



INTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2023

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

GCR (UC 2001) and Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Chair: Roshni Antony (AVP, Human Resources); Mehran Aziminezhad (CUPE); David Barnett (Provost & VP Academic); Jason Freeburn (LUTA); Dave Andreason (OPSEU); Gautam Das (LUFA); Ariadne Jevnikar (GSA); Yamandeep Malhi (LUSU); Heather Spivak (Unifor); Jack Drewes (IUOE); Christina Falcigno (COPE); Brandon Amyot (LUSU); Dustin Piche (Unifor)

Guests: Dr. Gillian Siddall

Regrets: Kathy Pozihun (VP Administration & Finance); Patrick Larin (SchII); Alexis Paulusma (COPE); Rob Bell (COPE)

Recorder: Katherine Mends (Human Resources)

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Dave that the agenda was approved.

Seconded by Jason. All in favour. ***Carried***

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting of August 15, 2023

Moved by Jason that the minutes be approved.

Seconded by Mehran. All in favour. ***Carried***

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes

4. Questions for Senior Administration

Dave inquired about the status of the third party review and asked if there were any updates. David said that the review is still ongoing and that they expect the final report

any day now.

Jason asked when we can expect the Study and Outpost to open. Brandon shared that the two venues are expected to open in early October.

Brandon asked if there are any updates on housing for students. David noted that in Thunder Bay, our residence is still not full. that they are looking at doubling up the rooms for next year in residence.

Brandon noted that there are challenges with students' ability to interact with Food and Conference Services and their level of accessibility to student representatives. David shared that this question has come up previously and he suggested engaging Kathy in these conversations in the future.

5. Round Table Discussion

Patrick Larin (Schedule II) – Patrick shared that the Ellucian upgrade that happened in March has caused Ellucian to not function correctly.

Dave Andreason (OPSEU) – Dave communicated that the internet connection has been stable. Dave also shared that his area is struggling with workload and staffing issues.

Jack Drewes (IUOE) - Jack expressed that the work order volume is high and that the building's current infrastructure cannot support the upgrades needed.

Mehran Aziminezhad (CUPE) - Mehran noted that the general member meeting is happening in the first week of October.

Ariadne Jevnikar (GSA) - Ariadne communicated that GSA is keen to collaborate with different groups on campus in Thunder Bay and Orillia.

Dustin Piche (Unifor) - Dustin shared that with the campus filling up again, more work orders have been submitted to Physical Plant.

Brandon Aymot (LUSU President) - Brandon shared that they have just completed a round of orientation in Thunder Bay and Orillia. Brandon expressed that they have been experiencing challenges with the registration system and issues with the availability of courses on different campuses. Brandon noted that a rebranding of the Student Union is happening in January.

Gautam Das (LUFA) - Gautam inquired about the challenges that students have had with the availability of courses. Brandon noted that the issues have been with students not finding availability in their programs courses or not finding the specific courses that they need for their degree. David said that he will follow up with the Deans and Registrars office.

Roshni Antony (Human Resources) - Roshni shared that Human Resources has been catching up on processing the new hires into our system. Roshni asked the committee

how they communicated the information shared in IRC to the members of their groups. Dave noted that he passes on a summary of his notes to his group. Jason mentions that he does the same.

Gillian Siddall - Dr. Siddall noted that she has enjoyed the orientation events and the energy on campus with the next school year starting. Dr. Siddall shared that she is meeting with the Mayor next week.

David Barnett (Provost & VP Academic) - David expressed that there is concern surrounding how the government will deal with the Blue Ribbon Panel.

Christina Falcigno (COPE) - Tina shared that conciliation dates are set for September 26th and 27th. Tina also shared that the COPE Job Evaluation Committee has commenced their monthly meetings and that there have been lots of external postings.

6. Other Business

No other business

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.