



SAITSA Board of Directors

Minutes – Monday, February 5, 2018
Burns Penthouse - Senator Burns Building

Present:

Josh Bettle	BOD Chair	Voting Member
Jesse Corbel	BOD Vice Chair	Voting Member
Donny Nichols	Director	Voting Member
Matthew Busby	Director	Voting Member
Carol Poole	Director	Voting Member
Ha Nguyen	Director	Voting Member
Ninar Chaachouh	Director	Voting Member
Hunter Mills	Director	Voting Member
Akhil Sharma	Director	Voting Member
Desiree Venne	Director	Voting Member
Ryan Morstad	Director	Voting Member
Daniel Caine	Director	Voting Member
Alex Dimopoulos	President	Voting Member
Rachel Moerschfelder	Vice President External	Voting Member
Alysson Torres - Gillett	Vice President Academic	Voting Member
Connor Goodfellow	Vice President Student Life	Voting Member
Tanya Pittis	Board of Governors Student Representative	Non-Voting
Joy Bowen-Eyre	Neutral Facilitator	Non-Voting
Blair McCormick	Executive Director	Non-Voting
Rachel Paris	SAITSA Manager, Governance and Advocacy	Non-Voting
Adam Boechler	SAITSA Coordinator, Governance	Non-Voting

Regrets:

Jessica Beddow	Director	Voting Member
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Guests:

Chelsea Kemp	Student at Large	Guest
Mitch Holt	Student at Large	Guest
Kaylee Beyene	Student at Large	Guest
Harsha Bhamidipati	Student at Large	Guest

Agenda Item

1.0 Call to order:

J. Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:

D. Nichols gave the acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:

No conflicts noted.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

Move to approve the agenda with the following addition, item 10.3 Daniel Caine Fireside Chat, moving BOD in Camera discussion to item 10.4.

D. Nichols
Opposed / H. Nguyen
Motion Carried

5.0 Adoption of Minutes:

Motion:

Move to approve the BOD meeting minutes from the January 15, 2018 regular meeting.

**R. Moerschfelder
Motion Carried**

6.0 Individual Reports:

Verbal reports were provided by A. Dimopoulos, R. Moerschfelder, A. Torres-Gillett, C. Goodfellow, T. Pittis and B. McCormick. Written reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

7.0 Committee Reports:

7.1 Campus Life Committee - C. Goodfellow –Verbally reported that the committee has not met since the last BOD meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 6, 2018.

7.2 Finance Committee - A. Dimopoulos – Report as Submitted. Noted next meeting is Wednesday February 28, 2018.

7.3 Governance Committee - A. Torres-Gillett – Verbally reported that the committee met prior to today's BOD meeting. The committee is recommending approval of the Clubs Policy later in the agenda. They are also focused on a Bylaw review to conclude prior to the April meeting.

7.4 Advocacy Committee - R. Moerschfelder – Report as Submitted. Verbally reported that the committee will be going back to City Hall on March 12, 2018 to show support for secondary suites.

7.5 Environmental Sustainability - D. Davis (Chair of Committee) – Report as Submitted. C. Goodfellow verbally reported that the institution (SAIT) is creating a sustainability committee. This is good news as the institution is valuing environmental sustainability. To avoid redundancy, it appears that the SAITSA ad-hoc BOD committee may become a subcommittee of the SAIT committee. More information to come in the future.

7.6 Student Expansion Committee Advisory Committee - B. McCormick – Report as Submitted.

7.7 Strategic Plan Committee - A. Torres-Gillett – Verbally reported that the committee has not met since the last BOD meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 7, 2018.

8.0 Action Items:

8.1 Customized Committee Terms of Reference - A. Boechler – Updated the BOD that all seven committee terms of reference have been re-formatted for consistency. The updated terms of reference were circulated prior to the meeting.

*Action item completed.

9.0 Business Items:

9.1 Clubs Policy:

Motion:

Move to approve the Clubs Policy.

C. Goodfellow

Motion:

Move to amend section 8 of the Clubs Policy to read "Clubs may negotiate sponsorship agreements with external sources, **where both the agreement and sources** do not violate SAIT or SAITSA's governing documents".

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Move to amend section 8 of the Clubs Policy to read “Clubs may negotiate sponsorship agreements with external sources, **where both the agreement and sources** do not violate SAIT or SAITSA’s governing documents **and/or existing agreements**”.

R. Paris sponsored by A. Dimopoulos
Secondary amendment

Motion:

Move to call the question on the amendments to section 8.0 of the Clubs Policy.

D.Nichols
Abstains / A.Torres-Gillett
Motion Carried

Motion:

Move to amend section 4.0 of the Clubs Policy to read “No club may restrict membership based on a person’s program of study, race, age, gender, **gender identity, gender expression**, sexuality, religion, ethnicity or any other characteristic protected by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and/or the *Alberta Human Rights Act*. Clubs must be inclusive to every SAIT student and/or community member”.

J. Bettle
Motion Carried

Motion:

Move to amend section 9.0 of the Clubs Policy to read “**All** contracts and/or agreements must only be signed/authorized by Club Executives. **External** contracts and/or agreements **signed** are non-binding to SAITSA or SAIT.

C. Goodfellow
Motion Carried

Call the question on the Main Motion to approve the Clubs Policy as amended.

Motion Carried

Motion:

Move to take a 10 minute recess.

R. Moerschfelder
Motion Carried

J. Bowen Eyre called the meeting back to order at 7:50PM

*D. Nichols departs the BOD meeting at 7:50PM.

9.2 Alberta Students’ Executive Council (ASEC) Membership:

R. Moerschfelder presented to the BOD.

Motion:

Move to go in Camera at 7:56 PM.

A. Dimopoulos
Motion Carried

Motion:

Move to go out of Camera at 8:16 PM.

C. Goodfellow
Motion Carried

Motion:

Move that SAITSA seek full membership of ASEC.

**R. Moerschfelder
Abstains / A. Torres-Gillett
Motion Carried**

9.3 Board of Governor Student Representative Selection Committee:

Motion:

Move to strike the SAIT Board of Governor Student Representative Selection Committee.

**J. Bettle
Motion Carried**

M. Busby, C. Goodfellow, C. Poole, A. Sharma all indicated interest in sitting on the Selection Committee.

Action Item: Interested members to email J. Bettle by midnight on Friday February 9, 2018.

10.0 Information/Discussion

10.1 Legacy Conference:

Harsha Bhamidipati presents the Legacy Conference and encouraged individual BOD members to attend the conference in Ottawa; potential funding options such as the BOD Professional Development Fund and the SAITSA Student Grant Program were also discussed.

Action Item: B. McCormick and A. Dimopoulos to provide BOD with available and potential funding options.

10.2 SAITSA events:

R. Paris will email the BOD the updated list of SAITSA events.

10.3 D. Caine Fireside Chat:

Action Item: A copy of the fireside chat will be distributed to the BOD electronically by R. Paris.

Action Item: Please send feedback to D. Caine by 4 PM on Sunday February 11, 2018.

10.4 In-Camera:

No in Camera session.

11.0 Questions/Adjournment

Motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

**M. Busby
Motion Carried**