

Executive Council

Minutes

Dec. 1st, 2016

Present

Connor Goodfellow

Gar Gar

Deanna Berry

Alex Dimopoulos

Blair McCormick

Marc Thususka

Absent

Mikayla Schaffer

1.0 Call to Order

Gar called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion

It was moved by Alex and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

Nov. 24th, 2016

Motion

It was moved by Connor and seconded to adopt the minutes from the 24th of November.

Motion carried

4.0 Reports

Reports were given by Connor, Alex, Gar and Blair.

5.0 Action Items

5.1 Create benefits document for CASA and ASEC Memberships – Mikayla (ongoing)

5.2 Complete a clear job description for the Advisor Role – Gar (ongoing)

5.3 Develop Terms of Reference for Awards Selection Committee – Alex (complete)

5.4 Follow up with Gallivan and Counselling – Alex (complete)

Alex met with Counselling services who advised that they do not require a 'my wellness' program as SAIT currently has something very similar. They suggested moving to a lump sum approach to our psychology benefits rather than \$25 per visit. The EC do not wish to pursue 'my wellness'. Alex will work with Student Experience and Counselling to push peer to peer counselling forward.

5.5 Coordinate Statement Regarding Tuition Review Stance – Mikayla (ongoing)

6.0 Business Item

6.1 Changing of Academic Council Rep – Alex

Brendan Brown to be replaced by Gar Gar.

Motion

It was moved by Alex and seconded to approve the change of Academic Council Rep from Brendan Brown to Gar Gar.

Motion carried

6.2 Operational Social Committee Terms of Reference – Blair

Blair reviewed the terms of reference for our staff operational social committee.

Motion

It was moved by Connor and seconded to approve the Operational Social Committee Terms of Reference.

Motion carried

6.3 Operational Sustainability Committee Terms of Reference – Blair

Motion

It was moved by Connor and seconded to approve the Operational Sustainability Committee Terms of Reference.

Motion carried

6.4 Sustainability Vision and Pledge – Blair

Blair explained the sustainability vision for SAITSA and the importance of having this guiding vision to guide our sustainability practices. The second portion is a pledge for staff and students and staff to put on our website.

Motion

It was moved by Connor and seconded to recommend the sustainability vision and pledge to the BOD for approval.

Motion carried

7.0 Discussion and Information Items

7.1 Academic Council Rep SAITSA Discount – Alex

Alex brought up the question about providing a discount the academic council reps. He believes this will help with retention on the board. Gar was in favour of the idea. Connor mentioned that a discount sticker would not fix the problem of having members participate. Connor suggested doing a team builder day with the council to promote students to stay on council. Blair encouraged Alex to go to SAIT to discuss their onboarding and retention strategies. Operationally speaking, departments do not have funding for this initiatives at the moment. The EC will not pursue the discount sticker option for academic council reps.

7.2 Aero Centre Debit Terminal – Alex

Marc has sorted out a terminal for the Events department. The same terminal could be used by the EC for the Aero Centre.

7.3 VP Academic Course Selection Next Semester – Alex

Alex informed that EC that he would like to take 2 courses in the New Year. He is working towards his BBA. He would select less demanding courses if he did 2 in one semester. Alex will have to consult with Blair and go to the BOD for approval as per our bylaws.

8.0 Questions/Adjournment

Gar adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.