

SAITSA Students' Legislative Council

Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Present

Alasdair Edwards	School of Business	Voting Member
Ana Pizuk	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
Steven Robert Uren	School of Business	Voting Member
Josh Perlette	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
Felipe Soto Torres	MacPhail School of Energy	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

Excused

Amanda Hanna	SAITSA VP Student Life	Voting Member
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Absent

Brittany Nodwell	School of Business	Voting Member
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1.0 Call to order

Marcel called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

2.0 Approval of Agenda

9.5 MB216, 9.6 Campus Improvement Survey, and 9.7 Campus Improvement Application Package were added to the agenda

Motion

It was moved by Tegan and seconded to approve the amended agenda

Motion carried

3.0 CRO Report – David Jones

Motion

It was moved by Kenneth and seconded to sponsor David Jones to present the CRO Report

Motion carried

David presented his report for the 2013 Fall SAITSA Elections and briefly went through it. He then welcomed questions from those present.

Motion

It was moved by Thomas and seconded to accept the CRO Report as written

Motion carried

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

April 23, 2013; October 23, 2013.

Motion

It was moved by Kenneth and seconded to adopt the minutes from April 23, 2013

Motion carried

Two corrections were made to the October 23, 2013 minutes

Motion

It was moved by Steven Robert and seconded to adopt the amended minutes from October 23, 2013

Motion carried

5.0 Reports

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

6.0 Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Reports were given by David, Ana, Felipe, and Tegan.

7.0 Action Items

There were no action items at this time.

8.0 Business Items

8.1 Emergency Student Loan Policy – Thomas Cruickshank

Thomas presented the policy to the SLC and it was discussed.

Motion

It was moved by Thomas and seconded to approve the Emergency Student Loan policy

Motion carried; 3 abstentions

8.2 SAITSA Food Bank Policy – Thomas Cruickshank

Thomas presented the policy to the SLC and it was discussed.

Motion

It was moved by Thomas and seconded to approve the SAITSA Food Bank policy

Motion carried

9.0 Information/Discussion

9.1 Pepsi Scholarships – Thomas Cruickshank

Thomas informed the current SLC that SAITSA received a \$25,000 cheque from Pepsi last year. The money is a rebate, based on SAITSA's portion of sales on SAIT campus. SAIT Executives have directed SAITSA to use the money for scholarships. SEC has suggested at Joint Executive meetings that the money be used for the Campus Improvement Fund; however they were informed that there needs to be a concrete plan for what the C.I. Fund would be. The Campus Improvement Committee will be working on this, and in the meantime Thomas would like ideas from the SLC for what types of scholarships they'd like to see SAITSA awarding to students. The SLC members were given a form and a deadline of December 10th to submit suggestions.

9.2 Finance Board Information – Tegan Cochrane

To answer questions asked at the previous SLC meeting, Tegan distributed SAITSA's current Financial Statements. She briefly described the contents and then answered questions.

9.3 David's Suggestions – David Huston

David presented a document which contained suggestions and ideas for how the SLC can make the most out of the current academic year. He encouraged members to attend every meeting and participate fully.

9.4 Transportation and Parking Committee Forum – Steven Robert Uren

Steven Robert presented a proposal for the Transportation and Parking Committee to hold a forum for SAIT students express their concerns and ideas. He pointed out that this document was a working draft and open to suggestions from the SLC. As well, SLC members were instructed to disregard the logo in the top corner of the page, as all logos affiliated with SAITSA must be approved by the SEC and the Marketing and Communications Coordinator. The forum will be held in either December or January. SLC members suggested that the setting be more of a 'mixer' than a 'forum', to make it sound more inviting and exciting for participants. As well, it was pointed out that organizers should be sure to include students from the Aero Centre.

9.5 MB216 – Tegan Cochrane

Tegan informed the members of the SLC that MB216 is open for them to use at their leisure. She gave out the door code and instructed everyone to use the room respectfully, and to clean up after themselves.

9.6 Campus Improvement Survey – Kenneth Taylor

Ken presented a Campus Improvement Survey to the SLC and asked for everyone to look it over and offer suggestions for improvements.

9.7 Campus Improvement Application Package – Kenneth Taylor

Kenneth informed everyone that in order to divert some of the Pepsi money from scholarships to the Campus Improvement Fund, there must be an organized plan for the Campus Improvement Fund itself. The Campus Improvement Committee will be constructing an application to present at the Joint Executive, and is open to suggestions from the SLC.

10.0 Questions/Adjournment

- 10.1** Thomas announced that he'd like to strike an Academic Policy ad-hoc committee, and asked who would like to join. Andrew, Josh P., Felipe, Shyamili, Rahul, Amanda and Alasdair all volunteered. Katarina asked whether the committee would be submitting reports—Thomas said yes.
- 10.2** Tegan encouraged everyone to go to the Gateway after the meeting. There will be pizza and great conversation with fellow SLC members.
- 10.3** Ken announced that the Government of Alberta has awarded 50 million dollars to the public post-secondary institutions of the province. Of this, SAIT will be receiving approximately 3.2 million dollars.
- 10.4** Lindsay asked the Board whether it would be okay to reduce the paper usage of the board. Everyone was okay with this. Going forward, the meeting packages will only include essential documents (eg. agenda, minutes, business items). The rest will be sent out via email before the meetings.

Motion

It was moved by Thomas and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm

Motion carried