



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Date	Sunday, 20 th March 2022
Time	4:00 PM Atlantic Daylight Time (Canada)
Location 1	5 th Floor of the Saint Mary's University Student Centre Building
Location 2	<p>Joshua Sydney is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Time: 04:00 PM Atlantic Time (Canada)</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89312027496?pwd=NWlkWtNXdzdoNm5EMTZWNFVKa0VHQT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 893 1202 7496</p> <p>Passcode: 422148</p>
Invitees	Joshua Sydney (Board Chair), Alex Wilson (Vice Chair), Joshua Lafond, Brian Tumusiime, Mihika Mihika, Adam Snow, Pearl Buyanzi, Miyah Basden & Abhinav Gaur
Resources	Franklyn Southwell (SMUSA President), Kaylie Dolan (Board Secretary)

1. Call to order

At 4:00 pm, the meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Mr. Sydney.

2. Land Acknowledgement

At 4:00 pm, Mr. Sydney offered a land acknowledgement, recognizing that Saint Mary's University is located on the unceded, traditional land of the Mi'kmaq nation.

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

At 4:01 pm, Mr. Sydney asked the Board if there were any conflict-of-interest declarations to be made. No such declarations were presented.

4. Approval and Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting

At 4:01 pm, Mr. Lafond motioned to approve of the Meeting Minutes from the February 20, 2022, Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried.

5. President's Report

At 4:02 pm, Mr. Southwell, President of SMUSA, gave the President's Report (see Appendix). Follow-up questions were posed by Mr. Sydney and Ms. Basden.

6. Chief Governance Report – Joshua Sydney

At 4:10 pm, Mr. Sydney gave the Chief Governance Report, highlighting the active work of the Board in constructing and amending policy related to galas, finance, human resources, and the 5-year strategic plan – all of which are nearing completion. Mr. Sydney also highlighted the Board's ongoing efforts to familiarize the newly elected members with the roles they will soon be assuming.

7. Reports of Standing Committees:



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a. Societies Committee – Joshua Lafond

At 4:12 pm, Mr. Lafond presented the Societies Committee report, highlighting the Committee's work in overhauling the policy framework relating to galas, which has since been approved by the Societies Committee and the Human Resources and Governance Committee. Mr. Lafond extended a thank-you to all who were involved.

b. Finance Committee – Brian Tumusiime

At 4:14 pm, Mr. Lafond presented the Finance Committee report on behalf of Mr. Tumusiime, acknowledging the multi-year commitment of the Committee in creating a singular succinct finance policy framework, and thanking all past and current Committee members who aided in its fabrication.

c. Elections Committee – Alex Wilson

At 4:17 pm, Mr. Wilson presented the Elections Committee report, highlighting the Committee's recent assessment of the elections results report and sharing that they are working to establish an elections handbook that will be made accessible to every Elections Committee moving forward.

d. Human Resources and Governance Committee – Adam Snow

At 4:18 pm, Mr. Snow presented the Human Resources and Governance Committee report and made (i) a motion to – at the board level – approve of the finance policy, seconded by Mr. Lafond, motion carried; (ii) a motion to approve of the gala policy, seconded by Ms. Mihika, motion carried; (iii) a motion to adopt these policies to their official documents on May 1, seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

8. Reports of Ad-Hoc Committee:

a. Steering Committee – Miyah Basden

At 4:26 pm, Ms. Basden gave the Steering Committee report, highlighting the Committee's recent meeting on March 11 to discuss future initiatives of the organization. Ms. Basden mentioned that five central goals have been decided upon, and a rough draft should be completed before the next Board meeting.

9. Any Other Business

At 4:27 pm, Mr. Sydney asked the Board whether there was any other business yet to be discussed. No additional matters were mentioned.

10. In-Camera Session

At 4:28 pm, Ms. Basden motioned to move to an in-camera session, Mr. Lafond seconded, motion carried.

11. Adjournment

At 4:29 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Snow, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.



President's Report

Franklyn Southwell

March 2022

Appendix

Selection of Events Attending

SLRA Ceremony

BOG meeting

Government Roundtable

Societies and Events

Charter Day

Charter Day is this week. So, throughout the week, we will be announcing the winners on social media, and on Saturday March 26th, we will be hosting a social event with the winners only, and there will be food and drinks. The event on Saturday is scheduled to start at 2pm until 6pm. Adrian and Karla are working hard on preparing bios and information for our hosts. We are looking forward to honouring students that have supported initiatives and projects this year and positively contributed to the SMU community. And of course, all of our board members are invited.

Pack Leaders

With the SMU Welcome Week Planning Committee, our VP of student affairs has been working with Student Affairs and Services to plan and organize the hiring process for our 2022/2023 Pack Leaders. We have already started to advertise the positions and we have had a strong response to this point. We have a number of plans in place to ensure we have a large enough number of engaged volunteers for the Fall and Winter Welcome Weeks.

Last Class Bash

April 7th 2022, we are planning our party from 9pm until close. It is the last party of the year and thankfully, there won't be much restrictions with the exception of the wearing of masks. So, hopefully we get a good turnout and we encourage all of our board members to attend.

Academic Integrity Week

This week we are working in collaboration with Dr. Takseva to host Academic Integrity week. You can look forward to a week of workshops, trivia, and panel discussions for our students regarding academic integrity. As mentioned before, a lot of our students still struggle with



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understanding academic integrity and avoiding mistakes, so the goal is that this initiative will give students an opportunity to gain insights as to how to avoid those mistakes.

Internal/Academic Affairs

Executive Team Update

After the 2022 SMUSA Election, we have been working with the new President in order to develop a hiring process and team structure for the 2022/2023 Academic Year. The incoming President has decided to change some of the portfolios for the Executive Team structure and so we have moved forward with advertising the position. We are hopeful to have the Executive Team hired by the first week of April.

The positions we are hiring for are as follows:

VP of Academic

VP of Advocacy

Director of societies and marketing

Director of events

Director of Digital Communications

Budget Updates

SMUSA has been actively involved in the University's budget process and has engaged in a wide range of consultations regarding the fee structure for next year. We are continuing to work with University officials in order to solidify a predictable tuition model for international students but we are feeling quite concerned with the culmination of the entire budget process for this year.

Pass/No credit manual

Last semester the Senate passed the motion to create a pass/no credit manual that will act as longstanding guideline and a reference for students and faculty to use if students seek to opt into that option. So, currently I am working with the registrar and AVP of Enrollment Dr. Madine Vanderpart to finalize the final draft for Senate in April, and hopefully the new manual will take effect in September.