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Call to Order (5:15)

- Haley calls the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Roll Call (5:15)

- No one was absent from this meeting.

Land Recognition (5:16)

- Carina recites the Land Recognition statement to acknowledge the Indigenous people of this region.

Adoption of Past Minutes (5:16)

- All are in favour of the adoption of past minutes.

Approval of Agenda (5:17)

- A motion was presented to add another motion regarding the first year communications associate as well as to move the French By-Election last in order.
- A motion was present to add a member report from Laura and Samantha.
- All are in favour of the amendments regarding the agenda for the meeting.

Motions (5:18)

Motion to destroy the ballots from the Department Representative Election.

- All are in favour of destroying the ballots from the Department Representative Election.

First Year Communications Motion (5:19)

Whereas, the constitution currently states the First Year Communications Associate is a voting member

Be it resolved that the constitution accurately reflect the rest of the First Year Associates' roles by being a non-voting member. (5.05 Communications Portfolio, 8 First Year Communications Associate)

- All are in favour of the motion.

AVP Presidential Motion (5:20)

Whereas, the Associate Vice President Presidential is not currently mandated to present an introduction to AHSC to the First Year Committee

Be it resolved that part of the Associate Vice President Presidential's role outlined in the constitution will include being responsible for an introductory meeting with the First Year Committee to get them acquainted with the structure of council. (Using but not limited to the presentations used during council retreat weekend in the summer) (5.03 Presidential 1 Associate Vice-President Presidential)

- All are in favour of the motion.

Head Soph Motion (5:23)

Whereas, the Head Soph currently does not sit on the First Year Committee

Be it resolved that part of the Head Soph's role outlined in the constitution will include sitting on the First Year Committee. (5.03 Presidential, 5 Arts and Humanities Head Soph)

- All are in favour of the motion.

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First-year Communications Associate Motion

Whereas, the First-year Communications Associate has the option to either sit on the promotions committee or the publications committee, or both

Be it resolved, the First-year Communications Associate will have to be on both the promotions committee and the publications committee.

- All are in favour of the motion.

Department Representatives By-Elections (5:28)

Philosophy (5:28)

- **Julia Lei (5:30)**

- **Platform:**

- Julia hopes to increase the communication between graduate students and undergraduate students in order to clarify questions regarding law school or the MCAT. The graduate students would act as mentors.
- Julia will provide help with essay writing, be active with the School of Thought and provide other student resources such as a philosophy conference.

Q&A Period (5:32)

What type of event will you create with regards to upper year mentorship?

- I will host social events in a casual environment so that students can exchange emails and phone numbers.
- I am already apart of the staff and student mentorship program so I will have background information about the topic.
- I know most of the professors in the department already so I can reach out to them with regards to what they want from undergraduate students.

What are your plans regarding the School of Thought?

- I have talked to my professors about the School of Thought.
- I am taking over the School of Thought next year.
- I will host a conference to make resources available to students in order to develop professional skills.

How will you manage your time with meetings etc.?

- I have been on varsity for most of my undergrad but I will not be on it next year.
- I have experience allocating and managing my time.

How do you stay organized?

- I create a lot of lists, notes, sticky notes etc.
- I am very meticulous.

- **Rashad Rehman**

- Rashad was absent from the meeting.

Women's Studies & Feminist Research (5:35)

- **Yasmin Ahmed (5:35)**

- **Platform:**

- Yasmin has taken an interest in her women's studies classes and wants to help out other undergraduate students.
- Yasmin has realized that other first year students need help writing essays and she plans to create essay-writing clinics led by upper year students.
- Yasmin also plans on working with other women's studies networks on campus.

Q&A Period (5:37)

Can you expand on your platform?

- I will communicate with other women's studies networks on campus and create a strong relationship between AHSC and these networks.

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- I will collaborate with PrideWestern to make information regarding sexuality and sexual health more accessible.
- I will be involved in various women's movements such as marches, community activism such as protests etc. within the London community.

With regards to your essay-writing clinic, how will you ensure turnout to this event?

- I feel as though upper year students would be willing to help other students.
- The upper year students could also learn a lot by working with other students in a mentorship position.

How will you reach out to social science and A&H students taking women's studies courses?

- I know a lot of people within social science and A&H so communication will be relatively easy.
- I will communicate to other interdisciplinary programs on a personal level.

What event ideas do you have and how will you be proactive with them?

- I will create events that bring the AHSC, the student collective, as well as social science closer together.

What will be your favourite thing about the Department Representative position?

- I love the topic of intersectionality and I hope to extend my enthusiasm with other students interested in women's studies as a whole.

How will you stay organized?

- I create schedules, lists, and I am always on time.

French Studies (5:41)

- **Aziza Mohamadhossen (5:41)**
- **Platform:**
 - French is Aziza's first language. She wants to be apart of a community of French speakers at Western.
 - Aziza will provide more student to student interaction.
 - Last semester Aziza created a Facebook group where students asked questions, posted essays for other students to edit etc.
 - Aziza wants to develop this Facebook group on a larger scale to a broader community of students on campus.

Q&A Period (5:42)

How will you keep up with the weekly meetings as a DR?

- I was involved in many clubs so I know how to manage my time and I have great organization skills.

How will you create a student to student interaction?

- As mentioned before, I will create a Facebook group that is not specific to a year of study or a class.
- I will create events where students can see French films or visit crepe places, as well as more academic related events.

How will you create face to face interactions with other French students?

- I will dedicate extra hours per week in order to build a broader French community.

How will you communicate with different groups within the French conversation/clubs?

How will you unite them?

- I have been to the French conversations led by profs.
- I have found them to be pretty intimidating because they are led by professors. If students led these conversations, they would be less intimidating.

How will you take on a role that requires you to be independent and take initiative?

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- I was on the Muslims Student Association as a marketing commissioner.
- No one told me what to do for this position and I took initiative on my own.

How will you remove the Arts Stigma?

- I wasn't aware that there was an arts stigma. Even in the Faculty of Science there are no guaranteed jobs!
- Aziza jokingly suggested there might be a science stigma as well.

Executive Announcements

- **Carina Gabriele- President (5:51)**
 - March 28th AHSC meeting mandatory!
 - o Incoming and outgoing council members will be there.
 - March break open house: March 11th
 - o Carina thanked volunteers!
 - Reminder: phone call campaign volunteers, check schedule!
 - The offer was sent to Sophie Trudeau for next year's speaker event.
 - Walrus Talks will continue next year.
 - Nicole Winstanley will likely speak next year for the AHSC Pubs event.
 - SPO elections
 - o AHSC exec reached out to the four of the five candidates for the SPO elections to make sure they addressed the issue regarding the arts stigma.
 - o There was controversy regarding the elections because the voting process was interfered with and the votes were counted wrong.
 - o The votes were re-counted last night.
 - Reminder: pick up your group LifeTouch pictures.
- **Leigha King- Vice President Events (5:58): presented by Carina**
 - Antigone was sold out three nights, congratulations Camille!
 - Date with a Book happened today.
 - o \$445 was raised today.
 - o Money will be sent to the London Arts Council.
 - Like/Share/Comment on all AHSC events on Facebook!
- **Alexis Pronovost- Vice President Communications (6:04)**
 - Pubs Launch Party: March 31st 7pm @ Macintosh gallery.
 - o Posters will be created soon. Share this event on Facebook.
 - o If you are interested in performing, contact Alexis.
 - o Share this event!
 - All submissions for Semicolon and Symposium have been reviewed and edited.
 - o There have been over 100 submissions.
 - o Last semester there were only 15 submissions which shows that social media advertisement works!
- **Jacqueline Grassi- Vice President Academics (6:03)**
 - ITR event: March 15th @ IGAB atrium 5:30pm.
 - o All DRs will be there to discuss their programs.
 - o A presentation will be given from Jacqueline to review career opportunities.
 - o There will be free food, please share the event on Facebook!
- **Massimo Perruzza- Vice President Finance (6:06)**

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- Print information on the reimbursement receipts clearly.
- There is no need to seal the envelopes.
- Ideas for the Walrus Talks speaker were discussed.
 - o Let Massimo know if you have any requests.

New Business (6:18)

Laura Brooks

- There will be a Reverie Event on Thursday @ the Spoke from 5:30-7:30pm.
- If you want to perform, contact Laura.

Samantha Kong

- There will be a Philosophy Event on Monday @ The Grad Club from 5-7pm.
- If you attend you can enter to win a prize!

Natalie Scola

- Come to the Culture Crawl event!
- Morgan will post the event on Facebook.

Adjournment (6:21)

- All are in favour of the adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:21pm.