

Attendance: Ashley Fordyce, Nathan Bridges, Alexis Cinq-Mars, Anhaddeep Kaur, Isaac Omonaiye, Harlee Nazar, Elizabeth Brown, Charlene Nault, Julia Teichroeb, Allison Benn, Sebastian Leimhofer, Diorella Inocentes. Staff; Matthew May, Anneliese Parkinson.

Absents: Trevor Wilson and Rena Buenavista.

1.0 Call to Order 6:48pm

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

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

Moved by Bridges, seconded by Cinq-Mars – Motion Passed.

4.0 Old Business

NA

5.0 New Business

5.1 Halloween Food Drive Update – Discussion by Executive Director

- Fordyce turned over to May for the update.
- May gave overview/history of the event.
- Volunteers canvas Brandon for non-perishables to donate to Samaritan House. This is done in partnership with BUSU. There is an ongoing rivalry between ACCSA and BUSU to collect the most food.
- May invited the SAC to help recruit volunteers, from peers to community members.
- Event will be hosted on Sunday October 31st.
- SAC was encouraged to themselves volunteer.
- ACC Students use Samaritan House food bank, so the food drive is impactful to ACC students.
- Cinq-Mars commented that food cost is high so it's good to get community support for the food drive.

5.2 ACC Vaccination Policy – Group Discussion

- Fordyce asked the SAC if they were aware of the college's COVID-19 policy and informed them of the October 29th deadline for proof of vaccination to access the ACC campuses. She then asked for their feedback about the policy and any information they may have received from the student body on it.
- Leimhofer highlighted his concerns about the vaccination mandate. They are as follows:
 - Testing has to be paid for by students as its not covered by the college.
 - He wanted to know if the Student VIP Health and Dental plan can cover that cost.
- Fordyce said she would look into it and turned over to May. May told the group he did not think the health plan would cover the cost but has reached out to them and will have an answer by end of week.
- Leimhofer asked about religious concerns brought up by vaccine mandate. Fordyce shared that there is an accommodation form that students have to fill out and that it follows provincial guidelines.
- Leimhofer raised concern about mask/ face shield mandate in shops citing that it is dangerous for students as it poses risks of accident.
- Nazar inquired about if nurses need a 3rd shot. Fordyce will follow up as a fellow nursing student.
- May asked if students knew about mandate prior to this meeting. Some members indicated that they heard about it from instructors.
- Teichroeb thought communication received from the college was all over the place.
- Bridges cited that one email was not enough to get the communication across.
- Brown asked if there were no more messages from the college because they (the college) were unsure of what was next. Fordyce - ACC updates are on their website and students are probably unaware of it. She reiterated that if students are in doubt, they should check ACC's website.
- Teichroeb asked when the vaccination mandate would be effective. Fordyce – November 12th. Teichroeb cited that would not be enough time having received only one email.
- Cinq-Mars also shared that only one email was received and that the COVID-19 communication was all over the place. She believes the college seems unsure.
- Fordyce expressed her curiosity to see what the college comes out with for proof of vaccination.
- May - Do students know where to go for vaccination information? SAC - No. Teichroeb - ACC website. May went on to ask if they knew which page. SAC – Did not know which webpage.
- May - How many emails were received from Moodle? SAC – at least 500.
- Nault shared concerns that not much communication had gone out about vaccination mandate which meant persons haven't had time to get vaccinated.
- Leimhofer noted that persons are hesitant about vaccinations as not much information is available and no one wants to take liability should something go wrong. Leimhofer wants a petition to go out requesting information about vaccination, for example, gene therapy etc.



- Nazar- Is vaccinated mandate because the college is thinking about returning to in-person classes? Nazar believes any such information should be made public to students as there are parents who need to prepare. Fordyce - Will reach out to college to have concerns addressed.
- Teichroeb shared that while she is currently completely remote, she got communication from her dean that they will be going back to in-person classes. The email was received four days ago.
- Fordyce got communication that they needed to show up for vaccination for practicum.
- Cinq-Mars stated that she got a message a month ago about return to face to face. Thinks it's up to each school/department to decide and share with students.

5.3 Committee Briefing Presentation

- Overview of Committees may be seen in May's orientation presentation.
- May will be sending out a form to determine SAC's interest in the different committees. He noted that no promises can be made that members will get what they like but all attempts will be made to accommodate where possible.
- Referred students the Bylaws where the Committee structures are outlined.
- Bridges gave overview of his committees:
 - Oversight Committee - reviews policies as well as guide for events. Involves lots of reading.
 - Financial Committee - looks at how budget is spent, can improve, change or improve revenue stream, e.g. fundraising or sponsorship. Next budget will be reviewed closer to February/
- Cinq-Mars gave overview of her committee:
 - Campaigns & Action - raises issues on social equity, political issues and creates awareness of issues. Referenced current campaign for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). The movement is community and college based. This committee may look at policy changes as well.
- May gave overview of A. Kaur's committee as she is new to the council:
 - Engagement Committee - focuses on student engagement, including a large focus on student clubs e.g. funding and formation of clubs
 - DARC – is an as needed committee. Still has council representation. Addresses council conduct e.g. discrimination, not full filling duties etc. Other members of the committee include external students, council members, lawyer and Executive Director. Reports done after a case concludes.
- Satellites Chairs such as Winnipeg and Parkland have committees of their own but may join other committees as well.

5.4 2021/2022 Council Meeting Schedule

- Fordyce reviewed schedule.
- Meetings will be held every second Monday at 5:30pm. Fordyce asked for SAC feedback. No concerns raised.
- This schedule will go until December 2021. Fordyce will send out meeting invites with agendas.

- May informed SAC that other students are invited to SAC meetings and will be promoted to student body.
- Teichoroeb asked if all meetings will be virtual. Fordyce - this is a point of discussion as not all students are on campus. She asked for SAC feedback on the matter. Considerations will be made about regulations for maximum students allowed in a room. However, other options may be explored. May noted that some member would have to travel far for an in-person meeting, e.g., Inocentes, Winnipeg Chair.
- SAC prefer virtual meetings. Fordyce confirmed that future meetings would be virtual.

6.0 Upcoming Dates, Reminders, and Deadlines

- Vaccine Clinic to be hosted at the Victoria Avenue campus on October 13th. Link available to book appointments.

6.1 COVID 19 Vaccination Clinic on Victoria Ave E Campus:

<https://accstudents.com/event/vaccination-clinic-vic-ave-campus/>

6.2 Jack Talk Event - October 13th at 4:00pm

<https://accstudents.com/event/wellness-wednesday-4/>

6.3 October 25th - 29th Fall Reading Week

6.4 October 31st - Halloween Food Drive from 1:30pm to 6:00pm

6.5 ACCSA Council Information

6.6 ACCSA Student Council Member Biographies due by Friday, October 15th

7.0 Open Forum

- May gave overview of open forum format.
- Fordyce will send out a form on Wednesdays to gather information from SAC for the upcoming agenda. Forms are to be completed by the following Thursday at 4pm.
- Omonaiye asked if student emails were available by group. He noted that he wants to thank students for voting and informing students how to contact him (via poster). May informed the members that email chains are currently a challenge. College outlook is used but may run in to issues. List can be accessed but there are no guarantees for efficiency. Email chain good for academic groups. Demographic groups are harder to reach via.
- May to check IT again for help on group email set up.
- May invited SAC to do promotional posters. May waiting on biographies from SAC to do SAC promotion (social media, website etc.).
- May gave overview of satellite committees.
 - Volunteers are not need for this committee but wants SAC to know about its function.
 - Parkland and Winnipeg are both similar.
 - They are demographic based, i.e., they are geared to satellite campuses.
 - They allow satellite campuses an avenue to bring forth issues and solve them based on what works for their groups.
 - Their engagement options include clubs.



- Bridges asked about his club submission. May informed him that it is yet to be discussed as he hasn't sent it yet. Should be open for discussion by next meeting.

8.0 Adjournment

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

Moved by Nault, seconded by A. Kaur – Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm