



Present:

Alex Dimopoulos	Vice President Academic	Voting Member
Connor Goodfellow	Vice President Student Life	Voting Member
Mitchell Holt	BOD Chair	Voting Member
Joshua Bettle	BOD Vice Chair	Voting Member
Cameron Hodgins	Director	Voting Member
Daniel Caine	Director	Voting Member
Donavin Nichols	Director	Voting Member
Ha Nguyen	Director	Voting Member
Harsha Bhamidipati	Director	Voting Member
Hayli Hinchley	Director	Voting Member
Herlina Siagan	Director	Voting Member
Ian Buenaventura	Director	Voting Member
Jessica Beddow	Director	Voting Member
Joshua Eway	Director	Voting Member
Naomi Movilla	Director	Voting Member
Tanya Pittis	Director	Voting Member
Rachel Paris	SAITSA Manager, Governance and Advocacy	Ex-Officio
Martin Cruz	SAITSA Coordinator, Governance and Compliance	Ex-Officio
Blair McCormick	SAITSA Executive Director	Ex-Officio
Jessica Polivchuk	Neutral Facilitator	Ex-Officio

Regrets:

Gar Gar	President	Voting Member
Mikayla Shaffer	Vice President External	Voting Member
David Morales	Board of Governors Student Representative	Ex-Officio

Guests:

Chelsea Kemp	Correspondent, The Weal
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1.0 Call to order

J. Polivchuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2.0 Conflict of Interest Check

No conflicts of interest noted.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Move to amend the agenda to include Business Item 10.8 –Board of Governors Student Representative Selection Committee member ratification.

M. Holt / D. Nichols
Motion carried

J Bettle & H. Nguyen declared conflict for the additional item.

Motion:

Move to amend the agenda to include Discussion/Information Item 11.4 – Board of Directors involvement with the Elections.

J. Bettle/ D. Nichols
Motion carried

Motion:

Move to approve the amended agenda as presented.

**M. Holt/ D. Nichols
Motion carried**

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

Motion:

Move to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from Monday, February 13th 2017.

**M. Holt/ T. Pittis
Motion carried**

5.0 In-Camera – M. Holt

Motion:

Move the meeting in-camera

**M. Holt /D. Nichols
Motion carried**

Motion:

Move the meeting ex-camera

**J. Beddow/ N. Movilla
Motion carried**

6.0 SAITSA HQ Presentation – B. McCormick

B. McCormick presented an update on SAITSA HQ to the Board. He noted that the focus of the Student Space Expansion Advisory Committee has been to expand student services and non-academic space for students in the new building. B. McCormick also noted that since the start of the planning process, SAITSA has hosted multiple focus groups to ensure that all stakeholders, primarily students, have ample opportunity to have input in the development of the building. The new student building will include revenue generating operations for SAITSA, which will support SAITSA's Social Enterprise Strategy. SAITSA HQ will include non-academic space for students, including but not limited to: bookable rooms, entrepreneurial storefronts for students, study space and casual areas for students to relax and be with friends. An Order-in-Council from the Government of Alberta is needed in order for construction of the building to commence. B. McCormick also stated that SAIT has indicated that they are working to incorporate the construction or building operations into SAIT programs to help make the building truly by and for students.

7.0 Individual Reports

Verbal report was provided by A. Dimopoulos and C. Goodfellow. A. Dimopoulos's report has been circulated prior to the meeting.

8.0 Committee Reports

A. Dimopoulos presented a report on behalf of the Finance Committee.

R. Paris presented a report on behalf of the Governance Committee. A report has been submitted and circulated prior to the meeting.

D. Caine presented a report on behalf of the Campus Life Committee.

B. McCormick presented a report on behalf of the Student Space Advisory Committee.

J. Bettle presented a report on behalf of the Environmental Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee. A report has been submitted and circulated prior to the meeting.

9.0 Action Items

9.1 Provide feedback regarding SAITSA HQ to B. McCormick – on- going

B. McCormick encouraged all Board Members to stop by the office to speak to him in regards to planning and development of SAITSA HQ or send an email.

9.2 Remove V. Williams from Board of Directors Mailing list – completed

9.3 List of SAITSA Events Emailed to Directors – completed

10.0 Business Items

10.1 1st Reading – Bylaw Revision 7.7.1

R. Paris provided the Board an overview of the current challenges with Bylaw 7.7.1. The current wording was too restrictive, stating that the Board shall elect its Chair and Vice Chair no later than the second meeting of the Board after the Fall Retreat. The proposed changes to Bylaw 7.7.1 will allow the Board to elect its Chair and Vice Chair any time after the Retreat at an appropriate time.

7.7.1 to read: “The Board Chair and Board Vice Chair shall be appointed from within the BOD by the eligible voting members.”

Motion:

Move to approve the 1st Reading of the Bylaw Revision 7.7.1.

**A. Dimopoulos/ D. Nichols
Motion carried**

10.2 1st Reading – Bylaw Revision 10.2

R. Paris mentioned that the Governance Committee recommended that Bylaw 10.2 is too long and restrictive. Governance Committee recommended that Bylaw 10.2 is to be divided into two and proposed an additional point 10.3. Bylaw 10.2 will state that each member of the Board must sit on at least one SAITSA committee and Bylaw 10.3 will outline SAITSA’s standing committees.

The Board discussed that both Bylaw 10.2 and 10.3 are synchronous and one motion was struck for the approval of the revision of Bylaw 10.2 and the adoption of Bylaw 10.3.

10.2 to read: “ All members are expected to sit on a minimum of one committee.”

10.3 to read: “Standing Committees of the Board shall include: finance, governance and campus life. The President and the Board Chair will appoint members to committees, which are to be ratified by the Board.”

10.3 1st Reading – Bylaw 10.3

Motion:

Move to approve the 1st Reading of Bylaw Revision 10.2 and the adoption of Bylaw 10.3.

**J. Bettle/ J. Beddow
Motion carried**

10.4 2nd Reading – Bylaw Revision 7.7.1

Motion:

Move to approve the 2nd Reading of Bylaw Revision 7.7.1.

**C. Goodfellow/ J. Bettle
Motion carried**

10.5 2nd Reading – Bylaw Revision 10.2

Both Bylaw 10.2 and 10.3 are synchronous and one motion was struck for the approval of the revision of Bylaw 10.2 and the adoption of Bylaw 10.3.

10.6 2nd Reading – Bylaw 10.3

Motion:

Move to approve the 2nd Reading of the Bylaw Revision 10.2 and the adoption of Bylaw 10.3.

**J. Bettle/ J. Beddow
Motion carried**

10.7 Approval of SAITSA’s Sustainability Vision

Motion:

Move to adopt the SAITSA’s Sustainability Vision as a strategic document.

**J. Bettle/D. Nichols
Motion carried**

10.8 Board of Governors Student Representative Selection Committee Members Ratification

Motion:

Move to ratify M. Holt, M. Schaffer, N. Movilla, and D. Caine as members of the Board of Governors Student Representative Selection Committee.

D. Nichols/ J. Beddow
Motion carried
(H. Nguyen Abstained)

11.0 Information/Discussion

11.1 SAITSA Events

R. Paris provided the Board an outline of SAITSA events.

11.2 Watson's Governance Review Update

R. Paris provided a brief update regarding the Governance Review that SAITSA is currently undergoing. SAITSA has hired Watson Advisors to conduct a review of the organization's governance structure and R. Paris noted the Board will play an important role in the process. She noted that an email has been circulated to members of the Board and all staff members involved with the SAITSA's governance structure regarding the process as well as a link to the survey. After the survey deadline has passed, Watson will also conduct a one-on-one interview with those who've noted that they would like to participate in one. Some interviews will be over the phone, while others will be in-person interview. R. Paris also noted that she will get in touch to schedule the interviews.

11.3 Board of Directors Vacancy

The Board discussed the vacancy within the Board of Directors.

Motion:

Move to strike an ad-hoc committee to conduct an appointment process to fill vacant Board position.

D. Nichols/I. Buenaventura
Motion defeated
(2 in-favour, 13 against, 1 abstention)

11.4 Board of Directors Elections Endorsements

Board of Directors are discouraged from using their positions from endorsing candidates during the elections or assisting a specific candidate with campaigning.

12.0 Questions/Adjournment

No questions noted.

J. Polivchuk adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

BOD Chair

Approved Date:

President