

Meeting – April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Microsoft Teams – Video Conference



Present:

Alex Sutherland	BOD Chair	Voting Member
Jesse Wicks	BOD Vice Chair	Voting Member
Avneet Brar-Sran	Director	Voting Member
Richard Hoang	Director	Voting Member
Tim Holowachuk	Director	Voting Member
Liam Hunter	Director	Voting Member
Shawna LeBlanc	Director	Voting Member
Jessi Leippi	Director	Voting Member
Candy Loo Tong	Director	Voting Member
Charlson Reyes	Director	Voting Member
Yatendra Solanki	Director	Voting Member
Ryan Morstad	Saitsa President	Voting Member
Garrett Koehler	Vice President External	Voting Member
Tanya Pittis	Vice President Academic	Voting Member
Joy Bowen-Eyre	Neutral Facilitator	Non-Voting
Rigel Raju	Board of Governors Student Representative	Non-Voting
Marc Stromme	Saitsa Executive Director	Non-Voting
Rachel Paris	Saitsa Manager, Governance & Advocacy	Non-Voting
Rio Valencerina	Saitsa Coordinator, Governance	Non-Voting

Guests:

Kelly Jeed Sawadan	SAIT Student
Fatima Bilal	SAIT Student
Maclean Jarvis	SAIT Student
Jasmin Bhatti	SAIT Student; Vice President Academic - Elect

Agenda Item

1.0 Call to Order:

A. Sutherland called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:

L. Hunter gave the acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:

A. Sutherland reminded the Board of the importance of declaring any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

R. Raju Declared a conflict of interest regarding Agenda Item BOG Rep appointment process.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda:

G. Koehler added 7.4 – BOG Representative



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The amended Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

5.0 Adoption of Minutes:

5.1 Regular Meeting of the Board from March 2, 2020

The Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

6.0 COVID-19 Update

M. Stromme and R. Morstad provided their updates to the Board in their reports.

7.0 Individual Reports:

7.1 President

Report as submitted.

R. Morstad highlighted the Joint SAIT/Saitsa Executive Meeting, CR/F Advocacy issues for students, and Student Concerns and Hearings.

7.2 Vice President Academic

Report as submitted.

T. Pittis highlighted the completion of the Saitsa Mobile Kiosk and SAIT Ombudsperson proposal.

7.3 Vice President External

Report as submitted.

G. Koehler highlighted that CASA has passed the College and Polytechnic Advisory Group Operating Procedure.

7.4 BOG Representative

- R. Raju was asked for information regarding the Board of Governors recent vote on tuition increases.
- R. Raju responded that due to the fact that the discussion and vote was in-camera, he cannot respond to the question.

8.0 Committee Reports:

8.1 Finance Committee

R. Morstad reported that Committee has not met since their last meeting.

8.2 Governance Committee

A. Sutherland reported that the Committee has not met yet. The committee will be looking into meeting in an online format.

8.3 Nominations Committee

8.3.1 BOG Rep Appointment Process

R. Paris reported on behalf of J. Wicks reported that the BOG Representative Application deadline has been extended to April 17th, 2020 due to the closure of SAIT.



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- J. Wicks was asked if vacancies on the Board of Directors will be filled. R. Paris reported on behalf of J. Wicks that the vacancies will be filled by a nominations process.
- R. Paris was asked when the Neutral Facilitator Review will be conducted. R. Paris stated that the review will be conducted before June.

9.0 Business Items:

9.1 CRO Election Report

R. Paris presented the CRO Election to the Board, highlighting issues identified by the political committee, and their recommendations for future elections. Saitsa's 2020 Executive Council election had a total voter turnout of 13.0%. The following individuals were elected:

President: Ryan Morstad VP Academic: Jasmin K. Bhatti VP External: Liam Hunter VP Student Life: Jessi Leippi

R. Paris was asked what possible alternatives Saitsa will use to get students to vote for future elections. R. Paris responded that Saitsa will be reaching out to other schools to assess their strategies. Saitsa will be discussing additional methods for engaging students online.

It was noted that students from satellite campuses had contacted him regarding issues voting. R. Paris was asked what the process is for addressing these issues. R. Paris responded that the process requires her to request them to be added to the voter list manually, and a majority of students at the AeroCentre did receive the email according to Saitsa's records.

Motion:

To ratify the 2020 CRO Election Report as presented.

T. Holowachuk/T. Pittis 11-0-3 Motion Carries

10.0 Information/Discussion:

10.1 Co-Curricular Records

R. Paris reminded the Board to apply for their Co-Curricular Records.

10.2 ED Report

M. Stromme presented his report to the Board.

Motion:

To move In-Camera with and without R. Raju and guests.

T. Holowachuk/G. Koehler Motion Carries

The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting moved In-Camera at 7:05 p.m.





10.3 In-Camera

M. Stromme, R. Paris, and R. Valencerina were excused from the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion:

To move Out-of-Camera.

G. Koehler/R. Hoang Motion Carries

The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting moved Out-of-Camera at 7:25 p.m.

11.0 Questions/Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by unanimous consent.