

Meeting – August 8th, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Teams Meeting – Online

OluPresent:

Aaron Ramos	Vice President	Voting Member
Oluwatomisin Aroge	Director	Voting Member
Jayden Baldonado	Director	Voting Member
Karanpreet Singh Gill	Director	Voting Member
Ha Phuong Anh Nguyen	Director	Voting Member
Marc Stromme	Saitsa Executive Director	Non-Voting
Rachel Paris	Director, Student Services	Non-Voting
Rio Valencerina	Manager, Governance & Advocacy, Saitsa	Non-Voting
Sunra Sunra	Administrative Coordinator, G&A	Non-Voting

Guests:

F. Adeniyi	Administrative Assistant II, External Affairs	Non-Voting
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Regrets:

Dawson A Thomas	President	Voting Member
Paul John Martinez	Director	Voting Member

Agenda Item

1.0 Call to Order:

A. Ramos called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:

J. Baldonado gave the Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:

A. Ramos reminded the Board to declare any real or perceived conflict of interest. A conflict of interest is defined as any situation where a director could directly benefit or appear to benefit from business conducted by the Board.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda:

A. Ramos called for an approval of the agenda.

Motion:

To approve the agenda as presented.

**J. Baldonado /K.S. Gill
Motion Carries**



The motion was approved by general consent.

5.0 Adoption of Minutes:

5.1 Regular Meeting of the Board from July 4th, 2022.

Motion:

To approve the minutes as circulated.

**J. Baldonado/ K.S. Gill
Motion Carries**

The motion was approved by general consent.

6.0 Presentation

F. Adeniyi gave a presentation on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion from the EDI office of SAIT. She informed the Board about the changes in terminology by SAIT, as language matters as part of representation & addressing a diverse demographic appropriately. She presented the changes and the rationales behind these changes. Rationales primarily being sensitivity and better data collection on part of SAIT.

A. Ramos asked, Equity seeking has been changed to Equity deserving, what does that mean?

F. Adeniyi said it's change in terminology as it shows these people are deserving as in trying to give them jobs and enrollments. J. Baldonado said it means people seeking equity by means of being humans.

F. Adeniyi shared the survey link in the chat and requested the Board to kindly fill it out by 15th August & send it to her. K.S Gill asked if she could share the presentation with the Board and she said she will.

A. Ramos thanked F. Adeniyi for her presentation as she left the meeting at 5.25 pm.

7.0 Items for Decision:

7.1 Ends

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

7.2 Executive Limitations

No business was conducted in the current meeting.



7.3 Governance Process

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

7.4 Board-Executive Director Delegation

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

8.0 Required Approvals

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

9.0 Ownership Linkages

R. Valencerina reminded the Board about planning activities for more ownership linkages so the staff can help prepare.

O. Aroge asked with regards to advocacy positions for the Board to introduce ourselves, what's the follow up on that, any updates. Also, about the Ombudsperson, when are we starting the strategic meetings. R. Valencerina asked to kindly to follow up with the person concerned. R. Paris said, I met with Catherine from LES she would like to discuss how to go further, but not a director for LS & career transition & mental health. She wants 1 person instead of 3. May be the Board should discuss, decide, and let me know. O. Aroge asked A. Ramos if we can have it in the agenda for huddle and he said yes.

J. Baldonado asked the Board, we have orientation coming up if everyone is talking to their respective Deans. He also informed the Board that his dean has requested a Saitsa Video and a two-minute video as representative of the school. M. Stromme said Marcom has finished it and your individual lines are going to be shared with your school by marketing. J. Baldonado also asked if anyone on the Board is up for the Pride Week. H. Phuong enquired about the date to which he responded, it's he said, it commences 4th of September 2022.

R. Paris reminded the Board that the Residence move-In and Orientation are fantastic opportunities for student engagement.

R. Paris asked if the Board has started scheduling classroom talks?

K.S Gill said yes, I have talked to my dean for orientation and classroom talks and they are supportive of that. I will do both orientations - International Center and School of Construction.

O. Aroge asked if we could also have the marketing links about directors sent to us. M. Stromme put the links in the chat.



10.0 Board Education

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

Monitoring CEO Performance

a) Report on Financial Condition & Activities

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors accepts the Executive Director's interim Monitoring Report on Saitsa's Financial Condition and Activities and finds it compliant with a reasonable interpretation.

J. Baldonado/ K.S. Gill

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Motion Carries

11.0 Monitoring Board Performance

a) Reports & Feedback

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

12.0 Information Requested by the Board

No business was conducted in the current meeting.

13.0 Nice to Know

b) Upcoming Saitsa Events gave updates

S. Sunra presented the Saitsa events list to the Board for the month of August & September.

14.0 In-Camera Session

Motion:

To go In-camera with Board & all staff at 5:58 pm.

K.S Gill/J. Baldonado

Motion carries



To go Ex-camera with Board & all staff at 6:04 pm

K.S Gill/J. Baldonado

Motion carries

15.0 In-Camera Session

No in camera session.

16.0 Self-Evaluation & Governance Processes

R. Valencerina shared with Board that in SharePoint there is a self-evaluation form, kindly fill it out and send it out to me.

17.0 Questions/Adjournment

O. Aroge asked if we can have pictures, S. Sunra said we shall email them to you. Ha Phuong asked if we could do more in person interaction with students. A. Ramos said for sure kindly talk to your dean and maybe you can do a hybrid video and in person kind of arrangement. O. Aroge suggested kindly direct students to our website for finding about what services Saitsa provides.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm by general consent.