

Meeting – September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Penthouse – Senator Burns Building – 12th Floor

Present:

Alex Sutherland	BOD Chair	Voting Member
Matthew Busby	Director	Voting Member
Delmoy Daley	Director	Voting Member
Ben Goud	Director	Voting Member
Tim Holowachuk	Director	Voting Member
Kaylee Taylor	Director	Voting Member
Ryan Morstad	President	Voting Member
Garrett Koehler	Vice President External	Voting Member
Tanya Pittis	Vice President Academic	Voting Member
Jess Beddow	Vice President Student Life	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

Regrets:

Zain Bukhari	Director	Voting Member
Tola Jimoh	Director	Voting Member

Guests:

Charlson Reyes	Student	Guest
Samarjeetsinh Vansadia	Student	Guest

Agenda Item

1.0 Call to Order:

A. Sutherland called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:

D. Daley gave the Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:

A. Sutherland reminded the Board of Conflicts of Interest.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

To approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Add “EC Legacy Goals” as item 9.6 on the agenda.
- Amend “EC Goals” to read “EC Work Plan” and to move EC Work Plan to be discussion item 10.3.



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- Move “ED Goals” to be discussion item 10.4.

A. Sutherland/G. Koehler
9-1-0
Motion Carried

5.0 Address of the Chair

A. Sutherland gave an Address of the Chair and announced B. Callaghan’s resignation. The Board thanked B. Callaghan for her service as Chair, and congratulated her on her new position as Saitsa’s Volunteer Coordinator.

6.0 Adoption of Minutes:

6.1 Regular Meeting of the Board from July 8th, 2019

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board on July 8th, 2019

G. Koehler/R. Morstad
5-0-5
Motion Carried

7.0 Individual Reports:

7.1 President

Report as submitted.

7.2 VP Academic

Report as submitted.

7.3 VP External

Report as submitted.

Questions were raised regarding the report and recommendations from the *Blue Ribbon Panel on Alberta’s Finances* (aka MacKinnon Panel). G.Koehler was asked to explain the impact the report may have on Saitsa and SAIT students, and was also asked to speak to the status of Bill 19.

G. Koehler indicated that Saitsa should continue their efforts and commitment to advocating on SAIT students’ behalf to ensure quality and affordable post-secondary education. G. Koehler indicated that if changes to Bill 19 occur, further direction from the Board would be required.

7.4 VP Student Life

Report as submitted.

8.0 Committee Reports:

8.1 Finance Committee



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K. Taylor reported that the committee has not met since their last meeting. There is no set date for their next meeting.

8.2 Governance Committee

R. Morstad reported that the Governance committee cannot meet due to failure to achieve quorum.

8.3 Nominations Committee

M. Busby reported that the committee has not met. M. Busby requested that the members of the Committee stay after the meeting to plan their next meeting.

8.4 Ad-Hoc Advocacy Committee

Report as submitted.

9.0 Business Items:

9.1 Saitsa Awards Updates

R. Paris presented the briefing and updated awards Policies and Procedures, explaining the reasons regarding the update to Saitsa awards.

Motion:

To approve the changes to the Saitsa Awards as presented.

G. Koehler/K. Taylor

9-0-1

Motion Carried

9.2 Executive Council Meeting Terms of Reference

R. Morstad presented the Executive Committee Terms of Reference, and explained the reasons for implementing Terms of Reference for the Executive Council.

Motion:

To approve the Terms of Reference as Presented.

G. Koehler/J. Beddow

9-0-1

Motion Carried

9.3 Neutral Facilitator Review

R. Paris distributed the Neutral Facilitator Review survey for the Board to complete. The results will be compiled by R. Valencerina and distributed to the Board and J. Bowen-Eyre at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

9.4 EC Legacy Goals

R. Morstad gave a presentation regarding Executive Council Legacy Goals. Legacy Goals are priority ongoing goals the Executive Council will work on. As Saitsa's governance has a natural high-turnover rate, the importance of Legacy Goals was stressed as a critical success factor to ensure Saitsa's leadership is as effective as possible from year-to-year. Legacy Goals are intended to be longer-term goals that each year's Executive team can continue to advocate and make progress on, thus eventually resulting in significant and positive changes and impacts.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Saitsa Board of Directors have seen and endorse the Executive Council Legacy Goals Document.

R. Morstad/G. Koehler
9-1-0
Motion Carried

9.5 Executive Council Work Plan

R. Morstad, G. Koehler, T. Pittis, and J. Beddow presented their work plans to the Board of Directors, and explained their reasons for the development of their work plan.

9.6 Executive Director Goals

M. Stromme presented his goals and provided context and the anticipated impact the achievement of these goals will have on Saitsa

10.0 Information/Discussion:

10.1 Board Elections

R. Paris reminded the Board of the upcoming Board of Directors elections. Members are encouraged to inspire students to run for the Board of Directors.

10.2 Upcoming Saitsa Events

R. Paris presented upcoming events at Saitsa.

10.3 ED Report

M. Stromme presented his report to the Board.

10.4 In-Camera

Motion:

To move In-Camera with M. Stromme, R. Paris, and J. Bowen-Eyre.

G. Koehler/M. Busby
10-0-0
Motion Carried

R. Valencerina left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

R. Paris and M. Stromme were excused from the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

R. Morstad, T. Pittis, G. Koehler, and J. Beddow were excused from the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

11.0 Questions/Adjournment:

Motion:

To move Out-of-Camera at 9:17 p.m.

M. Busby/T. Holowachuk



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Motion Carried

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board tasks the Vice President External to focus their advocacy efforts on the legacy goals as presented and to present a work plan at the next meeting of the Board, October 7th, 2019 with these goals in mind.

T. Holowachuk/B. Goud

8-1-1

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.