Saitsa Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19th, 2020
12:00p.m.
Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Name	Position
Ryan Morstad	Saitsa President
Tanya Pittis	Vice President Academic
Garrett Koehler	Vice President External
Marc Stromme	Executive Director
Marc Thususka	Director of Business and Development
Rachel Paris	Manager of Governance and Advocacy
Angela Walgren	Coordinator, Administration

1.0 Call to Order R. Morstad 2 Min

R. Morstad called the meeting to order at 12:06p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda R. Morstad 2 Min

Approved by general consent

3.0 Adoption of Minutes R. Morstad 2 Min

3.1 *Regular Meeting of the Executive Meeting from March 5th, 2019*

Amendments:

- G. Koehler abstained last meeting due to him not being there

March 5th meeting minutes approved by general consent

4.0 Business Items

5.0 Individual Reports (maximum of 2 minutes each)

5.1 President R. Morstad 2 Min

Report as submitted.

R. Morstad wrote a letter to the students regarding the SAIT/Saitsa campus during these times of Covid-19. R. Morstad has been connecting with students through the Saitsa app regarding their questions and concerns. R. Morstad will be connecting with the Minister of Advanced Education in the coming week.

5.2 VP Academic T. Pittis 2 Min

Report as submitted.

T. Pittis has scheduled follow up meetings with some of the recipients of the Ombudsperson Proposal; T. Pittis is figuring out how these meetings with look (Skype, Microsoft Teams, etc.). T. Pittis is also in the process of figuring out how the Instructor Excellence Selection Committee will go on, plagues were already ordered for these

awards. The Saitsa Mobile Kiosk is complete, T. Pittis did not get a photo of the Kiosk, R. Paris said she would capture a photo for T. Pittis.

5.3 VP External G. Koehler 2 Min

Report as submitted.

G. Koehler has been very busy on the government side of things during the outbreak of Covid-19. G. Koehler would like to put a note in with Laurie Chandler, Press Secretary regarding the Trades programs of Alberta. The Government of Alberta have frozen student loan repayment due to the current pandemic. CASA is working with Ontario. G. Koehler is very busy working on his transition for the next elected Saitsa Vice President External (VPX). R. Morstad and G. Koehler are also still working on the UPass and may now be going to the Government of Alberta regarding this ask. G. Koehler noted that it is very crucial that the next VPX will need media training; New West Public Affairs will be apart of that. R. Morstad noted that through CASA you can get a free tax code so students can complete their taxes for free.

5.4 Executive Director M. Stromme 2 Min

Report as submitted.

6.0 Action Items (maximum of 2 minutes each)

7.0 Unfinished Business

8.0 Discussion and Information Items

8.1 EC Social Media Presence Strategy T. Pittis 2 Min

T. Pittis and R. Morstad are receiving a lot of inquiries regarding the current pandemic and would like some assistance media wise filtering those inquiries. T. Pittis inquired if our Saitsa website could have an automatic reply or if the website could have a Q&A section regarding most frequently asked student questions. An idea was brought up that Executive Council could create a video answering the questions of the student body. The EC would also like to create ways to engage with the student body during these hard times. An example would be a contest online where someone wins a pizza delivered to their home.

8.2 Saitsa Awards T. Pittis 2 Min

For the Instructor awards Natasha has already ordered the plaques for those awards. The EC need to set up a meeting with Natasha regarding the Saitsa Awards.

8.3 Aero Centre EC Support T. Pittis 2 Min

T. Pittis and Rio went to the Aero Centre during the EC Elections so those students could vote. T. Pittis received feedback from the Aero Centre students saying how they feel

underrepresented. A lot of the Aero Centre students gave feedback of not wanting to vote because they didn't feel a point to voting. The Aero Centre students do not know who G. Koehler and R. Morstad are. They know Irene as the "Health and Dental lady." The Aero Centre students want the EC to engage with them on their campus more often. They don't want the EC to stay at a table where Saitsa items are, they want the EC to approach them and engage with them. The Aero Centre students love when the EC come with free pizza.

8.4 The Weal Calgary Article EC 2 Min

Motion
It was moved by R. Morstad to move in camera with staff at 12:35p.m.
Motion carried

Motion
It was moved by G. Koehler to move out of camera at 12:45p.m.
Motion carried

9.0 Questions/Adjournment R. Morstad 2 Min

R. Paris inquired regarding the EC meeting/huddles next week. The EC agreed we could discuss next week at tomorrows huddle. R. Paris also made a note that when she was on campus downloading files there was about 30 students in the Senator Burns building and that Tim Hortons was still open for business.

R. Morstad adjourned the meeting at 12:47p.m.