

Saitsa Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 9th, 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 12:10pm</i>	R. Morstad	2 Min
2.0	Approval of Agenda	R. Morstad	2 Min

Amendment:

- J. Bhatti tabled discussion item 8.3, Webcam Proctoring for Examination

Approved by general consent

3.0	Adoption of Minutes	R. Morstad	2 Min
3.1	<i>Regular Meeting of the Executive Council from December 2nd, 2020</i>		
	<i>The committee did not get a chance to read the minutes for adoption, the approval of the December 2nd meeting minutes has been tabled until next week's EC meeting.</i>		
4.0	Individual Reports (maximum of 2 minutes each)		
4.1	President Report <i>not</i> submitted. <i>R. Morstad will be submitting his report later in the day.</i>	R. Morstad	2 Min

R. Morstad had an Academic Council meeting this week; a new item the council discussed was academic grading and progression. The Fall Reading Week workgroup is going well. The Affordability Committee is running smoothly, they are building a mock budget of a student to see their perspective when it comes to affordability. Husson completed the Legacy 88 presentation for Kim and R. Morstad to present on Friday. R. Morstad had a meeting with Executive Directors and President's across the province to discuss Nimbus. R. Morstad participated in Mondays BOD meeting. Saitsa's stance regarding deregulation of tuition is that Saitsa is opposed.

J. Bhatti asked if we have worry about Nimbus. R. Morstad said it is not a worry. Most people were more curious about Nimbus, asking if anyone wants to participate in price sharing.

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J. Bhatti asked about the proposal for Legacy 88. R. Morstad said she was removed because of conflict of interest. J. Bhatti wants to be included. M. Thususka stated that when M. Thususka and Craig presented the podcasting presentation for Legacy 88, T. Pittis removed herself due to conflict of interest.

- 4.2 VP Academic** J. Bhatti 2 Min
Report as submitted.

J. Bhatti is currently working on her advocacy priority (advocating against webcam proctoring) proposal; she asked the group for feedback on this advocacy priority. R. Morstad stated there are privacy concerns with online proctoring. M. Stromme stated this issue could affect the mental health of students. This webcam proctoring could be a barrier to learning. This proposal needs to have a solution to this issue; the solution could be a locked browser.

R. Paris asked if J. Bhatti has a timeline for the online proctoring proposal. J. Bhatti replied the complete date is expected to be Wednesday next week.

- 4.3 VP External** L. Hunter 2 Min
Report as submitted.

The meeting with Minister Copping got moved to Thursday. The liaison meeting was moved to another date due to a conflict. L. Hunter with R. Morstad recorded the Asterisk episode 5 last week. A lot of final projects are due for L. Hunter. A lot of L. Hunter's time has been taken up by the BOD or focus groups. L. Hunter and J. Leippi are going to a meeting regarding the repaving 14th Ave; the City of Calgary wants their opinions on this change.

M. Thususka is following up with an email he sent regarding the Saitsa 100th for the proclamation, is L. Hunter comfortable working with R. Paris on this? L. Hunter says no problem.

R. Morstad asks if he has worked on the website content. L. Hunter says no but will work on this.

- 4.4 VP Student Life** J. Leippi 2 Min
Report as submitted.

The Grant Program application has been edited and the edits have been sent to Marketing and Communications; J. Leippi is currently finishing the Grant Program rubric. The Grant Program will be accepting applications the 3rd week of January. J. Leippi is spending tomorrow morning focusing on the community garden proposal for the sustainability committee.

- 4.5 Executive Director** M. Stromme 2 Min

Motion

It was moved by R. Morstad to move in camera at 12:43pm with all staff

Motion carried

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Motion

It was moved by R. Morstad to move out of camera at 12:59p.m.

Motion carried

- 4.6 Director, Business and Development** M. Thususka 2 Min
Report as submitted.

5.0 Business Items

- 5.1 SAIT Destinations Partnership Approval** Executive Council 5 Min
The committee discussed the meeting the Executive Council, M. Thususka, R. Paris, and A. Walgren attended with SAIT Destinations.

M. Stromme asked what kind of ticket service is Destinations looking to have; is this similar to AMA? M. Thususka replied with yes this would be a similar idea. M. Stromme then asked would this ticket service effect the ticket service we offer? M. Thususka said this could be a good opportunity for collaboration.

M. Stromme asked who would be responsible for developing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)? M. Stromme stated since we do not have specialized training in develop a MOU; we would need to seek council in regarding the development (which could be costly). R. Paris commented that in terms of this one partnership, the EC will have to evaluate if that price tag makes sense. R. Paris also states if we need a MOU template, should we invest now? M. Stromme replied with he could draft an MOU and bring it to legal counsel to see what their recommendations are.

R. Morstad said we do not have the information needed to make this decision and we should table this topic. The Executive Council moved this topic to be discussed at the huddle on Monday, December 14th.

R. Paris asked M. Stromme if there is an alternative agreement? M. Stromme said either handshake or write intentions over email.

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 led the EDI check-in.

J. Leippi and A. Walgren changed specific parts of the Grant Program application for EDI reasons. The check box on Grant Program application where you consent to have your name posted – they changed it to display, “full preferred name”.

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M. Stromme informed the committee that he attended a workshop; the workshop taught the attendees that EDI changes need to be delivered to the student body, or else students will not give feedback on EDI issues. Students want to see results.

L. Hunter had a call with Vice Chair S. LeBlanc, they discussed the importance of EDI and providing training on biases and EDI.

8.2 30-60-90 Presentation/Discussion A. Walgren 7 Min
A. Walgren presented a PowerPoint on the EC 30-60-90 weeklong workshop(s). This week of workshops addresses the 90 days before the EC either re-run for office or are going to conclude their time in office, the middle 60 days, and the last 30 days in office.

~~**8.3 Webcam Proctoring for Examination** J. Bhatti 8 Min~~

8.3 Surveying R. Morstad 2 Min
R. Morstad stated that instructors heard from their students that they are being extremely surveyed. They are hearing a lot of students complaining about surveys and not wanting to be surveyed. These students are doing these surveys and then not hearing back about their contribution to the survey. We need to show students that we are using their information they are providing. SAIT is doing lots of surveys, Saitsa is doing lots of surveys, and classes are doing lots of surveys.

9.0 Questions/Adjournment R. Morstad 2 Min
R. Morstad adjourned the meeting at 1:24pm