibility is important, and the focus on trying to be as accessible as possible through accessibility and extended hours, specialized equipment for diverse users, access to equipment and classes, staff who receive diversity and inclusion training, increased social media

presence, AODA compliant, and reduction of barriers (such as having women-only hours and weekly trans-positive swim times).

Sport & Rec has focused on engaging all students. For example, MoveU Program across all three campuses to encourage fun, accessible physical activity, and other event-based activities such as Mobile MoveU, movement breaks, and brain breaks. Other initiatives include: Equity Movement Team, Equity Fun Ideas Fund, collaborating with U of T partners, Soar Initiative, U of T Pride.

Sport & Rec is also the largest employer of students on campus with over 1,114 students employed, and offers a number of opportunities in student governance. All these opportunities discussed above, help students enhance skills for post-university life, including communication, leadership, time-management and organizational skills, personal development.

Some number highlights: 10% increase in engagement with 38,827 unique users with 461,439 visits—across 48 separate activity spaces (many of the increase happening at the Goldring Centre).

Budget was passed almost unanimously (all yes, one abstention), asking for a 2% increase from the students, with more details at the budget presentation.

Questions/Comments

Singh commented that the “Come see what you can do” campaign was amazing and have heard positive feedback.

Newman commented on the Goldring Centre and the marketing efforts to make that space be accessible for all students, and not just those engaged in High Performance and Sport. Ali notes that there are spaces for all users in the Goldring, and this has helped create synergies and created great opportunities.

Berry-Crossfield requested for PDF copy of the budget, so that she can share it with her executives. Ali will share the budget with the presentation and speaking notes.

Memmel indicated he sat on CAR meetings, and gave a note of appreciation to KPE, since it has done a tremendous job in garnering student feedback, and that efforts have considered that feedback.

Monahan sits ex-Officio on CAR, and notes that CAR is a unique amalgam of students, staff and faculty, and the student presentations are informative and helpful. The role of students in the process is extremely beneficial.

Kelly comments that she appreciates the style of presentation, including challenges faced, taking student feedback, and how they are being addressed. The "What's Next" is also helpful to know what is coming. Kelly asks for feedback on style of presentation. Singh and Memmel acknowledged that it is helpful to know where the current priorities are and where it is going.

Pyne recommended that since there is not quorum there may be opportunities to share this information more broadly. At the next meeting, we will look at the summary of the presentation, and have an opportunity for more comments.

No further questions/comments, discussion ended at 5:08.

6. Other Business

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 16th, 2:00-4:00 pm at CIE Cumberland Room.

7. Adjournment

Pyne adjourned the meeting at 5:09 pm