

Call to Order: 3:38PM

Attendance: Brittany Blair, Anmol Singh, Erica McNish, Blake Richardson, Tessa Klein, Liz Francis, Nathaniel Ross, Qudus Oseni, Hannah Wowk, Dee Taylor-John, Karley Woods, Karleigh Paul, Julia Teichroeb, Charlene Nault, Len Blakely, Samuel Dreger, Ethan Chartrand

1.0 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.

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of Agenda

2.2 Approval of Minutes of Previous Committee Meetings

- a. January 11, 2023

2.3 Approval of attendance

- a. January 11, 2023

2.3.a.1 Len Blakely, Ali Ramirez, Liz Francis, Charlene Nault, Blake Richardson, Tessa Klein, Julia Teichroeb, Brittany Blair, Erica McNish, Qudus Oseni, Nathaniel Ross, Samuel Dreger, Anmol Singh, Hannah Wowk, Dee Taylor-John, Ethan Chartrand

2.3.a.2

MOTION: Be it resolved that the consent agenda be approved, moved by Anmol seconded by Blake.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Update on advocacy campaign: Karley

- a. Posts on student/staff intranet, posts on social media and pamphlets for advocacy.

3.2 Update regarding harmful language used at the college and in curriculum

- a. Option of doing an equity audit at the college level. Also discussed that a meeting would take place between Julia, one staff member from the SA, Mark Frison and other college executives that would need to be there to continue to discuss the matter. Dee advised that she feels she does not need to be present at the meeting.

3.3 Volunteers for B-Queer (4-5)

- a. Looking for volunteers, we will need 4-5 from the SAC for February 11th. Will need someone to facilitate, make draws, manage IDs (if there is alcohol or prizes given out). Nathaniel, Ali, Tessa (Tessa's daughter) and Charlene will volunteer. Dee is willing to help before or afterwards, she will let Ali know.

3.4 Elections

- a. Volunteers for class talks - Need volunteers to go to classes and talk about the SAC and what they liked about it, plus the services offered. Brittany, Anmol, Blake, Tessa, Nathaniel, Hannah, Dee, Liz and Ali to volunteer. Elections will take mid-Feb to March 13.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Call for nominations for the staff & faculty awards for the 40th Anniversary ACCSA Gala

- a. Student Advocate Award
- b. Commitment to student success award
- c. Diversity & inclusion award
- d. Note: Open to students

4.2 SAC Member of the term

- a. We vote to nominate someone to be the SAC member of the term and that person will receive a \$50 gift card.

4.3 Student Committee Members

- a. All the committee positions are currently filled. It is the first time they have been filled. For the committees, students are only allowed to have 2 members where the SAC can have 4 voting members. Julia brought up the fact that it's not necessarily democratic that way. Charlene advised it should be open to whoever would like to be a part of it. Julia advised students can use the committee as experience to put on their resume if they have no prior job experience.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the ACCSA opens the committees to an unlimited number of ACCSA members. Moved by Charlene seconded by Blake. Motion **carried**.

4.4 SAC Development: See Briefing Note

- a. Alyshia has looked for courses for the SAC council members to take, the options are:
 - 4.4.a.1 Leadership Skills Course (\$5400 for 18 participants)
 - 4.4.a.2 How to Develop your Good Mental Health in the Workplace and Help your Colleagues do the same (\$1296 for 16 participants)
 - 4.4.a.3 First Aid (\$105 per student for basic or \$155 per student for intermediate)
 - 4.4.a.4 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) (\$2000 for 16 peoples)

MOTION: Be it resolved that the leadership skills course should be chosen for the SAC members for development. Moved by Anmol seconded by Brittany. Motion **carried**. - Len and Tessa voted no.

4.5 Open Gym: Dee

- a. Dee realizes we have open gym already going on, Dee would like to have some sort of lunch hour fitness class that we go twice a week, where we have some sort of certified person from the community to lead the classes. We would need to find out the biggest interest such as yoga, HIIT...etc. Dee thinks

it could very positive and help bring people together. The fitness centre would not be large enough for this. Not exactly sure how this would work, but willing to test it out possibly once a month (suggested by Ali). Charlene suggested that this could be partnered with ACC staff that are involved in wellness in some capacity. Julia advised Brandy is currently looking for hours related to something like this due to a course/education she is taking. Karleigh wonders if there is opportunity to utilize the events and intramural assistants from the ACCSA for this. Julia advised we will send this to the engagement committee. Julia advised it doesn't have to cost us money to do this, because we can reach out to the gym, paw pass partners and other people as it would be good advertising for them. Dee believes that having this twice a week as opposed to monthly, would be ideal as it would be more consistent. Dee thinks that having this once a week could be a good start. Dee proposes that we do it one day a week and reach out to people to help with it.

4.6 Student Lounge School & Kitchen Supplies: FYI

- a. The school has asked to put a cabinet/shelf to put student school supplies and kitchen supplies to be taken to students. The ACCSA has allowed this.

4.7 Alumni Awards: See Briefing Note

- a. Karleigh mentioned the Alumni Association and that they do an awards night every year that recognizes alumni who are distinguished. There are two awards for this (One to Watch – 35 or under and recent graduate) and the Excellence in Education Award - There are nominations for this award, to nominate instructors or staff from the college for this. 2 awards for distinguished alumni. Deadline is Friday, March 31st.

4.8 Student Fee Increases

- a. In 2021 the ACCSA approved to allow student fees to be increased by inflation to account for operating the ACCSA and providing services to students. Do you agree to a one time 13% of increase in fees, an average of \$25-\$30/year to account for inflation and to ensure the ACCSA can continue to provide necessary services to students. Do you allow student fees to increase by 1.6% of the last 10 years to account for the yearly costs and expenses. Both of these motions were passed and came into effect in July 2021. The current pay scale for 2022-2023 is included in the briefing notes. Karleigh has drafted a letter to send to the college, which has to be sent by January 31st. The briefing note includes a 6.8% increase to student fees. This would help average out the student fee increases year to year. Another referendum is not required to increase student fees. The increase in student fees will be implemented July 1st. The student fees are increased per credit. Charlene mentioned that she feels the 6.8% increase is too much as students are struggling. If it is not increased this year, then by next year it can only be increased by 1%. Erica is wondering how inflation has affected the ACCSA, Karleigh advised we are almost out of an event budget and we are projected to be overbudget on multiple budget lines. On average, everything will be 6.8% more expensive with regard to student fees (U-Pass, events, food...etc). Karleigh advised it would be about \$10-20 more per student than last year.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the ACCSA is increasing student fees by 6.8% as outlined by the consumer price index as outlined by November 2021 and November 2022 and in line with the referendum passed in 2021, to be implemented July 1, 2023. Motioned by Dee seconded by Len. Motion **Carried**.

4.9 Executive Director Update

4.10 Executive Updates:

- a. VP Operations
- b. VP Diversity & Inclusion
 - 4.10.b.1 Black history movie is Feb 15 after the ACCSA meeting in the lecture theatre. There is no exact meeting and no exact movie as of yet. Charlene advised that it's between 5 movies. Louis Riel Day is the same week as the movie night. Grand Valley local is hosting an event for Louis Riel Day with bannock and snacks.
- c. VP Engagement

4.11 Committee Updates:

- a. Operations
- b. Campaigns & Action
 - 4.11.b.1 Student Lounge
 - 4.11.b.1.1 Brought to Charlene's attention that students are upset there is no Netflix on the TV in the student lounge and no games. They also mentioned that pool tables used to be in there. Charlene allocated \$250 at the executive meeting to buy chess and board games (new and used). Karley to get Netflix set up in the student lounge on January 26. Campaigns & Actions committee has approved a \$100 budget for snacks for the movie.
 - 4.11.b.2 Extended hours for Café
 - 4.11.b.2.1 Students were not liking the hours of the cafeteria which was brought forward to the executive meeting. Charlene suggested that Anmol do a survey to gauge how many students this is affecting, as the cafeteria closes at 2PM. Charlene mentioned a possible vending machine for sandwiches and Alyshia brought up the students starting a club and funding it to order food so students struggling with this can come together to find a solution. Anmol was thinking to do the survey online and send it to students that way. Brittany and Anmol asked Karley to help share the survey and do a possible poster with a QR code that has a link to the survey.
 - c. Engagement
 - 4.11.c.1 Ali advised they are using the engagement committee budget to help pay for the parking for vendors for the Wellness activities going on at the college, as well as paying for the new games for the student lounge.

4.12 College Committee Updates:

- a. College Council



- 4.12.a.1 The college will be enforcing the smoking policy – make sure students are smoking in the designated areas.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 6 grey owl tickets for this year are given to Brittany, Tessa, Liz, Anmol and Erica. Moved by Brittany seconded by Liz. Motion **carried**.

4.13 Grey Owl Tickets

- 4.13.a.1 The ACCSA has six seats/tickets to grey owl – deciding what to do with these seats, whether we give them to staff or what the SAC would like to do with them. Each person would still have to pay for their own food. Liz, Tessa, Erica, Anmol, Ali, Erica and Brittany are interested. Len suggested putting committee representatives into a draw. Julia thinks we should offer the tickets to the staff members first and see who wants to go and do a draw if we can.

b.

4.14 Discussion regarding elimination of Parkland & Winnipeg Committees, replacement with Satellite/Remote Committee and a VP of Remote Campuses: see briefing note (off screen session)

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5.0 Upcoming Dates, Reminders, & Deadlines

5.1 January 30-February 10, 2023: Grey Owl

5.2 February 20-24, 2023: Infinity Week

6.0 Open Forum

6.1 Anmol mentioned the popcorn machine has to be cleaned after use so the next person doesn't have to do it

6.2 Lots of students are talking about if the SAC can do a tour, Julia advised for them to create a club.

7.0 Adjournment: 6:01PM

MOTION to adjourn the meeting moved by Blake seconded by Charlene. Motion Carried.