

**Attendance: Julia Teichroeb, Anmol Singh, Erica McNish, Liz Francis, Tessa Klein, Dee Taylor-Johnson, Brittany Blair, Len Blakely, Ali Ramirez, Blake Richardson, Hannah Wowk, Karleigh Paul, Kenadee Williams (4:33PM), Qudus (4:47PM)**

**Regrets: Charlene Nault, Samuel Dreger**

### **1.0 Call to Order: 3:39PM**

### **2.0 Land Acknowledgement**

Assiniboine Community College campuses and the offices of the ACCSA are located on the traditional territories of Treaty No. 1 and Treaty No. 2, and the shared traditional lands of Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, Dene and Anishinabek/Ojibwe peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis.

### **3.0 Consent Agenda**

- 3.1 Approval of Agenda**
- 3.2 Approval of Minutes of Previous SAC Meeting**
  - a. **November 2, 2022**
- 3.3 Approval of attendance**
  - a. **November 2, 2022**

MOTION: Be it resolved that the consent agenda be adopted as presented. Moved by Anmol seconded by Erica, Motion Carried.

### **4.0 Curling Intramurals Presented by: Beth Clark**

- 4.1 Beth Clark, ACC Cougars, pitched the idea of the ACCSA working with the Keystone Centre Curling Club to host a college curling league. In general council members agreed that ACCSA staff should pursue the idea further. Beth and Karleigh will connect to discuss more details. Costs and staff time demands will be outlined, and the program will be brought up in a future SAC Meeting again for further approval.**

### **5.0 Old Business**

- 5.1 Vending Machines at MICA: Blake**
  - a. Pictures sent to Julia of what vending machines look like
  - b. Request for vending machines to be updated in MICA building (they are coin only)
  - c. Make a request to see if the vending machine can be updated and inquire why they are coin only
- 5.2 AGM Date**
  - a. January 31<sup>st</sup> – AGM Date (requested to be moved to Wednesday Feb 1 @ 3:30PM during common block to ensure most council members can make it)

MOTION: Be it resolved that the AGM date be Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30. Moved by Erica seconded by Tessa, Motion Carried.

**5.3 Cheers & Beers Budget Approval (Nov.25)**

- a. Alyshia drafted a beer budget based off of Coors Light and coolers, the event can hold 30-50 people, this is what the budget is based off of. Plan is to sell the beers and give away pizza. With insurance and liability estimated costs, and the permit, the cost of the event will be roughly \$850. If we sold the drinks for as cheap as possible, we could potentially have a revenue of \$300 at \$2.50 a drink. We would bring in a revenue of \$480 if drinks are sold at \$4.00 each. Permit is booked for 5PM to 11PM. This event is free entry. The cost of the beer and coolers is roughly \$1.80/each. We can potentially double the budget in the case that we need more beer and return extra beer from unopened boxes. As per Julia, we should approve the event for \$1070.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the ACCSA is approving \$1070 for Cheers and Beers budget.  
Moved by Anmol seconded by Blake, Motion Carried.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the ACCSA sells the drinks at Cheers & Beers for \$3.50 cents.  
Moved by Tessa seconded by Brittany, Motion Carried.

**5.4 Cougars Hockey Budget Approval (Nov. 26)**

- a. Game plan for the hockey event presented to Cougars by Karleigh Paul. Not allowed to do the games on the ice. Can have separate room to do the games and give out popcorn and drinks to students. Brittany had suggested to do Minute it to Win It games. Prizes decided on are visa gift cards \$50 for first place, \$25 for second place, \$10 to Tim's, Mcdonalds, PawPass for third place. All of this would cost approximately \$500. We do not expect it to go over \$500. Can potentially reach out to PawPass partners to see if they will donate prizes, as well as swag items from Cougars...etc.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the ACCSA approved the budget of \$500 for the Cougars hockey game on Nov 26. Moved by Brittany seconded by Anmol, Motion Carried.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Executive Director Update**

- a. Stress Reduction Workshop

6.1.a.1 There has been a noticeable increase in stress levels among students and SAC members. This could be due to returning to in-person class post-pandemic. Karleigh proposed to do a stress reduction workshop on December 14<sup>th</sup>, through the Mood Disorders Association of Manitoba. The workshop is based on time management, prioritization, self-care, not over-committing. It is recommended that we give a donation of \$100 to the Mood Disorders Association and an ACCSA mug to the presenters as a thank you.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the ACCSA will be giving an honorarium of \$100 to the Mood Disorders Association for a stress reduction workshop on December 14th. Moved by Dee seconded by Anmol, Motion Carried.

- b. I will also note that Karley Woods has the ACCSA 40th Anniversary display set up by our office in Crossroads, you're welcomed to sign the guest book and check out the webpage she built for it on our website (looking for it to stay online until the next anniversary). Additionally, we'll be looking to put together some sort of small event where we'll distribute the t-shirts to students in some fashion.
- c. Alyshia has launched Project Red, we have more applicants for the program than sponsors currently. If you know a group of students or staff that would be interested in sponsoring a student for the Holiday Season please connect them with Alyshia. A concern was brought up by Len regarding the donation system in place for Project Red. Currently, we have a donation PDF form that people can download and fill out electronically and then send back to Alyshia Kelbert to notify of the donation. The form states that we take cash, credit, e-transfer, cheque or gift card, however we are unable to take e-transfers as we are a non-profit and will not be accepting cheques. Len asked if we could set up an online payment system where people could pay by credit. Currently, we at the ACCSA do not have an online payment system but can explore the option of going through a third-party application such as EventBrite for this.
- d. There was a winter coat drive organized by Baljeet Singh of the School of Agriculture and Environment. Concern was expressed that students who were wearing jackets were taking jackets from the coat drive, as well as multiple jackets being taken by students. Main concern is whether the students who truly needed the jackets got them. For future coat drives it would be beneficial to have a sign up sheet for those who genuinely need a winter coat. This was an initiative that was run outside of the ACCSA.
- e. I've completed all the interviews for the four student jobs we posted. I will be selecting successful applicants and offering them the positions later this week/early next week.

## **6.2 College Committee Updates**

- a. No updates

## **6.3 Loss of Parkland Chair FYI**

- a. Parkland Chair has resigned
- b. Alyshia went to the Parkland Campus to 5 classes and promoted available Parkland Chair position

## **6.4 Executive Updates**

- a. VP Governance
  - 6.4.a.1 Had first meeting for operations committee. Goals for the year are looking into the policies of the ACCSA when hiring local businesses for events (choose local first, non-local second), also looking into changing conflict of interest policy
- b. VP Diversity & Inclusion

6.4.b.1 There has not been an update or meeting since the last meeting

c. VP Engagement

6.4.c.1 Committee update: Erica is the vice chair; Kenadee is the secretary for the engagement committee. Working with Alyshia on the Wellness Fair. Several organizations (8 or 9) have confirmed booths for the Wellness Fair occurring in January.

**6.5 Committee Updates**

- a. Engagement Committee
- b. Operations Committee
- c. Campaigns & Action Committee

**6.6 Approval of Appointed Reps**

- a. Nathaniel Ross; Center for Adult Learning Rep

MOTION: Be it resolved that the ACCSA approve Nathan Ross as the Centre for Adult Learning Representative. Moved by Anmol seconded by Blake, Motion Carried.

**6.7 Rotating Sights Committee FYI**

- a. Approved in the executive committee, a committee for rotating sites. It was decided that all rotating sites should be under one chair.

**6.8 Approval of SWAG for Parkland Staff & ACCSA Staff**

- a. In addition to Victoria Ave ACCSA staff, staff at the Parkland campus will receive an ACCSA jacket (6 altogether).

MOTION: Be it resolved that the ACCSA approves swag for Parkland staff and ACCSA staff in the amount of \$400. Moved by Blake seconded by Tessa, Motion Carried.

**6.9 Seniors for Seniors wellness flyers: Erica**

- a. Erica found flyers that the Seniors for Seniors make monthly. It shows the wellness classes available to Brandon residents. Erica would like to put them up around the college to students who might be interested. We could put the flyer on our website or in our student newsletter.

**6.10 SAC Gift Exchange: Liz**

- a. Liz had mentioned doing a gift exchange within the council for the holiday season. This could potentially tie into a SAC holiday party. Ginnut had suggested if we could do some sort of potluck in the student lounge. We could do a holiday party or a secret Santa, then go out for drinks afterwards. Potluck will be separate on a different date. We will just agree to a gift exchange for now. It is suggested that everyone buy something for the gift exchange and then people can steal other people's gifts (Chinese Gift Exchange). Max budget for gifts per person would be \$20.

**6.11 Mentorship Program: Brittany**

- a. Other colleges and universities have mentorship programs for dealing with college life and mental health issues. It encourages community involvement by supporting a diverse environment. This kind of mentorship program would have an open-door policy with mentors being second year students, as they would already have their bearings in the college. Ideally, students would be paired with a mentor within the same program. The

mentor could assist with student services such as directing students to mental health services, advocacy services or other services. Mentors and mentees would meet once a month to check in. Mentees would reach out to their mentor should they have any questions or need guidance. It is suggested that a pilot program be run for this to see how it would go over. The plan for this is that the mentor could receive some sort of leadership certificate or award at year end or graduation. Suggestion for college to chip in financially to help support this initiative. Right now, we are just looking at if there would be interest in this. Karleigh mentioned that we are already launching the Peer Support program which is very similar to the Mentorship Program pitched. The Peer Support program has not considered the workshops. It will be considered to potentially add this to the Peer Support program.

**6.12 Discussion regarding land acknowledgement:** Brittany

- a. Dene is an umbrella for multiple different Dene people's. Keeping acknowledgement as is.

**7.0 Upcoming Dates, Reminders, & Deadlines**

- 7.1 November 18: Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 7.2 November 25: Cheers & Beers
- 7.3 November 26: Cougars Hockey (also Charlene's birthday! - Incorporate her birthday in SA 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake?)
- 7.4 December 14: ACCSA Jackbox Day: North Hill Campus (Alyshia will follow up with this)

**8.0 Open Forum**

**8.1 Does everyone who attends the Victoria Ave Campus have a parking pass?**

- a. Dee
- b. Liz
- c. Erica

9.2 Cannot get liability insurance (through Western Financial) for Road Bash event as alcohol cannot be consumed on the grounds of the game. This was brought up by the trades committee. They will need to know we cannot do this for them due to not being able to get insurance.

9.3 Concern brought up by Dee regarding disrespectful college content & beliefs in textbooks. Dee was advised to contact the Chair of the program for further investigation into the matter.

9.4 Karleigh is to get access to the North Hill Campus office for Qudos and Blake, they will need access tabs for their cards.

**9.0 Adjournment 5:30PM**