

Saitsa Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020
11:30a.m.
Microsoft Teams



Agenda Item		Accountability	Time
1.0	Call to Order <i>J. Bhatti called the meeting to order at 11:35a.m.</i>	J. Bhatti	2 Min
2.0	Approval of Agenda Motion It was moved by R. Morstad to approve the agenda Motion carried	J. Bhatti	2 Min
3.0	Adoption of Minutes	R. Morstad	2 Min
3.1	<i>Regular Meeting of the Executive Council from August 19th, 2020</i> Motion It was moved by L. Hunter to approve the executive meeting minutes from August 19 th 2020 Motion carried		
4.0	Business Items		
5.0	Individual Reports (maximum of 2 minutes each)		
5.1	President Report not submitted. R. Morstad gave a verbal report. R. Morstad had 8 meetings in a row on Monday; the EC Huddle, Smoke Free Campus discussion, Student Experience meeting, Community Garden goal meeting with J. Leippi Saitsa Podcast meeting, Executive Director Review meeting, Orientation Classroom talk and a Health and Dental plan meeting. Last week R. Morstad had a meeting with the CSA UPass Advocacy working group. He also attended a SAIT/Saitsa Joint Executive meeting, and a Public Safety Task Force Engagement session. R. Morstad was on vacation all last week. News with Campus Trust is that a governance review is in the works and Western is leaving and management fees will be increasing by \$1.00. <i>J. Bhatti called the meeting to recess at 11:44a.m.</i> <i>J. Bhatti adjourned the recess at 12:05p.m.</i>	R. Morstad	2 Min
5.2	VP Academic Report as submitted.	J. Bhatti	2 Min
5.3	VP External Report as submitted. L. Hunter is also attended the CSA UPass Advocacy working group meeting; most schools in attendance were ready to move forward with the plans discussed but SAMRU was reluctant to move forward (moving forward will happen regardless of their participation).	L. Hunter	2 Min

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L. Hunter's segment on the Saitsa Spotlight social media program went well. He received a few questions from Saitsa social media followers. L. Hunter enjoyed participating in the Saitsa Spotlight.

R. Paris asked what you do for the Saitsa Spotlight. L. Hunter informed R. Paris that you show a day in the life of your role with Saitsa on our social media platforms. This is a good tool to inform students as to what Saitsa does and to get to know our student executives.

M. Stromme asked if during the CSA UPass Advocacy meeting if they discussed timelines for completing the TORs. L. Hunter said around February.

J. Leippi asked when the Saitsa podcast starts. M. Thususka stated that the podcast team (R. Morstad, L. Hunter, M. Thususka, C. Walsh, and H. Zaman) have finished the outline of first episode; they are in the development of outline of the 2nd episode. The only thing holding up the start of the podcast is a location to record. The goal is to have the podcast recorded within next couple of weeks so then we can go live either the first week or 2nd week of October. The podcast will be called the Asterisk (this goes with our branding). L. Hunter is doing fun segments and R. Morstad is managing what we want to talk about in main segments. C. Walsh is in charge of the pre-production and H. Zaman is in charge of the postproduction.

R. Paris asked if the podcast is video recorded. M. Thususka said it may not be aesthetically pleasing due to social distancing, M. Thususka suggested maybe having a cartoon video of them recording the podcast. R. Paris said a lot of people listen to podcasts while doing stuff as well as on YouTube. Eventually we would like to start videotaping the podcast recording session because of sponsors product placement and creating a culture.

5.4	VP Student Life Report as submitted.	J. Leippi	2 Min
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R. Morstad asked if J. Leippi could add a little more detail to her reports that displays more of her role.

5.5	Executive Director	M. Stromme	2 Min
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Motion

It was moved by J. Bhatti to move in camera with staff at 12:26p.m.

Motion

Motion

It was moved by L. Hunter to move out of camera at 12:42pm

Motion carried

5.6	Director, Business and Development Report as submitted.
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Our Saitsa Partnerships have exceeded expectation; these partnerships are supporting our food ban, Saitsa awards, and podcasting. Our podcast will assist with getting more sponsorship. We signed a small partnership with TELUS. TELUS is sponsoring two of the events that Craig is doing online. M. Thususka is working on the Saitsa 100th with R. Morstad, N. Lundrigan, H. Zaman and C. Walsh. M. Thususka is going back to campus once a week to the Saitsa Operations to make sure assets and locations are good.

6.0 Action Items (maximum of 2 minutes each)

7.0 Unfinished Business

8.0 Discussion and Information Items

8.1 SAIT Smoke Free Campus

EC

2 Min

We are in the development of a survey for students to provide feedback for the new SAIT Smoke Free Campus implementation. We are still working on advertising for this survey, we will either have it advertised on sandwich boards or concrete decals. We are waiting to hear back from AUPE.

R. Paris asked if there has been any thought to survey local businesses to see how they feel about people smoking on their streets? R. Morstad said he has not thought about that. It's good to think about touch points people will be smoking on in the community.

M. Thususka said yesterday when he was leaving campus, he exited near that bus stop in the nook and it was full of apprentices smoking. L. Hunter raises the issue of now we are ruining the air quality of a bus station which is essential to some peoples' lives.

8.2 Website Live Chat

EC

2 Min

R. Morstad had a meeting with N. Lundrigan yesterday. I. Yoo is unleashing the live chat feature on the Saitsa website on the 8th of September for the Saitsa health and dental plan questions. N. Lundrigan and R. Morstad are coming up with a plan to implement a live chat for the end of month after I. Yoo provides feedback. R. Morstad truly believes having a live chat feature is important to consult our student membership. R. Morstad will be organizing some of it. R. Morstad would love if EC could contribute to this as well.

M. Stromme talked to Naitsa. Based on our timeline and we are doing this quick. I. Yoo tried to test it this morning, but it failed so they will need to go back to the drawing board.

8.3 Student concerns via Saitsa group email

R. Paris

5 Min

R. Paris received emails from students looking for help. R. Paris is concerned that more advocacy type of inquires are not getting responses. The EC need the staff to loop them in when staff are responding to student regarding their membership.

M. Stromme will let the managers know of this change.

9.0 Questions/Adjournment

R. Morstad

2 Min

J. Bhatti adjourned the meeting at 12:58p.m.