

SAITSA Students' Legislative Council

Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2014

Present

Ana Pizuk	School of Business	Voting Member
Israel Camacho Maya	School of Business	Voting Member
Joshua Bettle	School of Business	Voting Member
Scott Mantle	School of Business	Voting Member
Spencer Janke	School of Business	Voting Member
Alasdair Edwards	School of Construction	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
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
Amanda Hanna	SAITSA VP Student Life	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

Josh Perlette	School of Hospitality and Tourism	Voting Member
Kristyn Melanson	School of Transportation	Voting Member
Thomas Cruickshank	SAITSA VP Academic	Voting Member

1.0 Call to order

Marcel called the meeting to order at 6:09pm

2.0 Approval of Agenda

8.2 SAITSA Elections; 8.3 Skill Swap; 8.4 Governance Committee; and 8.5 Student Support Centre were added to the agenda

Motion

It was moved by Amanda H. and seconded to approve the amended agenda

Motion carried

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

February 10, 2014

Motion

It was moved by Kaitlyn and seconded to adopt the minutes from February 10, 2014

Motion carried

4.0 Reports

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

5.0 Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

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

6.0 Action Items

There were no Action Items at this time.

7.0 Business Items

There were no Business Items at this time.

8.0 Information/Discussion

8.1 SAITSA Resource Trivia – Israel Maya

Maya presented an idea to Council about using trivia on social media to promote awareness of SAITSA Services. He will be bringing the idea to the Campus Awareness Committee, but wanted to make the SLC aware first. Tegan has already spoken with SAITSA's Marketing and Communications Department, and they are ready to assist as soon as the CAC has a more concrete idea of what the project will look like.

8.2 SAITSA Elections – Tegan Cochrane

Tegan reminded the SLC that the SAITSA Elections are currently in full swing, and the final nomination period ends this coming Friday (February 28th). She encouraged SLC members to not only run, but also to promote the elections to classmates and peers. She asked members to volunteer for the promo team. Katie also suggested that councillors give feedback about what originally motivated them to run, so she can ensure those ideas are incorporated now and in future elections.

8.3 Skill Swap – Amanda Siebert

Amanda asked for an update on the "skill swap" program. Lindsay told her that SAITSA's General Manager is looking into the idea, to see what format would be most practical and useful for SAIT students. Tegan encouraged Amanda to be developing ideas for the program in the meantime, as it was originally her vision and that should be captured in the final product.

8.4 Governance Committee – Katie Hope

Katie reminded everyone that the Governance Committee meeting would be in V128 tomorrow (February 25th) from 5:00pm – 8:00pm in V128.

8.5 Student Support Centre – Kaitlyn Harris

Kaitlyn expressed a concern that some fellow students have heard about the Student Support Centre, but are unaware of its exact location. She suggested hanging more signage in the Senator Burns building to direct people to the correct room. Lindsay said she would take care of this. Kaitlyn asked whether there will be peer counselling at the Centre. Tegan explained that is not in the works as of right now, due to the fact that it would change the dynamic and liabilities from the present situation. Currently, employees of the SSC offer more of a mentoring service, as they are able to listen to student concerns and direct them to other services (they may not, however, provide guidance or advice). Rahul mentioned that SAIT Student Development and Counselling is interested in running a peer counselling program, but would require more volunteers.

9.0 Questions/Adjournment

Motion

It was moved by Spencer and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm

Motion carried