



Saint Mary's University Students' Association

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	Sunday, July 9 2017
TIME:	16:45 for 17:00pm
LOCATION:	Ozmon Board Room
PRESENT:	Deeksha Bhaskar (Chair), Jane Raeburn Jans (Vice-Chair), Lindsay Garwe, Mitch Archibald, Ollando Brown, Omar Semeda, Oyindamola Oshobu, Valerie Caswell, Vicky Li
ABSENT:	None
GUESTS:	Ossama Nasrallah (SMUSA President), Denis Amirault (VP Communications), Lexa Danielle Ali (VP Academic), Mary Navas (VP Student Affairs) arrived at 17:09 and excused at 18:04
RESOURCE:	Ms. Paula Minnikin (Governance Expert)

1. Ms. Bhaskar called the meeting to order at 17:07
2. Adoption of the agenda:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Oshobu and seconded by Mr. Garwe that the agenda be adopted as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.**
3. The guests for the meeting arrived, were introduced and admitted (Mr. Nasrallah, Mr. Amirault, Ms. Ali, Ms. Mary)
4. **It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Oshobu to accept the minutes of the April 22 and May 1 & 2 meeting, as circulated.**
5. President's Report:
 - a. The report was received as presented by Mr. Nasrallah, with minor editorial corrections suggested. This includes the addition of information provided on the Street Team that was omitted from the written report (attached and corrected for the record). The approximate numbers for the street team are 100 pack leaders – 70 SMUSA and 30 international.



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6. Chief Governance Officer's report:
 - a. At 17:36 the Chief Governance Officer's report was presented and accepted. Work for the year has commenced with an introductory meeting with SMU President Rob Somerby- Murray to align strategic plans for the year.
 - b. A secretary will be hired to take minutes for the board by the next meeting.
7. Strategic Goals for term 2017- 2018 (Appendix A):
 - a. **It was moved Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Garwe that each meeting focus on two goals only. The motion was passed unanimously.**
8. SMUSA Capital Fund Agreement:
 - a. At 17:41 Mr. Nasrallah presented the proposed Capital Fund Agreement. A fulsome discussion followed. There are both minor editorial and material governance suggested additions and edits.
 - b. **In the name of expediency, approval in principal was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Archibald to allow ensure that the meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2017 could be duly constituted and to ensure that the operational plans for a patio for the Gorsebrook could proceed without delay. The motion passed unanimously.**
9. At 18:04 the guests departed and the Board considered the constitution of its subcommittees.
10. Striking of an HR and Governance Committee:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Oshobu that Mr. Smeda, Ms. Caswell and Mr. Archibald constitute the HR and Governance committee. The motion passed unanimously.**
11. Striking of a Finance Committee:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Smeda that Mr. Brown, Mr. Oshobu, Mr. Garwe and Ms. Li constitute the Finance Committee. The motion was passed unanimously.**
 - b. It was noted in the free discussion that followed that this group also holds responsibility for the Capital Committee and ensuring that the agreement and governance is corrected.
12. All committees include, ex officio, the Board Chair.
13. In camera:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Smeda seconded by Mr. Oshobu that the Board move in camera at 18:10 to discuss its retreat. The motion passed unanimously.**



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14. Out of camera:

- a. The Board arose out of camera at 18:38 with an agreement to complete a doodle poll for times and locations as discussed in camera.

15. Mr. Archibald and Mr. Brown volunteered to attend the SMUSA Capital Fund Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2017.

16. Adjournment:

- a. **The meeting was adjourned at 18:40 on a motion moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.**