**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 2022**

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| **Date** | Wednesday November 23rd, 2022 |
| **Time** | 6:00PM Atlantic Savings Time (Canada) |
| **Location** | 5th Floor Student Centre Building at Saint Mary’s University |
| **Invitees** | Alexander Wilson, (Board Chair) Ashish Ganapathy (Vice Chair), Francesca Southwell, Mihika Mihika, Sorav Sogy, Meghan Boudreau, Thomas Waithe, Nikita Nikita, Toni-Ann Bennett |
| **Resource** | Cathie Ross (SMUSA General Manager) Rilla Barrett (Board Secretary) |
| **Regrets** | Isobel Tyler (SMUSA President) |

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at **5:59 pm** **AST** by the Chair.

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

The Chair acknowledges that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq people, covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship. We are all treaty people.

1. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the meeting minutes from October 19, 2022.

Moved by Ms. Southwell

Seconded by Ms. Boudreau

Motion carried

1. **Welcome Statement – Alex Wilson**

The Chair thanks the Board for their support over the last week and their flexibility with the schedule. Mr. Wilson acknowledges and thanks Cathie Ross, the SMUSA General Manager for stepping in last minute. Ms. Ross is present on behalf of the executive team as the President is out of the province with CASA.

1. **President’s Report – Cathie Ross**
   1. **Appendix 2**

* Ms. Ross states that it has been a very busy week for CASA members and Student Nova Scotia. Last week was advocacy week, members gathered with other students from the province and meet with members of the legislature. Met government officials and the opposition.
* The town hall will happen on January 17th with the President.
* Interfaith space: Negotiations are ongoing regarding the interfaith space on campus. Details will likely be finalized by end of the month.
* Goals for the rest of the year have been discussed such as online strategies, hybrid learning, and academic integrity.
* Events for academic integrity week were held such as a scavenger hunt, and game night on residence.
* Collaborated with the Patrick Power Library to provide students with snacks during midterms.
* Karaoke night was held. Great turnout with over 400 students through the Gorsebrook for this event. Halloween events were also very successful, with the Halloween Bash having a huge attendance.
* Director of communications reported that the street team’s t-shirts have arrived and they’re very excited. They’re managing the poster boards around the school and keeping them up to date.
* Directors attended the neurodiversity panel. December 6th the Montreal massacre will be commemorated.
* Info desk has done a great job supporting students returning to campus. U-pass has been very successful this term.
* Liquor services have returned, and staff is doing exceptional work. Already double the events have been held this year than last.
* Management will be changing as a couple of students are graduating this term. Working on finalizing those positions and it’s currently an internal posting.
* Very positive first term overall.

**Questions:**

* Ms. Southwell asks if the Street Team has other duties. Ms. Ross explains that they promote things happening on campus such as the election next term, or big events in the Gorsebrook. They go around campus to promote the events or are stationed somewhere such as in the student centre.
* Ms. Southwell mentions that the team would love to be more involved and is very enthusiastic. Ms. Ross acknowledges the great feedback.
* Ms. Boudreau asks if the street team is advertised. Ms. Ross says that right now they are mostly advertising on social media as to where the street team is stationed.

1. **Reports of Standing Committees:**
   1. **Elections Committee – Nikita Nikita**

The elections committee met several times over the last month. CRO and DRO have been selected after a unanimous vote and approval from the Board. Both have accepted their offers.

Have been reviewing the election policy to come up with a solid plan for the election next semester. They are excited to work with the newly appointed CRO and DRO.

* 1. **Human Resources & Governance Committee – Meghan Boudreau**

A successful meeting was held where the HR Governance policy was investigated and ways that they can add to it were discussed. A meeting will be held to continue discussing the HR policy and the President’s bonus, and how that can be determined.

* 1. **Society Committee – Thomas Waithe**

The committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to improve the society’s policies. Looking at the societies themselves and the members to bring forth any information that could be helpful. Currently looking at meeting with some executive members a

* 1. **Finance Committee – Sorav Sogy**

The committee met and discussions were had about the financials and timelines. Semi-annual financial statements were requested, and the budget has been received. Working on developing policy further.

1. **Any Other Business**

**Board of Governors – Francesca Southwell**

Ms. Southwell says that SMU has welcomed Alan Abraham and Mark Gosine as the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Governors. In addition to the new Chair and new Vice Chair, there are multiple new members such as faculty and external members from outside the university.

1. **In-Camera Session**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors move to an in-camera session.

Moved by Ms. Mihika

Seconded by Mr. Waithe

Motion carried

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **6:27PM AST.**