



Saint Mary's University Students' Association

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	Sunday November 27 th , 2016
TIME:	5:45 for 6:00pm
LOCATION:	LA280
PRESENT:	Mr. Rice (Chair), Ms. Raebrun (Vice-Chair), Mr. Oyindamola, Mr. Garwe, Mr. Shams, Ms. Bhaskar, Mr. Rakotondrafara
ABSENT:	Mr. Alanazi
GUESTS:	Mr. Rahman (President), Ms. Robert (Vice President Equity and Wellness), Mr. Gaunce (Vice President University Affairs)
RESOURCE:	Ms. Anna Ferguson, Recording Secretary

1. Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.
2. Adoption of the Agenda:
 - a. **It was moved by Ms. Raeburn and seconded by Ms. Bhaskar that the agenda be adopted as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
3. Board Minutes
 - a. **It was moved by Ms. Shams and seconded by Mr. Oyindamola to approve the minutes for October 30, 2016 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.**
4. President's Report
 - a. Mr. Rahman informed the Board that a bus stop shelter has been installed located by the TESL Building.
 - b. Mr. Rahman noted that the pool table in Gorsebrook made \$1,400 in the first three months of operation. The pool table cost roughly \$1,000. Mr. Rahman asked the Board what they should do with the extra money. He suggested that they should look in to purchasing a shuffleboard for the Gorsebrook.
 - c. Mr. Rahman and Mr. Rice attended Advocacy Week in Ottawa and met various representatives in the government.
 - d. Mr. Rahman met with Zahra Dhubow, a journalist with The Journal, about advocacy. Mr. Rahman informed her that SMUSA supports CASA because they



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take a realistic approach to advocacy by working with government to achieve both their goals. She will be publishing an article in The Journal shortly.

- e. Mr. Rahman informed the Board that SMUSA would be investing in nametags for SMUSA employees in the New Year.
 - f. Mr. Rahman informed the Board SMUSA is going to have a mural painted in Henn Alley soon.
 - g. Mr. Rahman noted that Car Share Atlantic has a spot on campus for students to use.
 - h. Mr. Rahman informed the Board that Students Nova Scotia met with 36 people during advocacy week in Halifax.
5. Chief Governance Officer's Report
- a. Mr. Rice and management from the university are working to negotiate an MOU. The goal of the document is to formalize the relationship between SMUSA and the university. It will be ready for the Board's review in the relative future.
 - b. Mr. Rice is on the Search Committee for the VP of Academic and Research. There are three final candidates and an announcement should be made in the next few weeks.
 - c. Mr. Rice also sits on the Governance Committee of the University. This is useful in reviewing SMUSA's governance structure.
6. Website Redevelopment Update
- a. Mr. Gaunce signed up for a trial run from Square Space but it does not seem feasible because SMUSA does not have the capacity or knowledge to maintain the website. Mr. Gaunce will be meeting with Site Club again to negotiate the price. Initially Site Club offered to do the website for \$10,000 in the first year. Site Club would be able to meet all SMUSA's needs and would facilitate continuity.
 - b. Mr. Gaunce will reach out to Site Club for an updated proposal and bring it back to the Board for approval next time.
 - c. **It was moved by Mr. Shams and seconded by Ms. Bhaskar to approve the redevelopment of the SMUSA website by Site Club, based on the revised proposal presented to the Board of Directors on October 30, 2016, to be funded through the SMUSA Reserve Accounts. The motion was passed unanimously.**
7. SMUSA Capital Fund Discussion
- a. Mr. Rice informed the Board that every year, a SMUSA Capital Fund receives \$20 from every student for capital projects. However, the terms and purposes for the Capital Fund are outdated. SMUSA should have control over this money but



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the university collects this money and puts it into a fund for capital expenditures that SMUSA is not able to access independently. SMUSA would like to have full control of these funds.

8. Striking of an Elections Committee

- a. A CRO and DRO, will be hired by SMUSA to oversee the elections.
- b. Mr. Rice would like it to be noted that whoever is on this committee cannot run in the elections and they cannot be hired as a Vice-President next year.
- c. Ms. Bhaskar, Mr. Shams, Mr. Garwe and Mr. Oyindamola put their names forward for consideration for service on the Elections Committee. There are three spots. A vote was conducted.
- d. Ms. Bhaskar, Mr. Garwe and Mr. Oyindamola were the successful candidates for the Elections Committee. They will self-elect a chair.

9. Structural Review Update

- a. The Wellness Centre and peer support have been very successful this term and will continue in second semester.
- b. SMUSA has bursary funds to distribute but will communicate with KPMG on exactly how much.

10. Other Business

- a. No other business.

11. Adjournment

- a. **It was moved by Ms. Raebrun and seconded by Ms. Oyindamola to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm. This motion was passed unanimously.**

B. J. P.