



Students' Administrative Council
 Monday June 26th, 2023
 6:00 PM (Atlantic) Microsoft
 Teams

	Present	Excused Absence	Absent	Voting
Oliver Batchilder <i>Chairperson</i>	X			<i>NIA</i>
Duc Tri Dang <i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	X			<i>NIA</i>
Alivia Warr <i>President & CEO</i>	X			
Spencer Scott <i>VP Academic Affairs & University Affairs</i>	X			
Sadie Shelly <i>VP External Affairs</i>	X			
Cailean Clements <i>VP Student Life</i>	X			
Suhjung Chun <i>VP Finance and Governance</i>	X			
Bailey Andrews <i>VP Communications / Marketing</i>	X			
Olivia Hart <i>Arts Senator</i>	X			
Yuanhao Ma <i>Social Science Senator</i>	X			
Isaac McCardle <i>Science Senator</i>	X			
Rajan Minocha McKenney <i>Science Senator</i>	X			

MASU Students' Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

The Students' Administrative Council met online on June 26th, 2023, at 6:04 p.m. through Microsoft Teams.

1. Call to Order (6:04 pm)
Chairperson Batchilder called the meeting to order.
2. Land Acknowledgement
The land acknowledgement was done by Chairperson Batchilder.
3. Approval of the Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Warr, seconded by Councillor Scott) that the Monday June 26th Agenda of the Students Administrative Council be approved.

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4. Approval of the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Chun, seconded by Councillor Clements) that the Monday May 29th Minutes of the Student Administrative Council be approved.

Amendment: Fix the spelling of Councillor Shelly's comment (CASA Canadian lines distance associations).

Amendment: Fixing Councillor Minocha's name to be on the attendance.

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5. Reports

- a. Councillor Warr

1. Council Report

Councillor Warr: In the spirit of being very efficient, all I'd like to add to my report is that my summer goals, along with the executive annual plan, will be presented at the next SAC meeting, and I do welcome any questions or comments about my report, if you have any.

- b. Councillor Scott

1. Council Report

Nothing to add to their report.

- c. Councillor Shelly

1. Council Report

Councillor Shelly: Similar to what Councillor Warr had stated my summer portfolio will be coming in the next SAC meeting and I am open to any questions or comments on my report.

- d. Councillor Clements

1. Council Report

Nothing to add to their report.

2. Summer Portfolio

Nothing to add to their report.

- e. Councillor Chun

1. Council Report

Nothing to add to their report.

2. Summer Goals

Nothing to add to their report.

- f. Councillor Andrews

1. Council Report

Nothing to add to their report.

2. Summer Priorities

Councillor Andrews: I have nothing to add to my Council report and my summer priorities are included in the SAC package. They're pretty lengthy, so I won't speak to them, but they're there for your reference. And of course, if you have any questions, you can send me an e-mail, but I specifically would love to hear anyone's feedback or opinions on working with the MASU image and how to make it more accessible or make any of our content or services more digestible to all students because you guys have a lot of valuable feedback as councillors and senators and as members MASU members in general. So, if anyone has any ideas to that extent, please do contact me.

Discussion:

Councillor Hart: I have talked about this with you briefly, Oliver, and maybe some other councillors just like in personal time. But I think one thing that's worth discussing, in terms of making the MASU image more accessible and that sort of thing. We could talk or I don't really know what the boundaries are, and I think you did a good job explaining too. So, if you want to weigh in with all of us, and say what you had told me, because I think that's valid too. Like some of the formalities, I guess, that come with our operations under Robert's Rules and that sort of thing. Well, I think they're super valuable. I think there is also room for them to serve as a bit of a barrier in terms of like, people not wanting to share or speak and that kind of speaks more to the SAC meetings in general, but I think in some ways too just being conscientious of like the language used in the MASU, when it comes to briefings and reports in that sort of thing, I think everyone does a really good job.

But I would say sometimes it's easy for certain like buzzwords, I guess to be thrown around a lot and in some ways that can leave things to lose meaning, or just come across as like a bit of a placeholder as opposed to something more genuine, and not that I think that's anyone's intention at all, but I think it just worth keeping in mind as we do move forward.

Putting strong emphasis on coming across as genuine and not just sort of like using, I guess, I just consider them sort of like buzzwords that are sort of used within student government in that sort of thing. Not that I think this is a hot take or anything like that, but I'd like to hear other people's opinion too on that.

Councillor Andrews: I totally agree. I feel like that's something that had been brought up. Even when I interviewed for this position. Like, I feel like attending SAC and also even just reading minutes and the SAC packages like it is, which obviously there's certain language that applies to certain professions and stuff like that. But from just like an average student perspective, it does feel very jargony and difficult to like, digest, and I feel like that is definitely very intimidating.

Just like, I felt that way. And even now being like being a counselor. I don't really have any, like formal training or knowledge in Robert's Rules or anything. And it is kind of like learning as you go. But I would not have ever before this point in my life like stuck around for SAC to see if I could pick up what was going on because it definitely feels like from an outside perspective like everyone kind of knows how it works but really it's like, I mean, I don't really. I'm not like an expert on Robert's Rules. So, I totally agree. And in Councilor's reports too, like just specifically something that I try to be mindful is, and this has come up, also just in the office and in general, with acronyms and things like that. A lot of people, unless they have the prior context, aren't going to know what all of your acronyms mean, so it doesn't really convey anything of much meaning. So, I think that's just definitely something to keep in mind. And obviously people slip up and it's like totally fine. Especially when you get so used to referring to the same things. But it's good including a legend or just spelling things out for the sake of accessibility, I think is super important. So I totally agree with you, Councillor Hart.

6. Business arising from the Minutes

7. New Business

8. Open Forum

Councillor Hart: One thing that I was thinking about when I was reading the reports for this meeting, and I don't know because I'm not totally familiar. I'm like what the specifics are in terms of what's supposed to be included in the reports.

But one thing I was just kind of noting while I was reading them was just in some portions when you're like things you've completed in your portfolio and that sort of thing - I was wondering if there's opportunity or space for a bit more elaboration on what those things are, because I feel from my perspective as a senator, like who's supposed to be representing students in the Arts and that sort of thing, if I read that I had a meeting with blank, that doesn't really tell me anything. I can't form an opinion on that, how I feel about that or anything because I don't know the content. I'm not expecting everyone on the MASU to spend so much time detailing all of their reports, but I think it would just save a lot of time if you could say had a meeting with whoever this person is, discussed these things, like that sort of thing.

I think it would be really beneficial rather than having it come to SAC and specifically ask, what did you and so and so meet about specifically? I think it would just save us all a lot of time and in the spirit of open lines of communication, that sort of thing maybe. I guess it's kind of a request too, I guess. To people in their reports, maybe provide a little more detail just on certain things like the content of your meeting, just one or two lines or something. Nothing crazy. But just to sort of paint the picture for us when we're reading it.

9. Reminders

Chairperson Batchilder: Thank you everyone for getting their reports in with the new 72-hour deadline, I hope that helps everybody out with being able to review the reports a little bit more, and you have time to look them over and see if there was anything that you found curious or anything else in them.

I'll be sending out an e-mail shortly after the end of the meeting, which will detail my office hours, so they have to happen in the next 48 hours. It will probably happen tomorrow sometime afternoon, but the details will be included in the e-mail I send out afterwards.

10. In Camera

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Chun, seconded by Councillor Andrews) that the SAC move in-camera.

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BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Chun, seconded by Councillor Shelly) that Talla Corkum be approved as the Sustainability Coordinator for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Chun, seconded by Councillor Warr) that Julia Lee be approved as the Shrinrama Assistant for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Warr, seconded by Councillor Scott) that the SAC move out in-camera.

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11. Adjournment

Chairperson Batchilder adjourned the meeting upon the completion of the agenda at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duc Tri Dang

Deputy Chairperson