



SAITSA Board of Directors

Minutes – Monday, April 9, 2018

Burns Penthouse - Senator Burns Building

Present:

Josh Bettle	BOD Chair	Voting Member
Jesse Corbel	BOD Vice Chair	Voting Member
Donny Nichols	Director	Voting Member
Matthew Busby	Director	Voting Member
Carol Poole	Director	Voting Member
Ninar Chaachouh	Director	Voting Member
Akhil Sharma	Director	Voting Member
Desiree Venne	Director	Voting Member
Jessica Beddow	Director	Voting Member
Ryan Morstad	Director	Voting Member
Daniel Caine	Director	Voting Member
Ha Nguyen	Director	Voting Member
Alex Dimopoulos	President	Voting Member
Rachel Moerschfelder	Vice President External	Voting Member
Alysson Torres - Gillett	Vice President Academic	Voting Member
Connor Goodfellow	Vice President Student Life	Voting Member
Joy Bowen-Eyre	Neutral Facilitator	Non-Voting
Blair McCormick	SAITSA Executive Director	Non-Voting
Adam Boechler	SAITSA Coordinator, Governance	Non-Voting

Regrets:

Hunter Mills	Director	Voting Member
Tanya Pittis	Board of Governors Student Representative	Non-Voting
Rachel Paris	SAITSA Manager, Governance & Advocacy	Non-Voting

Guests:

Mitchell Holt	Student at Large	Guest
Samuel Timms	Student at Large	Guest
Deanna Bolla	Student at Large	Guest

Agenda Item

1.0 Call to order:

J. Bowen-Eyre called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:

D. Caine gives the acknowledgement of traditional indigenous territories.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:

N. Chaachouh declares a conflict for item 6.6. A. Dimopoulos also declares a conflict for item 6.6.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

Move to approve the agenda for April 9, 2018 regular meeting of the SAITSA Board of Directors.

C. Poole
Motion Carried

5.0 Adoption of Minutes:

5.1 Regular Meeting of the Board from March 5, 2018.

Motion:

Move to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2018 regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

**N. Chaachouh
Motion Carried**

6.0 Board of Governors Student Representative Selection Process:

6.1 Selection Committee Chair explanation of Process

R. Moerschfelder describes process of the selection committee to shortlist candidates for presentations to the Board of Directors.

6.2 Candidate #1 presentation and questions

Candidate Deanna Bolla presents to the Board of Directors.

6.3 Candidate #2 presentation and questions

Candidate Ninar Chaachouh presents to the Board of Directors.

6.4 Candidate #3 presentation and questions

Candidate Alex Dimopoulos presents to the Board of Directors.

6.5 In Camera discussion and selection

Motion:

Move to go in Camera at 6:41PM.

**A. Torres-Gillett
Motion Carried**

Motion:

Move to go out of Camera at 7:22 PM.

**C. Goodfellow
Motion Carried**

6.6 Board of Governors Student Representative ratification

Motion:

Move to accept the results of the secret ballot; ratifying Ninar Chaachouh as the SAIT Board of Governors Student Representative for the 2018-2019 Academic year.

**J. Bettie
Abstention: N. Chaachouh
Carried**

7.0 Individual Reports:

Verbal and written reports were provided by A. Dimopoulos, R. Moerschfelder, A. Torres-Gillett, and C. Goodfellow. B. McCormick gave a verbal report focused on the Provincial Budget and noted the process for a SAITSA rebranding. Tanya Pittis Board of Governors Student Representative sent regrets, no report submitted as the Board of Governors have not met since the last regular meeting of the SAITSA BOD.

8.0 Committee Reports:

- 8.1 Campus Life Committee - C. Goodfellow** – Recommended the committee is removed from the Bylaws as a standing committee of the Board of Directors in the Bylaw revision process. The last meeting of the committee was cancelled and likely the next one as well due to executive transition.
- 8.2 Finance Committee - A. Dimopoulos** – Report as submitted, verbally reported that the committee reviewed the Bylaws and made recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2018.
- 8.3 Governance Committee - A. Torres-Gillett** – The committee has been working on Bylaws and potential EC review processes. Looking to organize a day planning session tentatively on May 6, 2018. Lots of work still to do and looking for feedback.
- 8.4 Advocacy Committee - R. Moerschfelder** – The committee has completed the initial drafting of the Advocacy Plan, looking for feedback from the BOD. Please send any feedback to me by May 1, 2018. The committee will send the final draft to the BOD with the May 14, 2018 agenda package.

R. Moerschfelder asks N. Chaachouh to report on the Advocacy Committee's Vent Event as she was unable to attend. N. Chaachouh reports that there were approximately 80 students who attended. Lots of good conversation, responses and feedback. Would recommend that the event occurs again in the future.

- 8.5 Environmental Sustainability - D. Davis (Chair of Committee)** – No report. Committee has not met.

Motion:

Move to dissolve the Environmental Sustainability Ad-hoc Committee.

A. Torres-Gillett
Motion Carried
Abstentions: D. Caine

- 8.6 Student Expansion Committee Advisory Committee - B. McCormick** – Verbally reported the Government of Alberta is not funding new initiatives, but at this time are still lending money through Alberta Capital Finance which bodes well as we are looking to borrow. Will be giving a presentation later in the meeting about SAITSA HQ.
- 8.7 Strategic Plan Committee - A. Torres-Gillett** – The committee has not met since the session with Watson on March 11, 2018. Looking forward to completing a final draft of the new Strategic Plan.

9.0 Business Items:

- 9.1 Ratification of Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Report for 2018 EC Elections**

Motion:

Move to ratify the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Report for the 2018 EC Elections.

D. Nichols
Abstentions A. Torres-Gillett and J. Beddow
Carried

Motion

Move to amend agenda, item 9.2 "Motion to call a Special Meeting of the BOD for April 16th re: Bylaw reading" will become 9.4, 9.3 "Bylaw Motions 1st reading" will become 9.2 and 9.4 "Bylaw Motions 2nd reading" will become 9.3.

J. Bettie
Carried

- 9.2 Bylaw Motions 1st reading**

Motion:

Move to strike Bylaw 4.2: **“The Board cannot make changes or amendments to these Bylaws between May and September.”**

Move to strike Bylaw 7.10.3: **“Quorum for the Board will be reduced to six voting members from May to September.”**

Move to amend Bylaw 16.1: **“Quorum at any regular meeting of the Board will be three quarters of voting members. With the exception of meetings held between May and September, whereby Quorum will be six (6) voting members,”** to read: “Quorum at any regular meeting of the Board will be three quarters of voting members.”

Move to approve the first reading of the bylaws.

A. Torres-Gillett
Opposed J. Corbel and M. Busby
Carried

J. Powell read the changes into record.

- *The striking of Bylaw 4.2*
- *The striking of Bylaw 7.10.3*
- *Approved amendments to Bylaw 16.1*

9.3 Bylaw Motions 2nd reading

Motion:

Move to strike Bylaw 4.2: **“The Board cannot make changes or amendments to these Bylaws between May and September.”**

Move to strike Bylaw 7.10.3: **“Quorum for the Board will be reduced to six voting members from May to September.”**

Move to amend Bylaw 16.1: **“Quorum at any regular meeting of the Board will be three quarters of voting members. With the exception of meetings held between May and September, whereby Quorum will be six (6) voting members,”** to read: “Quorum at any regular meeting of the Board will be three quarters of voting members.”

Move to approve the second reading of the bylaws.

J. Beddow
Opposed J. Corbel and M. Busby
Carried

J. Powell read the changes into record.

- *The striking of Bylaw 4.2*
- *The striking of Bylaw 7.10.3*
- *Approved amendments to Bylaw 16.1*

9.4 Motion to call a Special Meeting of the BOD for April 16th re: Bylaw reading

Motion:

Move to call a Special Meeting on April 16, 2018 at 6pm. Subject: Third Reading of the Bylaws.

J. Bettie
Carried

10.0 Information/Discussion:

10.1 Advocacy Plan

R. Moerschfelder reports that the Advocacy Plan is nearing completion and is looking for Board input and feedback. The Plan will be sent to Board Members for their review. The deadline to provide feedback will be May 1, 2018 so that changes can be incorporated and sent to the Board of Directors with the May 14, 2018 regular meeting agenda package.

10.2 Co-Curricular Record

J. Corbel reports that he has met with Erin Findlay and that student members of the Board of Directors and Board Committees will now have the opportunity to receive credit on their academic record for experience outside of the classroom. The notation will be made on the students Co-Curricular Record (CCR) on their academic transcripts.

10.3 VP Elect Transition

Motion:

Move to approve Jessica Beddow’s absence from May 6-15 during the Executive Council transition period, in reference to Bylaw 8.5.2.

J. Bettle
Abstentions: J. Beddow
Carried

10.4 SAITSA HQ / SAIT Agreement

Tabled to the conclusion of the April 16th Special Meeting of the Board.

10.5 In Camera

Motion:

Move to go in Camera at 9:50pm.

R. Molstad
Carried

Motion:

Move to go out of Camera at 10:28pm.

R. Molstad
Carried

10.0 Questions/Adjournment:

Motion:

Move to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 PM.

M. Busby
Motion Carried

BOD Chair

Approved Date:

BOD Vice-Chair