

SAITSA Students' Legislative Council

Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2014

Present

Israel Camacho Maya	School of Business	Voting Member
Joshua Bettle	School of Business	Voting Member
Scott Mantle	School of Business	Voting Member
Alasdair Edwards	School of Construction	Voting Member
Josh Perlette	School of Hospitality and Tourism	Voting Member
Kaitlyn Harris	School of Hospitality and Tourism	Voting Member
Katerina Dulay	School of Hospitality and Tourism	Voting Member
Rahul Bali	School of Hospitality and Tourism	Voting Member
Amanda Siebert	School of ICT	Voting Member
Suzanne Ngo Likaa	School of ICT	Voting Member
Shyamili Velmurugan	MacPhail School of Energy	Voting Member
David Huston	School of Transportation	Voting Member
Kristyn Melanson	School of Transportation	Voting Member
Andrew Crossett	BOG Representative	Ex-Officio
Matthew Armstrong	Alumni Representative	Ex-Officio
Tegan Cochrane	SAITSA President	Voting Member
Kenneth Taylor	SAITSA VP External	Voting Member
Thomas Cruickshank	SAITSA VP Academic	Voting Member
Marcel Carpenter	SAITSA Advisor/SLC Neutral Chair	Ex-Officio
Lindsay Wye-Palmer	Recording Secretary	Ex-Officio
Katie Hope	SAITSA Policy and Governance Coordinator	Guest

Excused

Ana Pizuk	School of Business	Voting Member
Spencer Janke	School of Business	Voting Member
Amanda Hanna	SAITSA VP Student Life	Voting Member

1.0 Call to order

Marcel called the meeting to order at 5:58pm

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion

It was moved by Rahul and seconded to approve the agenda

Motion carried

3.0 Ratification of New SLC Members

Ken informed the SLC that the newly appointed members would need to have their positions ratified in order to fully participate in the meeting.

Motion

It was moved by Ken and seconded to ratify the positions of all three new SLC members

Motion carried

4.0 SAIT Financials Presentation – Wayne King

Wayne King, the SAIT CFO and VP Corporate Services, arrived at 6:03pm to give a presentation on the state of SAIT's financials. He began by introducing himself and having the SLC members give their names and positions. He then gave a list of matters that he was going to discuss, and asked Council to let him know if there was any additional information they'd like him to discuss.

He encouraged the SLC members to read SAIT's annual report, which can be found on sait.ca. He presented a large amount of information on various topics related to SAIT's financials, student enrollment, demographics, and the future of SAIT. He then answered a number of questions from the SLC. Wayne left the meeting at 7:00pm.

Motion

It was moved by Thomas and seconded to break for a 5 minute recess

Motion carried

Marcel called the meeting back to order at 7:06pm.

5.0 Adoption of Minutes

January 27, 2014

Motion

It was moved by Tegan and seconded to adopt the minutes from January 27, 2014

Motion carried

6.0 Reports

Reports were given by Tegan, Kenneth, Thomas and Andrew.

7.0 Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Reports were given by David, Kenneth, Thomas and Katerina.

8.0 Action Items

There were no Action Items at this time.

9.0 Business Items

9.1 International Student Award – Thomas Cruickshank

Thomas read through the International Student Award policy, and it was discussed.

9.2 Caregiver Award – Thomas Cruickshank

Thomas read through the Caregiver Award policy, and some minor edits were made.

9.3 Entrepreneurial Award – Thomas Cruickshank

Thomas read through the Entrepreneurial Award policy, and it was discussed.

9.4 Perseverance Award – Thomas Cruickshank

Thomas read through the Perseverance Award policy, and it was discussed.

Motion

It was moved by Thomas and seconded to approve all 9.1 through 9.4 in an omnibus motion

Motion carried

10.0 Information/Discussion

10.1 Accessibility on Campus – Kaitlyn Harris

Kaitlyn informed the SLC of some concerns she has about accessibility issues on SAIT campus. The SLC agreed that her concerns were valid, and suggested that she meet one-on-one with Thomas to see if he can

help address the issues with the appropriate individuals at SAIT. It was also suggested that Kaitlyn join the Campus Improvement Committee.

10.2 Bylaw Review – Katie Hope

Katie let the SLC know that the SAITSA Bylaws need to be reviewed every year, and the time to do that is approaching quickly. She stated the rules surrounding the review, and will be holding a public consultation, with the opportunity for all SAITSA members to attend and give input. She also asked the SLC if they would be interested in striking an ad-hoc Governance Committee.

Motion

It was moved by Thomas and seconded to strike an ad-hoc Governance Committee for the purposes of bylaw review

Motion carried

Josh B., Thomas, Andrew, Kaitlyn, Rahul, Maya and Katerina all expressed an interest in joining the committee. Katie will be contacting these individuals to set up meetings.

11.0 Questions/Adjournment

- 11.1 Lindsay reminded the SLC that the Pride Flag is being raised in the loop tomorrow at 8:00am and encouraged everyone to attend.
- 11.2 Lindsay asked everyone when an appropriate time to reschedule the SLC photo would be. It was agreed to hold it on March 10th at 5:45pm.
- 11.3 Lindsay encouraged the SLC members to ensure that they are submitting reports—both individual and for the ad-hoc committees.
- 11.4 Lindsay encouraged the new SLC members to learn about the ad-hoc committees and join the one(s) they were interested in.
- 11.5 Lindsay informed the SLC that the “Skill Swap” idea brought forth to Council last semester has been well-received by both the SEC and SAIT Executives, and that the General Manager is going to be looking into options for bringing the project to fruition.
- 11.6 Ken informed the SLC that he has a meeting schedule during Reading Week with MLA Blake Pedersen, and invited Council members to attend.
- 11.7 Ken asked Campus Improvement Committee members whether they’d be interested in holding a meeting during Reading Week. He will email them to schedule.

Motion

It was moved by Rahul and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm

Motion carried