



AUGUST 14TH // OPEN MEETING // 6-7pm

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Introductions/ Opening Remarks
 - a. Townhall - First week of school
 - b. Email update from the Dean
 - i. Studio - 20 to 25 people
 - ii. Lectures - Increase class sizes
3. Overview: *List of Concerns*
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FLhKkdFTmlg43LpbFnAEiFM6A-BMsiHI6ScFt4C2ev4/edit>
4. Open Discussion
 - a. Specialist stream students should be limited to enrol in just their own specialist courses - at least until after priority is taken down
 - b. Maybe just consider doing course enrolment all over again
 - c. 361/363 - there are still more people on waitlist than available class sizes
 - d. 364 - There's only one class? "Because people aren't taking landscape classes"

- e. Registrar blaming students - ex. "It's a 4th year class, why don't you just take it in 4th year"
- f. In general, the Registrar shouldn't be "forcing" students to take certain classes
- g. Most people don't have any classes in Fall 2018 (All streams) - Registrar solution: just take the courses in 4th year
 - i. But how can people do their Thesis in 4th year, or finish any other classes they need
- h. As AVSSU: Should have another petition / Talk to the dean again
- i. Email from Dean did say changes will happen, but it probably won't fix everything
- j. Need 1.0 FCE for 4th year - most people can't enrol in a course right now so they can't even take 4th year courses
- k. Registrar shouldn't make decisions for us - they just need to change course enrolment method
- l. 383 - random change from Fall to Winter
- m. Registrar seems like they don't want to do anything for Fall, and only towards Winter - but Fall semester literally starts in 2 weeks ??
- n. So if things don't change - AVSSU needs to keep pushing the ORSS, like what's next?
- o. We'll bring up our solutions at the Townhall

- p. Main problem is that Registrar accounted numbers for 3rd year Specialists, but not for the years before wanting to switch from major to specialist
- q. Increase course capacity for those that are REQUIRED (ex. 361,362,367,381.. etc) - forget the electives for now
- r. Big question mark for studio enrolments between 4th and 3rd year - waitlist rank for 4th year could just randomly jump from 5 to 8 once third year enrolment started
- s. Every single 3rd year course is on waitlist like 50+
- t. We need a logical proposal to resolve issues
 - i. Enrol cap increases
 - ii. Hire another prof/instructor and even make a second lecture for a class
 - 1. (Right as a student we receive the classes we pay for - because we're paying for 0 classes right now)
 - iii. Larger classrooms
 - iv. Priority enrolment
 - v. Summer enrolment - only if they pay for us
 - vi. Can we just re-shuffle everything on ACORN
 - vii. Try to wave the landscape ecology course (387) that needs a 1.0 pre-req
- u. "There's always 5th year" - Heard from student that Andrea said that to them

- v. Most of these issues are coming from a curriculum change
- w. Initially promised 4th years they wouldn't be affected by the curriculum change - also 4th years now could just get into a class with the prof's permission
- x. Location and Prof's should be all set by the time it's course enrolment - Like artsci, everything is already definite
- y. 384/385 - these classes are at the same time, and there's a lot of open space for these classes still - students want to take most of these classes but they could only choose one
- z. Make an excel - list all the classes out and take a look at which courses students want the most
- aa. Dean's email - student says it seems really aggressive and there's a lack of transparency to us as students, and students feel as though the Registrar is attacking us so we need to attack back at them
- bb. Scotiabank - all the profs were very apologetic, but the Registrar was not
- cc. Lecture halls - under enrolment in 2nd year and over enrolment in 3rd year - switch the lecture halls around?
- dd. If things can't be changed
 - i. Wrote an article to the Varsity about 665 Spadina years ago
 - ii. Bring up issues to Varsity or UTSU

Things we could do/bring up:

- This happened last year, they couldn't have seen it coming this year?

- Governing Council - reach out to them and maybe their presence could change something at the Townhall
 - Redo enrolment
 - Have some solid proof from ACORN to the Dean
 - Townhall: We want a larger body of people present - however we do have 180 signatures
 - Broadcast email about the letter from the Dean and also these minutes
 - UTSU: send a short list of issues that we're having, and try to find more representatives around UofT
 - We do need to be very careful how we present our topics - set a powerpoint/have set speakers etc.
5. Other business
 6. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting closed: 7:19pm

We should create profiles of specific incidents / actual evidence for the Townhall

Each stream should present their own problems

Dean's promise

Put all the data we have now into a google doc/slide

Email dean: to have exact dates things would be changed

Fb post: update from the email and these minutes