

Meeting – July 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present:

Liam Hunter	Director	President
Dawson Thomas	Director	Vice President
Oluwatomisin Aroge	Director	Voting Member
Jasmin K. Bhatti	Director	Voting Member
Arek Gellatly	Director	Voting Member
Hana Hossain	Director	Voting Member
Maclean Jarvis	Director	Voting Member
Truc Thanh	Director	Voting Member
Jaira Velasco	Director	Voting Member
Marc Stromme	Saitsa Executive Director	Non-Voting
Rachel Paris	Saitsa Manager, Governance & Advocacy	Non-Voting
Rio Valencerina	Saitsa Coordinator, Governance	Non-Voting
Dominique Frederickson	Saitsa Coordinator, Administration	Non-Voting

Regrets:

Arek Gellatly	Director	Voting Member
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Agenda Item

- 1.0 Call to Order:**
L. Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
- 2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:**
T. Aroge gave the Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories.
- 3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:**
L. Hunter reminded the Board of the definition of Conflict of interest and to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest they may have. A conflict of interest is any situation where a member has or can be perceived to have a personal or financial interest.
- 4.0 Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion:
Approve the agenda.

M. Jarvis/J. Velasco
Motion Carried

The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

- 5.0 Adoption of Minutes:**
 - 5.1 Regular Meeting of the Board from June 7, 2021**

Motion:
Approve the minutes from the June 7, 2021 Regular meeting of the Board, as circulated.



The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

5.2 Special Meeting of the Board from June 14 and 21, 2021

M. Jarvis noted they were present at both the June 14, 2021 and June 21, 2021. Technical difficulties were cited as the cause of voting discrepancies at both meetings.

Motion:

Approve the minutes from the June 14 and 21, 2021 Special meeting of the Board as amended.

M. Jarvis/T. Aroge
Motion Carries

The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

6.0 Presidential Reports:

6.1 President

Report as submitted.

L. Hunter highlighted that they had attended the Stampede Political Circuit, meeting with various officials. These meetings are intended to build relationships with policymakers that may be beneficial to Saitsa and to advance Saitsa's advocacy efforts.

6.2 Vice President

Report as submitted.

L. Hunter asked D. Thomas for an update from the CASA Board of Directors regarding advocacy timelines. D. Thomas responded that advocacy timelines will be developed at the next CASA Board Meeting. Members are also preparing their strategic goals and workplans that they will be submitting.

7.0 Director Reports:

7.1 Open Report Discussion

All Director's reports are as submitted.

L. Hunter asked for an update from M. Jarvis regarding an MET student issue that they are supporting a student with. M. Jarvis provided an update regarding the most recent actions taken to attempt to support the student and ensure they will be able to complete their program at SAIT.

8.0 Business Items:

8.1 Saitsa Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Review

L. Hunter explained that the Board has voiced interest for an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion review being conducted for Saitsa.

M. Stromme explained the cost of an EDI Review would be approximately \$15,000.



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WHEREAS section 3.4.2.2 of the Saitsa Policy Manual specifies that the Board may obtain monitoring information by external report;

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors tasks the Executive Director with the procurement of a third-party Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion review to be completed by April 2022.

J. Velasco/T. Aroge
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Motion Carried

8.2 Policy Manual Review

8.2.1 Ends Policies

8.2.2 Communication and Support to the Board

8.2.3 Advocacy Support

L. Hunter stated that as the Policy Manual was recently approved, moving forward the Board may benefit from an informal meeting to discuss its policies and procedures. This informal discussion could be used to gauge interest in possible changes, if any, they would consider for the Policy Manual. It is recommended that these meetings be scheduled approximately 2 weeks prior to a Board meeting. R. Valencerina may prepare notes regarding possible changes to the Board.

9.0 Information Discussion

9.1 Get Out the Vote Campaign

R. Paris explained that Saitsa will be participating in a Get Out the Vote campaign during the upcoming municipal. The Returning Officer of Elections Calgary has decided that Elections Calgary will not set up advanced "Vote Anywhere" polling stations on SAIT Campus for the municipal election. Some goals for the GOTV campaign include a Meet and Greet event, and a Forum or Debate for Mayoral Candidates in partnership with the Calgary Student Alliance. Similar events and initiatives may be held for a federal election if one is called during the academic year.

L. Hunter asked for information why the vote anywhere polling stations were cancelled. R. Paris responded that the decision was made because COVID-19 pandemic restrictions required polling locations to be decided in advance, which limited the ability of Elections Calgary to have a polling station on campus.

9.2 ED Report

Report as Submitted.

J. K. Bhatti asked for information regarding the development of staff culture at Saitsa. M. Stromme responded that the changes that have been made so far for staff are the result of consultation with staff. One issue is that culture is not consistently defined, so cultural changes require further consultation and development.

L. Hunter asked for information regarding the opportunities for the Board to interact and participate in staff events. M. Stromme responded that events are being developed with the Manager of Staff Experience.



9.3 In-Camera

Motion:

To move In-Camera without staff.

J. K. Bhatti/J. Velasco
Motion Carried

The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Meeting moved In-Camera at 6:53 p.m.

Motion:

To move Ex-Camera.

J. K. Bhatti/H. Hossain
Motion Carried

The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Meeting moved Ex-Camera at 7:08 p.m.

10.0 Questions/Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting.

J. K. Bhatti/J. Velasco
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.