

Gazette Publications Committee

Minutes of the April 16, 2025 Meeting

Present: Jay Menard, Chair
Harry Yang, BOD representative
Amy O’Kruk, External member
Jaela Bernstien, External member
Kevin Hurren, External member
Pat Malhoney, External member

Sophia Schiefler, Editor-in-Chief
Chiara Wallace, Managing Editor
Hannah Alper, Deputy Editor
Geoff Pimlatt, USC IS Senior Manager

Absent: Amy O’Kruk, External member
Dan Brown, Editorial Support Manager
Kaityln Chan, At-large

Minutes:

1. Call to order
Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm
2. Review of 2025-2026 Members
/ Welcome and Introduction of New Members
3. Adoption of [Agenda](#)
The Agenda was adopted by motion, seconded, and carried.
4. Adoption of [2025-2026 Meeting Schedule](#)
(Third Monday of each month at 7pm)
The Schedule was adopted by motion, seconded, and carried.
5. Approval of Past Minutes - [April 16, 2025](#)
The Minutes were adopted by motion, seconded, and carried.

6. EIC report

Sophia announced that welcoming back of staff would begin with training sessions on August 31st. Training will include Gazette alumni, like Hope Mahood and Gabrielle Drolet, along with journalists like Pat. There will be 36 staff this year, including the Front Office, Dan, four middle managers, twenty-three editors, and five staff reporters.

Hannah spearheaded revamping the alumni mentorship program this summer, which has seen seven Gazette staff paired with a former Gazette editor who's working in journalism based on their interests.

Another project has been relaunching a newsletter featuring content across all sections, with new elements like graphics, external links and games courtesy of a new games section. Two editors have learned to make crossword puzzles, and we may also include Sudoku, word-search, Wordle, or different number games.

New stands for print products are being installed around campus, including at residences and on affiliated campuses.

The Frosh issue should be received in the next few days. This year's edition takes inspiration from The New Yorker. The Front Office is looking to maintain a bi-weekly print schedule as well as have two more special issues throughout the year after Frosh, which will be a sex issue and a second one this fall.

The Gazette will host an open house to recruit Interns and Contributors, along with awareness efforts during Clubs Week

7. New Business

Matter regarding requests to have names removed from articles. GPC reviewed two requests from former students, and following a discussion determined that neither met the threshold to have the reporting altered.

Motion was seconded and passed in favour of Jay reaching back out that the requests do not meet our threshold and details on how to petition Google to have results suppressed.

The GPC discussed in more detail the question of consent for interviews with underage students, the need to balance having a record of note against personal right to be forgotten, the news value of naming a specific person vs a generic "a third year Arts student" including the duty to follow up when a serious allegation is made against a person.

An Agenda Item will be added to our next meeting to have a formal review

of our Unpublishing Policy.

8. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.