



**Present:**

Aaron Ramos	Saitsa President
Mansoor Ali	Saitsa Vice President
Auginne Bunado	Saitsa Director
Ryan Ng	Saitsa Director
Jatin Joshi	Saitsa Director
Gurnoor Brar	Saitsa Director
Benjamin Nwachukwu	Saitsa Director
Marc Stromme	Executive Director
Noah McDonald	Controller
Pooja Sigauke	Manager, Governance & Advocacy
Jose Rivas	Assistant Manager, Student Experience
Riyanti Poerba	Manager, Student Experience
Erin Mobberley	Administrative Assistant, Governance & Advocacy

**Students in Attendance:**

Ankita	Student at Large
Navleen Kour	Student at Large
Poorw	Student at Large
Lesi N	Student at Large
Hanie Periodo	Student at Large
Niccolo Gil	Student at Large
Faitomeh Alsaeid	Student at Large
Lance Santiago	Student at Large
Jatin Vadi	Student at Large
Mikayla Sharp	Student at Large
Jaskaran Singh	Student at Large
Lebonpreet Singh	Student at Large
Alen Reni Thomas	Student at Large
Ahmad Baker	Student at Large
Raybir Singh	Student at Large
Jameela Castillo	Student at Large
Hridhika	Student at Large
Frloyd Tan	Student at Large
Julia Espiritu	Student at Large
Xander Damarco	Student at Large
Abdullah	Student at Large
Will Fisher	Student at Large
Fernanda Manabeli	Student at Large
Noah Manz	Student at Large
Visnal Gupta	Student at Large
Qupnh	Student at Large



Jordyn Hiscox	Student at Large
Fortune Agbore	Student at Large
Carmon Delos Santos	Student at Large
Jackline Ragadio	Student at Large

**Agenda Item**

**1.0 Call to Order and Declaration for Quorum:**

A. Ramos called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. on, 2024. Declared the meeting has met quorum and gave opening remarks.

**2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:**

M. Ali recited the Land Acknowledgement.

**3.0 Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:**

To approve the Saitsa Annual General Meeting agenda as presented

**R.NG/A. Bunado**  
**33/0/0**  
**Motion Carries**

**4.0 Adoption of the Minutes of Last Meeting**

**Motion:**

To approve the Saitsa Annual General Meeting minutes of Meeting 15, 2023 as presented.

**J. Joshi/G. Brar**  
**30/0/3**  
**Motion Carries**

**5.0 Business Items**

AR presented the proposed amendments to the Saitsa Bylaws

Bylaw 2.13

Rationale, To simplify the bylaws and align with the Carver Policy Governance Model.

Bylaw 5.19

Rationale, To align with the operational capacity of the organization.

Bylaw 5.27

Rationale, To align with the logistical capacity of running a by-election. As per section 8.8 of the bylaws, an election oversight panel comprising of three third-party experts must be appointed before a by-election can commence. The additional days will allow for the proper recruitment of these positions.

To ensure a by-election is not conducted simultaneously with the annual general election. Furthermore, to ensure a by-election does not occur during the fall exam period or over the holiday break.

Bylaw 8.8

Rationale, Recommendations from a third-party policy advisor and to reflect the operational change approved by the 2022 Board of Directors. Section EL-14 was added to the Board of Directors policy manual to offsite the change to the bylaws.

**Motion:**

**WHEREAS** Section 14.1 of the Saitsa bylaws states that the bylaws may be rescinded or amended by a Special Resolution at any Annual General Meeting of the members; and

**WHEREAS** The proposed amendments to the Bylaws have been recommended by the Board of Directors at the January 8, 2024, meeting and distributed for the consideration of the membership at the Saitsa's 2023 Annual General Meeting;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The proposed amendments to the bylaws are approved by the membership of Saitsa, effective immediately.

F. Agboue entered meeting at 5:10

A. Ramos/B. Nwachukwu  
33/0/1  
Motion Carries



## 6.0 Saitsa 2021-2022 Highlights – Annual Report

M. Ali presented the 2022-2023 Annual Report. Provided an update to the members that Saitsa has achieved throughout the 2022-2023 year.

## 7.0 Annual Financial Statements

M. Stromme presented a brief overview of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2023.

## 8.0 Questions

Student at large asked what each Directors level of commitment in hours is and what are the directors working on.

A. Ramos discussed efforts in assisting international students and ensuring affordability to prevent SAIT from taking advantage of tuition fees. Reported working around 150 hours per month.

M. Ali highlighted work on affordable, including his travels to Ottawa and collaboration with the current government. Reporting working 40-50 hours per month.

B. Nwachukwu focused on assisting students with misconduct issues and conducting classroom talks.

A. Bunado addressed activities related to satellite campuses, attending student appeal hearings and conducting classroom talks. Reported working 15-20 hours per week.

J. Joshi highlighted his efforts to cover concerns of international students, academic integrity and organizing student events. Reported working 20-25 hours per week.

R. Ng highlighted his efforts to secure housing for students on practicum. Reported working 15 hours per week.

Student at Large asked what the impact of the Board work during their term is.

A. Bunado stated that the board has been working towards have more diverse counselors at SAIT and collaborating with Albertas mental health ministers as well as working on more prayer and study spaces for students.

Student at Large asked what struggles the Board face this year.

A. Ramos stated the challenges with the new provincial government elected in May and the appointment of the new minister in advanced education.

Student at Large asked is there an award or recognition ranking across student associations.

A. Ramos advised there is no ranking system for student's associations.

Student at Large asked if Directors are paid, and if so, is it salary or hourly.



A. Ramos clarified that Directors, being agents and not employees, are not paid a salary but receive a flat monthly honorarium.

Student at Large asked how much of the Board's honorarium is funded by students tuition.

MS advised that 0.005 percent of tuition funds the honorarium.

Student at Large asked should students have the right to know that working hours of Directors.

A. Ramos stated that this information cannot be provided at the current meeting and suggested bring this to next year's Board for consideration.

Student at Large asked about the funding and information regarding the new athletic center.

A. Ramos advised that the new gym space is built by SAIT and has no contributions from Saitsa.

## **9.0 Adjournment**

A. Ramos adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m