

Saitsa Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020
12:00p.m.
Microsoft Teams



Present:

Ryan Morstad	Saitsa President
Jasmin Bhatti	Saitsa Vice President Academic
Liam Hunter	Saitsa Vice President External
Jessi Leippi	Saitsa Vice President Student Life
Marc Stromme	Executive Director
Marc Thususka	Director, Business and Development
Rachel Paris	Manager, Governance and Advocacy
Angela Walgren	Administration Coordinator, Governance and Advocacy

	Agenda Item	Accountability	Time
1.0	Call to Order <i>R. Morstad called the meeting to order at 12:03p.m.</i>	R. Morstad	2 Min
2.0	Approval of Agenda	R. Morstad	2 Min
	Amendments: - Addition of discussion item 8.3, International Student Health and Dental Plan <i>Approved by general consent</i>		
3.0	Adoption of Minutes	R. Morstad	2 Min
3.1	<i>Regular Meeting of the Executive Council from November 25th, 2020</i>		
	Amendments: - The adjourned to state adjourned instead of called to order - The EDI discussion where the Red Dress Campaign is mentioned, to state hoping to collaborate <i>Approved the amended minutes by general consent</i>		
4.0	Individual Reports (maximum of 2 minutes each)		
4.1	President Report as presented. The statement of work for the Affordability Committee has been added to the supporting documents section of this meeting file.	R. Morstad	2 Min
4.2	VP Academic Report as submitted. Once the job description for the Ombudsperson is developed, J. Bhatti would like to have a strategy meeting with M. Stromme before the hiring process begins. J. Bhatti is currently trying to advocate for the cancellation of using a proctoring webcam for students who do not consent during exams, J. Bhatti is looking for some assistance with going forward with advocating for this student issue.	J. Bhatti	2 Min

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Online proctoring is used to monitor potential cheating/fraud during exams; the students are required to show their surroundings with online proctoring which can be a privacy violation. If you use a lockdown browser and suspending the copy and paste feature, this would avoid the privacy concerns of students. J. Bhatti discussed this issue with Brad Donaldson, Shan Robinson, and Lenore Norris. L. Hunter forwarded an advocacy list from SAMRU that the Vice President Academic made; students feel like their privacy is being violated and they are anxious in front of camera. J. Bhatti received two official student complaints regarding online proctoring. The next step of advocating for this issue would be to create an official organizational stance.

R. Morstad suggests taking the path of bringing this student issue up through other channels; creating an amendment to SAITs Privacy Policy and Procedures. R. Morstad suggests bringing this to Academic Council.

The idea of J. Bhatti creating a statement and presenting said statement to Susan Radke was discussed.

R. Paris asks if students have the option to take the exam in-person. J. Bhatti says unfortunately that is not an option; some students have tried to challenge their exam(s), but they were denied due to not being able to write the exam on campus.

M. Thususka arrived at 12:23p.m.

J. Bhatti ponders on the idea of writing a proposal advocating on behalf of having an option for students to decline exam proctoring. The EC suggests J. Bhatti to review the report Frank Finley (UofC Student Union President) wrote on online exam proctoring.

4.3	VP External Report as submitted.	L. Hunter	2 Min
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4.4	VP Student Life Report as submitted.	J. Leippi	2 Min
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J. Leippi has been working hard on conducting research for her community garden goal. J. Leippi states the pathway for success has been built for this goal of hers.

4.5	Executive Director Report as submitted.	M. Stromme	2 Min
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Motion

It was moved by R. Morstad to move in camera with staff 12:37p.m.

Motion carried

Motion

It was moved by R. Morstad to move out of camera at 12:54p.m.

Motion carried

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5.0 Business Items

6.0 Action Items (maximum of 2 minutes each)

7.0 Unfinished Business

8.0 Discussion and Information Items

8.1 EDI Check-In

J. Leippi

5 Min

J. Leippi attended the EDI committee meeting. The committee is asking if there are any big calendar events that fall under the EDI umbrella that we would like to celebrate (International Women's Day, etc.). Student Experience has a list of days they promote regarding equality/diversity. J. Leippi will follow up with Student Experience to see what says we can highlight.

L. Hunter exited the meeting at 12:59p.m.

8.2 Reminders from A. Walgren

A. Walgren

2 Min

The Travel and Tourism partnership meeting is next week, and the EC Holiday and New Year's Special is being recorded next week as well.

8.3 International Student Health and Dental

R. Morstad

3 Min

We are in the process of trying to add the international students to the Saitsa Health and Dental Plan. M. Stromme said we need to follow up with Paul from Campus Trust. R. Morstad developed a proposal, the next step is for SAIT to formally state their next steps with the proposal. R. Morstad needs to know impacts for our health and dental plan for international students (we need to provide the same emergency services). Another next step would be to schedule a meeting with Patrick Sullivan (Director of International Centre). We've consulted with our provider and they've found a solution.

A. Walgren to put International Student Health and Dental plan on next week's EC agenda.

9.0 Questions/Adjournment

R. Morstad

2 Min

R. Morstad adjourned the meeting at 1:11p.m.