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Saitsa Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 18th, 2021
9:30a.m.
Microsoft Teams

Saitsa*
SAIT Students' Association

Present:

Ryan Morstad	President
Jasmin Bhatti	Vice President Academic
Liam Hunter	Vice President External
Jessi Leippi	Vice President Student Life
Rachel Paris	Manager, Governance and Advocacy
Angela Walgren	Coordinator, Governance Administration

Absent:

Marc Stromme	Executive Director
Marc Thususka	Director, Business and Development

	Agenda Item	*Accountability*	*Time*
1.0	**Call to Order** *R. Morstad called the meeting to order at 9:34a.m.*	R. Morstad	2 Min
2.0	**Approval of Agenda**	R. Morstad	2 Min

Amendments:
- To amend section 4.0 to read 4.1 as VP External, 4.2 President, 4.3 VP Academic, 4.4 VP Student Life, and 4.5 Executive Director.

The agenda was approved as amended by general consent.

3.0	**Adoption of Minutes**	R. Morstad	2 Min
	3.1 *Regular Meeting of the Executive Council from March 10th, 2021*		

The March 10th, 2021 Executive Council meeting minutes were approved by general consent.

4.0 Individual Reports (maximum of 2 minutes each)

4.1	**VP External** Report as submitted.	R. Morstad	2 Min

L. Hunter worked on the final touches of the CASA Strategic Plan; the plan is officially complete and will be moving forward to the membership. L. Hunter participated in a collaboration podcast episode with the ASEC Advanced Education podcast. L. Hunter worked on his last goal of the ASEC Federal Expansion.

J. Leippi entered the meeting at 9:38a.m.

4.2	**President** Report *not* submitted; yesterday R. Morstad had back to back meetings from 9:00a.m.-10:00p.m.	J. Bhatti	2 Min

R. Morstad participated in RFP presentation meetings all day yesterday for Audit companies. He has also been involved with the development of survey questions. R. Morstad attended a Board of Governors meeting. On Tuesday R. Morstad attended the Investment Committee, he participated in the Pride Display conversation, he worked on reference letters for BOD members, he took place in the Saitsa strategic planning session on Monday night and recorded the podcast with L. Hunter. R. Morstad has had some great conversations with instructors regarding phasing out testing and assessing students on their ability, instructors are excited about the potential to move in this direction and have conducted research on this potential shift. The Snake Pit presentations took place last Friday; R. Morstad noted how the pitches were very cool and innovative.

R. Morstad was asked how many presentations there were at the Snake Pit on Friday. There were three presentations; each project is eligible for $1000.00.

4.3 VP Academic L. Hunter 2 Min

Report as submitted.

Culture Day took place on Monday; there was a good attendance for John Partington's workshop and eight attendees for the Cooking with Hana workshop. J. Bhatti had the idea of measuring the success of Culture Day by having a poll on our social media channels asking students if they knew about Culture Day. The Executive Council are in support of this initiative.

4.4 VP Student Life J. Leippi 2 Min

Report *not* submitted.

J. Leippi participated in the EC Huddle. He attended the Best Sex Ed You Neva Had workshop. J. Leippi had a meeting with Alyson about professional development. J. Leippi Bingo last Wednesday. She participated in 30-60-90 follow up workshop with Alyson to work on her resumes.

4.5 Executive Director M. Stromme 2 Min

Report as submitted.

Please email M. Stromme if you have questions regarding his report.

5.0 Business Items

5.1 Grant Program Applications J. Leippi 15 Min

Motion:
To approve applicant 2021-19 for $200.00 for Titan Health CPR course.

J. Leippi
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Motion carries

Motion:
To approve applicant 2021-32 for $500.00 for the CSA W 178/2 Welding Inspector Certification and Welding Inspector Code Endorsement.

J. Leippi
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Motion carries

Motion:
To approve applicant 2021-27 for $127.00 for the AZ-900 Microsoft Azure Fundamentals Certification

J. Leippi
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Motion carries

Motion:
To approve applicant 2021-26 for $20.00 for the DA-100: Analyzing Data with Microsoft BI Certification

J. Leippi
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Motion carries

For applicants that are the same person but different applications, the EC recommended the EFT have both application reimbursements on it.

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 asked the group if they've included EDI in their working projects.

R. Paris gave a kudos to the Executive Council for having an EDI Check-In as a reoccurring agenda item. This reoccurring agenda item allows the team to include EDI in their everyday work. The Saitsa team are noticing the diversity of the Board. Including EDI in our work is very important because we are a diverse and urban community.

R. Morstad asked if an EDI check-in could be added to the Managers meetings. R. Paris said yes this could be an item for those meetings. The Executive Council would like to direct Managers to include an EDI check-in for their meetings.

L. Hunter included EDI with the ASEC Board, governance and bylaw changes; which were recommendations of the ASEC EDI committee.

A. Walgren included her pronouns in her slack presence and LinkedIn profile because Georgia (Coordinator, MarCom) did the same. A. Walgren told Georgia that her EDI initiatives inspired her.

The committee discussed the path of developing an EDI strategy and how this strategy would have to be moved by the Board. The committee discussed the importance of pronouns.

9.0 Questions/Adjournment R. Morstad 2 Min

R. Paris asked for the EC feedback regarding the Strategic Plan session with Avnish. The Executive felt the strategic planning session was a bit basic in its context. They wondered what the result from these sessions will be.

R. Paris reviewed the survey questions with the Executive, and they gave R. Paris their notes.

R. Morstad adjourned the meeting at 10:33a.m.