

**ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**BRANDON BASED GENERAL COUNCIL**  
**THE DEN- MICA CAMPUS**  
**OCTOBER 17, 2018**

**Attendees:** Tulsa Labonté, Shelby Mymko, Vrunda Patel, Amin Samuel, Brianne Gatzke, Bryden Moar, Jasmeet Singh, Jason Janssens, Katie Hurley, Margaret MacDonald, Moneisha Weir-Beckford, Trevor Dysart, Tyler Willemen

**Regrets:** Navkaran Singh

**Staff:** Paige Cuvelier

**\*Minutes MUST be signed by Executives**

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action
<b>1.0 Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 5:43PM	
<b>2.0 Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion to approve the agenda made by Bryden, seconded by Amin	Agenda approved.
<b>3.0 Approval of Minutes</b>	This was the first General Council Meeting of the 2018-2019 and there were no meeting minutes to approve.	N/A
<b>4.0 Welcome</b>	Tulsa welcomed the group to the meeting for the first official meeting of the year. Acknowledging the past weekends retreat. The group did a roundtable of introductions, specifically welcoming Trevor and Margaret (Mags) who were unable to attend the retreat.	
<b>5.0 Executive Update</b> 5.1. Tulsa Labonté 5.2. Shelby Mymko 5.3. Vrunda Patel	<p>Each Executive gave a brief update on their current tasks:</p> <p><b>Tulsa:</b> Thanked the group for attending the retreat over the weekend. Busy working with Paige on the election and retreat planning details. Happy to have the group together. Working to gather student feedback on the Crossroads renovation. Attending the next Board of Governors meeting on Tues. Oct. 24</p> <p><b>Shelby:</b> Working on promotional material for upcoming events and marketing for the SA. Shelby shared about the Alumni Giving Campaign from her recent Alumni Committee meeting. The group would like to participate in this initiative at the Escape Room. Alumni Giving Campaign Information attached.</p> <p><b>Vrunda:</b> Reminded the council to submit their contracts and information sheets that were distributed from the Council Retreat. These items are due asap. Reminded council to document their time on their timesheets, which are available on the SA website. Vrunda helped to facilitate a Cookies &amp; Clubs event earlier that week which went over really well and was intended to encourage club engagement for students.</p>	Paige & Tulsa to confirm Escape Room activity date for council. Executive Council can be contacted directly by emailing the ACCSA Executive email group on the college email distribution list.
<b>6.0 ACCSA Staff</b> 6.1. Paige Cuvelier	<p>Paige gave a brief update on the current action items which included a welcome to the council and an overview of current projects and responsibilities within the ACCSA Office including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Advocacy</li> <li>• Retreat planning and election duties</li> </ul>	ACCSA Staff can be contacted directly by emailing <a href="mailto:accsa@assiniboine.net">accsa@assiniboine.net</a> or calling the office at 204.725.8710

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit and budget preparation</li> <li>• Services for students</li> <li>• Events and Marketing initiatives</li> </ul>	
<b>7.0 ACCSA Student Representatives</b>		
7.1. Indigenous Student Rep	<p>Trevor shared that he has a close working relationship with the Cultural Centre and volunteered regularly last year to help facilitate their activities. He and Cecil Roulette from the Cultural Centre had connected on activity ideas, which included free Bannock, potential movie nights, etc. The group agreed that there was opportunity for additional council support if needed. Dates to be confirmed from the Cultural Centre.</p> <p>Trevor shared that he was a member of the Business Club that is specifically working with Geoff Milne as their Club Advisor. The Club is currently updating their ACCSA Club application for the 2018-2019 year and plans to meet regularly.</p>	<p>Trevor to confirm activities with Cecil from the Cultural Centre and send more information to the council on opportunities to work together.</p> <p>Business Club to submit their 2018-2019 Club Application for approval.</p>
7.2. Adult Collegiate Student Rep	<p>Mags (Margaret) shared that she was working with her administrative team at the Adult Collegiate planning some initiatives for the year ahead. The collegiate is facilitating an affordable lunch option for students. Mags explained she will be meeting with Rebecca Gray a Student Success Advisor at the Collegiate early next week to discuss upcoming events for the campus. Paige outlined that there would be support for the Collegiate in terms of planning events and financial contributions and that the SA would like to participate in this conversation to provide additional support to the Collegiate.</p>	<p>Paige, Anneliese, Mags and Rebecca to meet next Tuesday October 23 at 11AM to review the ACCAC budget.</p>
7.3. Agriculture & Environment Student Rep	<p>Tyler is actively working with the Ag Club, finalizing their club application. The club has met a couple of times to confirm interest in participation and discuss potential fundraising activities, which includes ideas for participation with Ag Days.</p>	<p>Tyler to finalize Ag Club Application for the 2018-2019 year.</p>
7.4. Business Student Rep	<p>Jason shared some interest in engaging student feedback for the Crossroads student space renovation. He noted that providing a public and anonymous option for students to submit ideas would be a good option.</p> <p>Jason also shared the potential interest in facilitating a coat drive for students in need. The group discussed that it is important for newcomers to Canada to be informed of how to properly dress for the cold and that International student were not being given enough information about this from the college. It was also discussed that it was important to the council that the winter wear collected could be offered directly to students on campus to be utilized by fellow students in need before being donated to the Samaritan House.</p> <p>The group agreed that a coat drive would be an activity that they would want to facilitate and created a sub-committee which included:</p>	<p>The sub-committee to further discuss and create a plan of action for the Coat Drive.</p>

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7.5. Health & Human Services Student Rep	<p>Katie, Brianne, Amin, Jasmeet.</p> <p>Katie shared that there was interest in the Ally &amp; Safe Space Training specifically from the School of Health &amp; Human Services. The group discussed that the training had a maximum of 30 participants on the Nov. 7 session, but would be open to the council and students at large to participate. It was noted that if the training received a positive uptake that an additional session could be made available.</p>	<p>SERC Ally &amp; Safe Space Training scheduled for Wed. Nov. 7 from 5:30-7:30PM. Students can email ACCSA to register and more information will be posted on the student intranet closer to the date.</p> <p>Paige to contact Health &amp; Human Services chairpersons to make aware of training opportunity for students.</p>
7.6. International Student Rep	<p>Jasmeet shared that International students are looking for a type of Welcome Event with the goal to meet their representatives and also to share and learn about other cultures.</p> <p>The group discussed a potential Meet &amp; Greet event for the new council to connect with students and to help build awareness.</p> <p>The Westman Winter Festival was also brought into the conversation as a good opportunity for students to experience new cultures within the Brandon Community. The event is held in January. Shelby shared that there were plans for the SA to host a series of Multicultural Mondays in March as well. The feedback was that students in general are still looking for opportunities to connect with one another on campus. It was discussed that Jasmeet could create a club for students to engage and plan events that would reflect their individual interests.</p> <p>The group continued to discuss multiculturalism on campus and came to the topic of racism and that racism is very present on campus. Some students reported being treated unfairly by both staff and other students on more than one occasion and that there was a lack of awareness on how to handle/report this type of occurrence. Paige shared that the college's Respectful College Coordinator, Pam Roberts was the point of contact to report such incidents and she could help to guide individuals through the colleges Respectful College Policy.</p>	<p>Paige to follow-up with Pam Roberts to have her attend a Council meeting and give her respectful College Presentation.</p> <p>SA to consider group activity to the Westman Winter Festival in January and focus on including multicultural events when event planning.</p> <p>Opportunity for International students to create a club.</p>
7.7. Mature Student Rep	<p>Moneisha is working to connect with Mature Students to gain insight into their unique needs. The group discussed the unique challenges that some mature students may face when returning to school after sometimes, extended periods of time and addressing learning challenges that they may face. Some mature students find it intimidating to ask for help when they need it either in the Learning Curve or by requesting a tutor.</p> <p>The group discussed the potential for a peer support group. Paige shared that a Mature Student Network commonly existed in the past that functioned as a Club</p>	<p>Moneisha to review ideas for interaction for Mature students.</p>

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	and hosted regular events such as Mature Mondays. The events served as networking/support opportunities for Mature Students.	
7.8. MICA Student Rep	Navkaran emailed his absence. He was unable to attend because he was sick. No update was provided.	
7.9. Technology Student Rep	<p>Amin shared lots of ideas for how he wanted to contribute to the Council which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie nights for students</li> <li>• Access to food on campus for students in need</li> <li>• Opportunities for students to be promoting themselves and connecting Assiniboine students with the work/business market</li> </ul> <p>Amin shared that there were some concerns around classroom set up for Technology students and that some computer labs were not conducive to learning. Shelby shared that she was gathering student feedback on a potential renovation for that classroom and asked Amin to forward his ideas to Shelby so she could include it in her notes.</p> <p>The group discussed local resources for students, specifically within the Brandon Community. It was shared that MB 211 was a great resource for students looking for identifying these resources within the Brandon area.</p>	Paige to follow up to ensure that this app is included on the ACCSA website for students.
7.10. LGBTQ+ Allies Student Rep	<p>Brianne voiced that she wanted to be a member of the Coat Drive Committee. She shared plans to host more LGBTQ+ inclusive events at Houstons throughout the year.</p> <p>Brianne also shared that a media student was working on an exciting documentary about her personal journey of "coming out" while at ACC. Brianne along with the ACCSA was working as a potential resource with the making of the documentary. Brianne and Paige discussed the opportunity for a LGBTQ+ Club and that the ACCSA had a list of individuals potentially interested in joining the club. Club information is available on accstudents.com</p>	<p>Brianne to review club info and connect with Tulsa for official club approval.</p> <p>Paige to forward Brianne potential club members who are registered in the volunteer database.</p>
7.11. Extracurricular Activities Student Rep	<p>Bryden shared ideas to plan the following event ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caribbean Night at Houstons</li> <li>• Bollywood themed night on campus</li> </ul> <p>He also voiced that he was available to help out at the ACC Adult Collegiate with Mags if needed.</p>	
7.12. Mechanical Trades Rep	N/A	
7.13. Construction Trades Rep	N/A	
<b>8.0 Items to Discuss</b>		

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8.1. Bulletin Board Committee Sign up	Shelby asked the council for volunteers to sign up for a bulletin board committee. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the bulletin boards are updated regularly with current content. Each rep is essentially responsible for their own bulletin board to ensure that is being maintained. Brianne, Jason, Katie, Tyler and Amin all wanted to join the committee.	Shelby to send out the Bulletin Board policy and map along with other relevant info to the committee and determine expectations.
8.2. Reps Biography	The Council was asked to each submit a short biography about themselves, which will be included on their bulletin board and used for promotional material about the Council.	Biographies are due October 30.
<b>9.0 Upcoming Events</b>	<p>Shelby shared a review of upcoming SA events which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Halloween Food Drive, Wed. Oct. 31, 5pm-9pm</b> The group discussed the Halloween Food Drive on October 31. Each rep is to attend and bring 2 volunteers. Volunteers will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card and there also will be a pizza party for volunteers after the collecting is done. The goal for this years event is 10,000 lbs.</li> <li>• <b>Popcorn Friday, Nov. 3, 16 &amp; 30th, 11:30am-1:30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sign ups</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Extra Life Fundraiser, Nov. 3, 8am – Nov. 4 10am</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bryden and Jason would like to help with this event.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Ally &amp; Safe Space Training, Nov. 7, 5:30pm-7:30pm</b></li> <li>• <b>Consent Talk Week, Nov. 14, 11:30am-1:30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Moneisha, Katie, Brianne and Amin to help</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cheers &amp; Beers, Nov. 23, 5pm-9pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Amin shared that he could help with music if needed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Addictions Awareness Week, Nov. 26, Break It Off Campaign, Nov. 29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brianne interested in helping</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The SA is accepting a list of volunteers for the Halloween Food Drive in the office, students interested in volunteering can email <a href="mailto:accsa@assiniboine.net">accsa@assiniboine.net</a> All Council to participate. The group is to meet at Crossroads at Victoria Ave East on Oct. 31 at 5PM or 5:30PM.</p> <p>A full list of event/committee signups will be included in an email and documented in the ACCSA Boardroom, room 415.</p>
<b>8.0 Date of Next Meeting</b>		
<b>10.0 Adjournment</b>	<b>Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM</b>	