



Saint Mary's University Students' Association

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	Saturday, April 23, 2016
TIME:	4:45 for 5:00pm
LOCATION:	SMUSA Board Room, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Student Centre
PRESENT:	Mr. Rice (Chair & Acting President), Mr. Nicholson (Vice-Chair), Mr. Alanazi, Mr. Algermozi, Ms. Bhayani, Mr. Madokh, Ms. Paula, Mr. Rakotondrafara
ABSENT:	N/A
GUESTS:	N/A
RESOURCE:	Mr. Shawn Nicholson, Vice-Chair, Acting Recording Secretary

1. Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 5:02pm
2. Adoption of the Agenda:
  - a. **It was moved by Mr. Nicholson and seconded by Mr. Algermozi that the agenda be adopted as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
3. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. **It was moved by Mr. Madokh and seconded by Ms. Paula that the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as circulated. The motion was passed, with one abstention from Mr. Rakotondrafara**
4. (Acting) President's Report
  - a. Mr. Rice spoke about his activities since appointed as acting president.
  - b. Students' Nova Scotia, pending approval of their board, agreed in principle to forgive an outstanding debt of \$5,000.
  - c. All outstanding CASA fees were paid.
  - d. Mr. Rice spoke about his meetings with Dr. Summerby-Murray, University President and Gauthier
  - e. Mr. Rice met with The Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia, Mr. Wang, a recent donor to the university and other government officials.
  - f. Mr. Rice spoke of Financial Aid initiatives of the university.
  - g. Two members of the SMUSA Executive were appointed by SMUSA to sit on University Committees. Mr. Rice on the Vice President Advancement committee and Ms. Collette Robert on the Student Services Hiring committee.
  - h. A new draft of a Memorandum of Understanding with the university was started.
  - i. Renovations in the Ozmon Boardroom were completed.



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- j. A formal transition between the incoming and outgoing SMUSA Executive was scheduled for the following week. Meetings were also scheduled with University staff.
  - k. Molson has committed to a three-year agreement with SMUSA, valued between \$45,000 and \$50,000.
  - l. Mr. Rice clarified that the new Memorandum of Understanding would govern Welcome Week.
  - m. Mr. Rice spoke of his hope for the MOU to see that SMUSA secures office space long term.
  - n. The Marquee Message Board is moving forward, with the university agreeing to fund half of the project.
5. SMUSA Financial Statements:
- a. **It was moved by Mr. Nicholson and seconded by Ms. Bhayani that the Board of Directors approve the Financial Statement for the year ended April 30, 2015 as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
6. SMUSA Budget
- a. **It was moved by Ms. Bhayani and seconded by Mr. Rakotondrafara that the Board of Directors approve the Cost of Governance, Honoria, President's Salary, and Budget as reflected in the Draft Budget as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
7. Vice-Presidential Bonusing:
- a. **It was moved by Mr. Nicholson and seconded by Ms. Bhayani that the Board of Directors go in camera at 7:19pm. The motion was passed unanimously.**
  - b. **It was moved by Ms. Bhayani and seconded by Mr. Algermozi that the Board of Directors go out of camera at 7:49pm.**
  - c. **There was a motion passed in camera to accept Vice-Presidential Bonusing as was admended in camaera.**
8. Governance Committee Update
- a. The Governance Committee would pass policy pieces forward to the new board.
  - b. The committee spoke about the hope for complete Gender Neutral language in all policy.
  - c. The committee also spoke to the need for change in the Society Policy.
9. Website Redesign Proposal:
- a. Mr. Rice noted that there were multiple proposals for website redesign.
10. Board of Directors Transition & Executive Transition Update
- a. Mr. Rice reported that a transition was ongoing.



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11. Other Business

- a. It was moved by Mr. Nicholson and seconded by Ms. Bhayani that the Board of Directors go in camera at 8:07pm. The motion was passed. Mr. Rakotondrafara recused himself before the board went in camera.
- b. It was moved by Mr. Algermozi and seconded by Ms. Bhayani that the Board of Directors go out of camera at 8:09pm. The motion was passed.
- c. At 8:10pm, Mr. Rice turned over the Chair of the Meeting to Mr. Nicholson. Mr. Rice left the meeting.
- d. It was moved by Mr. Madokh and seconded by Mr. Algermozi that the Board of Directors go in camera at 8:14pm. The motion was passed.
- e. It was moved by Mr. Madokh and seconded by Ms. Paula that the Board of Directors go out of camera at 8:42pm. The motion was passed.
- f. There was a passed in camera, that the Board of Directors approve the proposed compensation for Board Chair, Bryan Rice for service above and beyond his fiduciary responsibility to SMUSA
- g. Mr. Nicholson thanked the board for their service to SMUSA, and for a successful year.

12. Adjournment:

- a. It was moved by Mr. Algermozi and seconded by Ms. Paula that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

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