



AVSSU Meeting Dec 22, 2017

Attendance

Executive Board

Marienka Bishop-Kovac, President
Yasmine El Sanyoura, VP External
Jie (Jessica) Zhou, VP Communications
Robert Raynor, VP Academics
Scott Markle, VP Student Life

Representative Board

Cezzane Ilagan, ARC Comprehensive Rep

Hired Positions

Zargham Nasir, Secretary
Katarina Milos, Bookkeeper

Not in Attendance

Executive Board

Yue (Flora) Yin, VP Internal

Commissioner Board

Naomi Litwack, Commissioner of Health and Wellness
Paul Berkun-Drevnig, Commissioner of Equity

Representative Board

Sarah Sarofim, VIS General Rep
Tian Li, VIS Studio Rep
VIS Critical Practices Rep
Chloë Lauder, ARC Design Rep
Joshua Humphrey, ARC History and Theory Rep
ARC Technology Rep
Jose Power, First Year Rep
Kira James, Commuter Rep

Hired Positions

Sharon Kim, Designer
Grace Wong, Photographer
Aidan Swirsky, CRO

Guests

N/A

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 12:15AM

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Yasmine Sanyoura reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes approved.

5. Approval of Reports

A. Constitution & Election Updates

Marienka: Some changes have been made to our election. It's suggested that the election dates should be moved to earlier March so that we can have a better transition to the next year's team (later decided being **March 5th to 9th**), and we will hire for new Executives and Representatives. Therefore, **March** will be our **transition month** where the newly elected team members can attend the team meetings and discuss their responsibilities at the specific roles. We will also have a **training weekend from March 10th to 11th**.

We will also have a new Commissioner position onwards (aside from the current Health & Wellness Commissioner and Equity Commissioner): **Sustainability Commissioner** and **Student Life Commissioner**.

About the positions in the election, we should put out the call for **hired positions** (Designer, Bookkeeper, and Orientation Coordinators) at the same time. We will be hiring the Coordinators and the Faculty will pay them.

Jessica: Also, the responsibilities of the secretary and **VP Communications** overlap a lot, considering that the original intention for VP Communications is a combination of Social Media Manager and Secretary from the year before. Therefore the role of Secretary should be reintegrated with VP Communications onwards.

Scott: It should be stated in the role of **VP Student Life** that there should be at least one free food event for students per semester; there should also be a liaison between AVSSU and Daniels Faculty Orientation.

Yasmine: One question, how open should the AVSSU meetings be? I feel like that's a bit unclear this year and people were confused. Sometimes the representatives feel excluded from the meetings and there are lots of potential if they feel more involved.

Jessica: True, I feel the same. There were not division of open/close exec meetings for the AVSSU Team last year, and I liked how everyone just take initiatives when talking about a new motion.

Marienka: For sure. So **AVSSU general meetings** will happen twice a month, open to the public. The Executives will have monthly meetings aside from the bi-weekly General Meetings, which the Bookkeeper will attend as well.

Marienka: Now let's talk about the **Committees for Executives**. Committee members will be nominated, and people can definitely nominate themselves.

The **Election Committee** (President, CRO, and 2 other Representative members) will meet at least once a semester, and no one who is running for an election can be a part of this committee.

The **Constitutional Review Committee** (President, VP Internal, 1 other Executive Member, 3 other Representative members) will also meet once a semester.

The **Hiring Committee** (President, 1 other Executive Member, 2 other Representative members) will also meet once a semester.

The **Funding Committee** (President, VP Internal, Bookkeeper, 2 other Representative members) will be incharge of the *Student Initiative Fund* and other club fundings. The President and VP Internal will review for requests during the first round, and the final approval will only be approved at the General Meeting. We will work out a Student Initiative Fun timeline soon - we might need to start working on it in January as well.

6. Winterfest Updates

Scott: Here are the updates from UTSU. Winterfest will happen from **January 8th to 12th**, and the current activities are listed below:

Monday, Jan 8 - Open Mic/ AVSSU Breakfast + Bagels 9AM-11:30AM

Tuesday, Jan 9 - Pub Crawl/ Night/ Movie Night

Wednesday, Jan 10 - Battle of the Bands/ AVSSU Dinner 4-6PM

Thursday, Jan 11 - Club Night / Snakes and Lattes (hosted UC)

Friday, Jan 12- Charity Drag Show (UC)

Everyone: Sounds good!

Motion carries.

7. Destresser Week

Marenka: Maybe the Destresser Week next semester can be less than an entire week? It's still a week but we just don't have events every single day. This might be less likely to distract people with too many things going on at the same time. Should we say **February 12th to 16th**?

Yasmeen: Also can we name the therapy dog event "Puppy Pick Me Up"? AVSSU Puppy Pick Me Up.

Everyone: Love it, agreed.

8. Pulp: paper art party

Jessica: I've talked to Rotem about AVSSU's partnership with Pulp and our next steps. The deadline for Daniels students to submit proposals is 11:59 PM on Dec 27, I know it's not the best time but we will try. I would encourage everyone in the team to submit something so that at least we have something. Rotem asked me to give him a heads up if the project is large scale and we'd like to have Daniels students to construct it on the site.

Motion carries.

9. Year-end Formal

Yasmeen: The Formal will happen on either **March 1st or 2nd**, we haven't settled the date yet. We will have the call for Formal Committee from Jan 1st to 12th (two weeks), from that on we will have a month and a half to book a venue and decide on a theme until March. The details regarding the budget will be discussed with the Bookkeeper. Last year's price was way too high and that stopped a lot of student from participating. We should use some of the AVSSU money to accommodate that since we will receive our instalment very soon.

Motion carries.

10. City Building Expo

Yasmeen: Also I've been planning on the City Building Expo. The theme has been decided as "Interconnected Cities" (Urban Planning and Architecture disconnect). It will be happening on March 3rd to 4th, the first day (Saturday) will be in Ryerson and the second day in Daniels (Sunday). The price is set to be \$12.50 on each day.

Robert: Maybe we can contribute some AVSSU money to make the price \$10? More friendly to the students.

Yasmeen: Sounds good. Also please suggest speakers that can talk about this topic?

Motion carries.

11. Merchandise and Rebranding

Marienka: Let's talk about rebranding first. We will have meeting about this on Jan 3rd with VP Comminations, the Designer, and the President. How do we create a consistency in AVSSU designs?

Jessica: I thought about creating a pattern and colour palate, but I really liked how we subtly generated a "white background with bold font" formula throughout the semester (ex. the "AVSSU Goes to Montreal" poster and the AGM poster).

Yasmeen: I love the little pizza emoji on the AGM poster!

Jessica: So regarding the design, I think we should just keep the white background, and the designer will have the freedom to throw in whatever font at little designs that they feel appropriate for the event. Can we have some good fonts that have been used before? I BEBAS and Black Eye nue are pretty good.

Robert: Phosphate.

Yasmeen: I used Montserrat and Aubrey.

Jessica: Awesome! Any thoughts on our Merch items?

Yasmeen: Maybe instead of changing the design completely every year, we can just have the updated AVSSU logo on the label and keep the general simple and straight forward, just words saying "architecture" and "visual studies". Also I suggest that instead of making the items only available for pre-ordering and pick-up in April, our merch should always be in stock, and we will sell them in our online store like what UC has been doing. If needed, we will have "limited designs" in the spring for students to order.

Jessica: Sounds great! Also I believe people still love the current AVSSU logo, and maybe I can try update it a bit to make it more recognizable. We can vote on that in our next meeting.

Robert: We can also try having more practical merch items as well, like AVSSU branded sleeping bags.

12. Other - Hired Positions

Yasmeen: We should bring attention to the fact that the hired positions are not paid enough, and the Orientation Coordinators for 2017 Orientation still haven't been paid yet.

13. Studio Set-up

Marienka: As we've seen, the Faculty has re-organized the studio during the winter break. Now we have a student space in the middle of the undergraduate studio. Any feedback?

Robert: Cezanne and I have been looking into IKEA stuff and we've found something pretty good. We can have a bigger couch with storage space at the bottom and the faculty will pay for it. We can also bring in lots of plants to make the student space more lively. We will also bring in a shelf for material storage. I'll make an IKEA run during the break and try to pick up the mentioned items.

14. Studio Etiquette Videos

Robert: Cezanne and I have figured out the outline for our new Studio Etiquette videos and we will start shooting soon.

Motion carries.

15. AVSSU Group Email

Marienka: We mentioned in our last meeting that Zargham would look into group emails for AVSSU Execs.

Zargham: I found the G Suite still the best option, where the pricing is at USD \$5 per user per month.

Yasmeen: So that's around \$675 every year, as the accounts need to stay active when school is off.

Marienka: Great! Can you also look into outlook accounts? You can find the information you need at <https://www.howto-outlook.com/howto/outlookcompersonaladdress.htm>. We are looking for accounts for the following:

- president@avssu.com
- vpexternal@avssu.com
- vpinternal@avssu.com
- vpacademic@avssu.com
- vpstudentlife@avssu.com
- cro@avssu.com
- finances@avssu.com
- equity@avssu.com
- health+wellness@avssu.com

We can link our current email address to these accounts later so that we still have the address book provided by U of T.

Motion carries.

16. AVSSU Regular Activities: Yoga

Marienka: Answering to popular request, we will look into the cost of having Yoga sessions more often in Daniels. We are thinking about bi-weekly or even weekly. The student fund should benefit the students in various ways, and wellness of the students is definitely one of them.

Motion carries.

17. Other Business

18. Adjournment

The Meeting closed at 6:15 PM.