**ResSoc General Assembly Minutes**

Date: February 5th, 2023

Assembly Commenced: 8:02 PM ET

Assembly Adjourned: 8:38PM ET

Victoria Hall A Wing Conference Room (Vic A011)

Minutes are tentative until approved by the Assembly.

**Attendees**:

Intern Ban, Intern Lou, Intern Sukhbaatar, President Yeung, RF Cao, RF Sankaran-Wee, RF Wu, RF Lobo, Officer Wong, Officer MacKinnon, VP Wang, RF Beckner-Stetson, RF Cheng, RF Maxwell, VP White, RF Raheem, RF Hodgins, Intern Nazari, RF Hodgins, RF Sewell, RF Schuck, RF Alam

**Absent**:

1. **MOTION ONE: Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: RF Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: RF Beckner-Stetson

In favour: 17 people

Opposed: 0 people

Abstentions: 1 person

Result: Motion carried

1. **MOTION TWO: Approval of the Meetings notes from the November 20th General Assembly**

Moved by: RF Sankaran-Wee

Seconded by: RF Beckner-Stetson

In favour: 17 people

Opposed: 0 person

Abstentions: 1 person

Result: Motion Carried

1. **Chairperson’s Business**

VP Wang: I wanted to provide some clarification regarding the deadline for the GA reports. It is Friday’s at 12pm. This is because we have to send out the minutes by Friday night. As for the GA report forms, the last question has now been changed as to for March 26th which is AGM. The last question is a summary for what you’ve done for the whole year. You can organize it by month, collaborations, or themes.

1. **Reports by the Executive**
2. **President’s Report**

President Yeung: I’m working with the incoming executives to flush out the hiring process, outline the RAC topics, and other projects I’m working on with the VPSO.

1. **VPSO Report**

VP Wang: We have finally installed all the tables for residence, but we are still trying to figure out the details for distributing games equipment, but when we checked the equipment, we realized it was limited for certain cases – we are working on that right now. For the respective RFs, if you know more about the particulars of your residence, please feel free to let us know. I’ve also been talking to ResLife to discuss some residence matters,

1. **VPRO Report**

VP White: The RFs have been in contact with me about getting their events done by the end of February. The STAR program has been going pretty well, there has only been 1 week where we did not have submissions. Following reading week there will be a staff appreciation initiative for RFs.

1. **Chief Electoral Officer Report**

VP White: The election went very smoothly with one small hiccup within a bylaw question. We had an 8.5% voter turnout of the entire school which can hopefully be improved in coming years.

1. **CFO Report**

Officer MacKinnon: Any expenses have been reimbursed, the pool table has been paid in full. The next upcoming shopping run will be this upcoming Saturday, and if you did any Valentine’s Day ordering, please speak to me after.

1. **HRO Report**

Officer Wong: We have been planning for an upcoming staff social on Saturday February 11th at the Sherlock’s escape rooms. My intern is in the process of getting that figured out, we will update you on the channel soon.

1. **Committee Reports**
2. **CAEC**

President Yeung: We will meet in the next few weeks.

1. **Sustainability Committee**

VP Wang: We hosted our book drive and are considering extending the book drive portion to the end of the giveaway period so that would consist of letting students bring books and textbooks during office hours continually. Please encourage your students to participate, we have great prizes.

1. **Residence Experience Committee (REC)**

VP White: We met two weeks ago to review the House Council reports, the residence-wide concerns form and RF Schuck and RF Lobo are going to be working with the student community relations manager to do a presentation about how to be a good neighbour and living off campus for those who want to do it next year.

1. **Finance Committee**

Officer MacKinnon: We will get bank statements back likely in the middle of this week, we will coordinate a time that works best next week because I know there will be some midterms as well.

1. **Hiring Committee**

Officer Wong: We have policy revisions and some potential hiring training for next year in the works. It is regarding anti-bias and being aware of things like conflict of interest, and this mostly applies to core executives for next year.

1. **Reports by Members**

#### Ore Maxwell – Albert St. Residence

#### RF Maxwell: I’ve been engaging with students during office hours, I’ve planned and I’m working towards a Valentine’s Day event, I’ve been meeting with Abby and continue to attend GA.

#### Teagan Schuck – Brant House

RF Schuck: RF Sewell and RF Hodgins and I are working towards getting the skating event ready before reading week.

#### Caitlin Sankaran-Wee – Chown Hall

RF Sankaran-Wee: I’ve submitted a post event form for my January event and I look forward to finishing my other ones.

#### Zian Raheem – Gordon-Brockington House

RF Raheem: I just submitted my pre-event form for my February event, I look forward to get started.

#### Retaj Alam – Jean Royce Hall

RF Alam: I am currently working out logistics and excited to see how everything turns out.

*Allen Wu – Leggett Hall*

RF Wu: Since last GA, I’ve been working in collaboration with RF Lobo to host a Valentine’s Day event, it has been approved and advertising is underway. I’ve also been hosting office hours and chairing HC, as well as attending my 1 on 1s with my supervisor. The next house council is for event planning.

*Nathan Beckner-Stetson – Leonard Hall*

RF Beckner-Stetson: I have had HC, RAC, and an ongoing event for Leonard. We are also working on hiring for new executives.

#### Ben Hodgins – McNeill House

RF Hodgins: I’ve been engaging with students during office hours and I have to submit my notes for HC. I have submitted my pre event form for the market square event which will happen in a week and a half. I have been planning Tumble Tuesday Country Night in McNeil for late February and Early March.

#### Grace Cao – Morris Hall

RF Cao: I’ve been helping out with the book drive and I have my event planning underway for another event which has been approved. I’ve been hosting regular house council meetings as well.

#### Cassandra Lobo – Smith House

### RF Lobo: I’ve been collaborating with RF Wu for my second event, and I am in the midst of planning a third event.

#### Katie Sewell – Victoria Hall

RF Sewell: I just finished up with the book drive and I’ve been meeting with my HC, and I’ve been helping to plan the skating event with RF Schuck and RF Hodgins.

#### Ryan Cheng – Waldron Tower

RF Cheng: I had my first event in January and I’m planning my second one in February and looking to do a giveaway on Instagram.

**Question Period and Discussion**

VP Wang: There was an attachment sent by President Yeung regarding ongoing projects to provide an overview.

President Yeung: So, this was developed in action of the feedback provided to all residents facilitators this year to provide any updates on any projects that the team is undergoing. As it stands, there’s more projects on the flags for Victoria Hall that have been approved. Does anyone have any questions?

VP Wang: We just want to let you know that it’s there and you can check on it if you are curious about progress. There was one additional point from Officer Wong regarding GA matters.

Officer Wong: I was hoping for that to go under Chairperson’s business earlier.

VP White: I actually have something. Given the recent events that have come up with the AMS election we want to provide the chance for anybody with thoughts, questions and concerns about this that we would like to being to GA, and if there is any action that people want to be sent to respective committees.

VP Wang: Do you want to provide context for some people who may not have heard about this?

VP White: Yeah, so essentially during the all candidates debate on the 2nd there were some concerning questions submitted to the debate with one candidate at the forefront, and during the debate there was an image surfaced through an Airdrop that was a racially ignorant photo of one of the candidates, so they have since removed themselves from the ballot as has the rest of the team. There has been a lot of discourse among other clubs and societies across campus as well as ASUS. We thought we would bring it up here if anyone had any thoughts.

VP Wang: You can share your thoughts through 1 on 1 meetings as well.

Officer Wong: Do you all feel comfortable with supporting students that come to you as well with concerns or questions? If you would like more detailed information, the AMS has posted a timeline as well as the Journal and Black academic groups have released statements on the Instagram that you can direct students to for support. The Yellow House is also a good resource.

VP Wang: Does anyone have any questions on ResSoc’s stance on the issue or the released statement and graphic? Are you comfortable with letting students know and speaking to that?

VP Wang: Ok, I am going to circle back to the point that would have been in Chairperson’s business had I seen it on time, but it is a quick reiteration of the dress code. It is not heavily enforced but per the bylaws you are supposed to wear business casual for assembly. For the AGM meeting especially, please do adhere to the dress code within the bylaws. Any questions?

RF Beckner-Stetson: I think we should still talk about the fire alarm issue, we have had many members of the fire department here on campus. I can talk to ResLife but I think that what’s been done hasn’t been enough and I that there is a solution to the problem, anywhere from spending money on research for improving fire alarms so they do eject tamper dye. Also, part of this question is where we are at with the tamper dye.

President Yeung: We can have a conversation about it.

VP Wang: Any thoughts on ResLife’s new initiatives in terms of their posters and messaging? As well as the Flex bounty for fire alarms being pulled?

Officer McKinnon: How does that work? We have two tamper dye stations in McNeil and the firemen brought it up that they blame the students for pulling the alarm, and the students end up staying in the cold.

President Yeung: Can someone remind me to tell ResLife to make a graphic? **\*ACTION ITEM**\*. As an update with the tamper dye, I had a conversation with CAEC and I have a plan on purchasing everything but it hasn’t been approved.

RF Schuck: We were told in Brant that the fire alarms were being triggered due to cold air flowing through the buildings that made the circuit malfunction.

RF Beckner-Stetson: Last night, security said there were 3 alarm pullings in a row around 1 in the morning, so the assumption is the alarm is being pulled. It could possibly be due to the Jacket bar. I have proposed to ResLife before to find out where people are getting the bars from, they said it would not be very easy. Somehow, we need to figure out a solution on the lines of prevention.

VP Wang: I had a quick question on the approval process for payment. Did they say what the issue was with it?

President Yeung: It will be a long project. As for feasibility, it cannot be done in March.

VP Wang: My understanding is that ResLife also has staffing challenges.

RF Beckner-Stetson: Are they waiting to put the tamper dye on the alarms until the copper tubes have been added?

President Yeung: No, they are waiting to get the logistics before proceeding and all the purchases.

RF Beckner-Stetson: With St. Patrick’s Day coming up, and also considering how rough this weekend was, it might be prudent to spend a bit more money to have tamper dye simply because I don’t know how much money they are losing right now per night as the alarms go off. Any short-term plan should be tried.

President Yeung: I can talk about that in my next weekly meeting with ResLife but they are already too far in their plans for fire alarms.

VP Wang: I don’t have a suggestion for short term, but a suggestion for the incoming exec team- since we know it is a persistent problem, we can make it a main discussion point for summer work with ResLife. As well as next year if you want to have a separate committee dedicated to taking this on as a project of constantly collecting data and figuring out new ways to address fire safety.

Intern Lou: I’m so sorry to interrupt, but I just noticed in the comments under ResSoc’s post. There are some comments I think we should discuss.

VP White: We will handle it internally with the executive team, does that work with everybody?

VP Wang: Thank you for bringing that up. If you guys do see comments or hear anything from any students or clubs and you have concerns, please don’t hesitate to bring it up to any supervisor.

Officer Wong: Or if you have questions on how to respond to it, you can let your students know what the avenues are for feedback such as office hours.

VP Wang: If any students are coming to you with things that you find uncomfortable, don’t hesitate to let your supervisors know so that they can offer support and that boundaries are created.

**MOTION Three: Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: RF Maxwell

Seconded by: RF Beckner-Stetson

In favour: 18 people

Opposed: 0 people

Abstentions: 0 people

Result: Motion Carried

Assembly adjourns.