



**In Attendance:** Nathan Bridges, Alexis Cinq-Mars, Anhadeep Kaur, Isaac Omonaiye, Elizabeth Brown, Julia Teichroeb, Sebastian Leimhofer, Charlene Nault, Allison Benn, Trevor Wilson, Harlee Nazar, Maxwell Genaille (Guest), Karen Renshaw (Guest), Matthew May (Staff), Anneliese Parkinson (Staff).

**Absent:** Rena Beunavista, Diorella Inocentes.

Executive Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **1.0 Call to Order @ 5:31 pm**

### **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 Métis nation.*

### **3.0 Consent Agenda**

#### **3.1 Approval of Agenda**

#### **3.2 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Motion by Kaur, Seconded by Teichroeb, Motion Carried.

### **4.0 Old Business**

NA

### **5.0 New Business**

#### **5.1 Wellness Chats – Student Facilitators Wanted**

- Brandy Robertson had been invited to the meeting but was unavailable. May briefed the SAC on her behalf as follows:
- Looking for leaders within student body to help facilitate wellness chats around college to learn from students how to incorporate a Wellness Strategy.
- 10 chats (sessions) are scheduled to be done in person and virtually across all campuses, all of which require student leaders.
- Sessions consist of approximately 30-45 minutes discussions with student facilitators (accompanied by College staff support- Caitlyn Munn, Quality Assurance specialist and Brandy Robertson, Wellness Advisor). Caitlyn will run the virtual session.

- Overall, this is a 40-60 minute commitment.
- A script will be provided by College staff. Students will also work closely with staff to learn how to lead a session.
- It was noted that Nault is already on the Wellness Committee and has already volunteered to facilitate a session.
- Meetings will be centered around how can the College support students academically, mentally, etc.
- May called for volunteers from among the SAC Members
- Teichroeb ask who attends these sessions? May stated any student can attend any session and can also join multiple sessions.
- Renshaw (Guest) and Genaille (Guest) volunteered to facilitate a Parkland session.
  - SAC Members who volunteered were Teichroeb, Benn, Kaur, Nault, and Bridges
- Will coordinate with Brandy Robertson to provide volunteer list and she will contact further for scheduling, etc.
- Bridges inquired what is expected of students. May outlined they would be a facilitator, ask questions and follow a script which would be provided. Brandy Robertson and Caitlin Munn will help students with engaging the group.

#### **5.2 ACCSA President Resignation and Interim VP Governance Appointment**

- Bridge noted that Ashley Fordyce has resigned as ACCSA President. The Executive Committee appointed Nathan Bridges as the interim President until such time as a new President can be elected.
- Accordingly, the Vice President Governance role is temporarily vacant, and now needs an interim replacement to anyone interested. Bridges inquired amongst the SAC prior to this meeting via Email, and Teichroeb indicated she would step forward. There were no other interested members. This interim appointment requires a motion from the SAC
- Bridge inquired if there were any inquiries about Fordyce's resignation, or any of the interim replacements.
- Omonaiye asked about what the reason was for the resignation. Bridges noted that Fordyce decided to focus on her studies.

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that Julia Teichroeb, ACCSA Business Representative, be appointed as the interim Vice President Governance until such time that an Election can be held.

Motion by Teichroeb, Seconded by Kaur, Motion Carried.

- Bridges offered to meet with Teichroeb to help with transition.

#### **5.3 Possible ACCSA By-Election**

- Bridges gave a brief history of previous by-elections and the need to fill currently positions
  - A By-Election is not necessary but encouraged
- Bi-elections in Dec or in January or not at all.
- Option Summary as drafted by the Executive Committee at last weeks meeting:

1. No Election, Interim Positions stay until end of active term
  2. Election ASAP, Reps elected likely in December
  3. Election in January, Reps elected likely at the end of January
- Pros and cons listed.
  - Con- December -current commitments may be dropped or council to step up. January -Staff new training. None-Positions left vacant and not proper representation.
  - May - For December we would have to start tomorrow. Staff may be affected as they currently have projects like an annual coat drive, and Project Red in the works.
  - May noted there may be voter fatigue in January (end of month) as there would also be full election at the end of February.
  - It was asked about which positions were vacant. May listed the 5 currently vacant positions (see motion below).
  - The Executive Committee recommended at their last meeting that they think it is best not to have a by-election and continue as is for the remainder of the term but would like to hear from the SAC.
  - Cinq-Mars noted that she wasn't at the Executive Committee meeting. She thinks it's important to have the constituents filled to ensure diversity.
  - Nault agreed that an election should occur and opted to have election in December.
    - May requested that specific dates be proposed.
    - May reviewed the Election Policy, and provided a critical path for an election.
    - Based on the soonest possible timing, the nomination period would close November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Election Voting would take place December 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that a By Election take place immediately, with the election concluding no later than December 9th, to elect the following positions:

- President
- Parkland Chair
- LGBT2SQ+ Representative
- Adult Collegiate Representative
- MICA Representative

Moved by Nault, Seconded by Cinq-Mars, Carried.

#### **5.4 Council Expectations**

- Bridges noted that he received notice from Inocentes and Beunavista about their absences at the SAC Meeting. Bridges reminded the SAC that the expectation was that reasons for not attending a SAC meeting needs to be provided to the chair. If three meetings are missed in a row, then an SAC member would need to vacate their position.

- There were no representatives at the Halloween Food Drive, and it doesn't look good to have no Council involvement. Bridges commended those who have volunteered for wellness discussions and coat drive. SAC strongly encouraged to be involved.
- Encouraged open communication should anything happen.
- May noted that talking to other students also very helpful in getting others involved
- It was mentioned that some of the ACCSA emails are being sent to the junk folders of students. May gave some quick stats about the email system through Constant Contact and that no flags were raised there, but staff will investigate further.
- Genaille (Guest) asked if ACC email was the only way for communication. Bridges- MS Teams and private messaging are options. Genaille asked for link to the Teams Channel for the ACCSA, which will be forthcoming.
- Cinq-Mars said the SAC can work together on communication skills. The Teams chat is usually silent. She said this might improve with committees. Bridges will start to ask for weekly reports soon.
- Teichroeb suggested icebreakers for Teams Chats.
- Teichroeb wants to get to know everyone more personally. Bridges said he was hoping to plan JackBox games soon to facilitate team building.

#### **5.5 College Council Appointments**

- Five members from council needed. Plus, others for subcommittees.
- Only Bridges, Cinq-Mars currently on College Council.
- Kaur interested in joining, which now means two more still needed.
- Doesn't have to be all executives.
- College council is similar to SAC but represent college. Includes staff and big picture. Promotes diversity.
- Full council positions need to be appointed members. Subcommittees open to all. Subcommittees focuses on particular projects. See committees as well as their members listed below. May to send email to confirm names and get other volunteers.
  - Student Attendance and Satisfaction -Bridges, Teichroeb, Kaur
  - Environmental Sustainability
  - Inclusion at Assiniboine
  - Smoking on Campus - Teichroeb, Kaur
- Brown- Are college council meetings in person or virtual? May- meetings for the College Council I believe are once every few months. The Committees will meet possibly more sporadically
- Wilson asked for differentiation between committees and about his. Nathan- he's on engagement- Kaur, to contact members soon. Cinq-Mars to call her meeting soon.

##### **a. Full College Council – SAC Members Only**

- Julia Teichroeb
- Elizabeth Brown
- Anhaddeep Kaur

##### **b. College Council Subcommittees – Open to all students**

- Allison Benn

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the following SAC Members be appointed to the College Council for the remainder of the 2021-2022 SAC Term:

- Julia Teichroeb
- Elizabeth Brown
- Anhaddeep Kaur

Moved Teichroeb, seconded by Nault, Motion Carried.

### **5.6 Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities**

- Bridges gave brief about purpose and benefits of professional development for Board.
- Parkinson provided an overview of upcoming professional development opportunities
- Parkinson talked about her experience as a Council Member, and how impactful these type of training sessions are.

#### **a. Mental Health First-Aid Training**

- Mental Health First Aid training gives students the training to work with students that are struggling with mental health and wellness.
- Four or more hours are typically required for these types of sessions, which would leave only afternoons or weekend.
  - December 4<sup>th</sup> or December 11<sup>th</sup> are the anticipated days that this training would take place.
  - Parkinson asked if SAC Members would be open to doing training over two days.
  - Parkinson will try to commit to a training day as soon as possible to ensure that SAC members have adequate time to reschedule their weekend.
- It was asked if this training could be provided to all students and not just the SAC members. May mentioned that this may be possible but is budget-restrictive. Staff will investigate some options within the current budget.

#### **b. LGBT2SQ+ Training**

- This training is more flexible, and can be done on the afternoons after class time
- This training can also be provided virtually, as well as in person. Given COVID, it is likely that a portion of all training for the foreseeable future will be virtual.
- After a brief consultation, it appears that Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons will work for a large number of students. Parkinson will reach out to her contacts to start identifying a proper time for this training time.

#### **c. Other Suggestions?**

- Tax workshops? More to come in the new year.
- Any other suggestions?



- Omonaiye brought up the possibility of an in-person leadership retreat. Bridges agreed that it was a good idea and would be investigated further.

## **6.0 Upcoming Dates, Reminders, and Deadlines**

- 6.1 Job Tips Blitz – November 16 to November 18**
- 6.2 Rock your Mocs with Trevor! – November 18 2021 – 11:00am to 1:30pm**
- 6.3 Next SAC Meeting – November 22 2021**
- 6.4 Double Vaccination Deadline at ACC – December 6 2021**

- It was asked if students need to take the third booster shot to attend ACC in the future. 3<sup>rd</sup> shot is currently not required, as per provincial guidelines. May encouraged students with concerns to speak to an ACCSA Advocate.

## **7.0 Open Forum**

- Bridges - coat drive - glad for volunteers and hope they are noted. Staff to provide more information later. Genaille asked about coat drive for Parkland. May invited Genaille to be the lead on it, as most of these initiatives are intended to be student led. It was noted that a small budget is available.
- May reminded all SAC members that key card stickers for boardroom access are available to all SAC Members in the ACCSA Office.
- Bridges reminded students that some SAC Bio's are still outstanding.
- Omonaiye suggested to use social media to engage with students. May mentioned that Twitter has been disabled due to zero student responses. Currently ACCSA Staff have a prize contest on Instagram and Facebook, which is going really well. Suggestions from the SAC are always encouraged for social media ideas.
- Bridges referred SAC to the Teams Chat to keep the conversation going after the meeting.
- The idea of an ugly sweater contest was brought up.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion by Teichroeb, Seconded by Kaur, Motion Carried.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30pm**