



Saint Mary's University Students' Association

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 Saint Mary's University
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	Sunday October 16 th , 2016
TIME:	5:45 for 6:00pm
LOCATION:	Ozmon Boardroom, 5 th Floor Student Centre
PRESENT:	Mr. Rice (Chair), Ms. Raebrun (Vice-Chair), Ms. Bhaskar, Mr. Oyindamola, Mr. Rakotondrafara, Mr. Garwe, Mr. Alanazi
ABSENT:	Mr. Shams
GUESTS:	Mr. Rahman (President), Ms. Robert (Vice President Equity and Wellness), Mr. Gaunce (Vice President University Affairs), Mr. Nasrallah (Vice President Student Affairs), Mr. Harrison (Co-President Enactus Saint Mary's University), Mr. Arsenault (Co-President Enactus Saint Mary's University)
RESOURCE:	Ms. Anna Ferguson, Recording Secretary

1. Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
2. Adoption of the Agenda:
 - a. Item 7, Enactus Project Funding Proposal, was moved to item 3 to allow Mr. Harrison and Mr. Arsenault to present first.
 - b. **It was moved by Ms. Raeburn and seconded by Mr. Alanazi that the agenda be adopted as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
3. Enactus Project Funding Proposal
 - a. Enactus Saint Mary's University is a student run society that focuses on social change. Enactus is running a social enterprise called Square Roots. This project focuses on food security for isolated communities in Halifax. They would deliver bundles of food to 70 households bi-weekly. They need funding to help start transporting food from the farms to the city to be able to start distribution to these isolated communities. They are hoping to launch this mid-November.
 - b. It was concluded by the Board they will discuss their pitch and see if there is any money in the budget to give to Enactus.



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4. Board Minutes

- a. **It was moved by Ms. Bhaskar and seconded by Mr. Garwe to approve the Board Meeting minutes from July 24th, 2016 as amended. The motion was passed unanimously.**

5. President's Report.

- a. Welcome Week 2016 was very successful and the financial statement suggests a surplus of \$15,000 rather than an estimated \$5,000 deficit.
- b. An additional Peer Mentor has been hired and a Wellness Centre has been set up on the first floor of the Student Centre. This was done with funding that was approved by the Board in July.
- c. SMUSA AGM is set to happen on October 20th, 2016.
- d. The Gorsebrook Lounge recognized a deficit of approximately \$36,000 over the summer months. The Board should consider if it makes sense to have The Gorsebrook Lounge operate in the summer.
- e. Mr. Rahman met with Mr. Tom Brophy, the new Senior Director of Student Services. Mr. Rahman recognized the importance of a good relationship between SMUSA and the University.

6. 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 updated the Board on University committee work and ongoing search processes.
- c. Mr. Rice gave an update on meetings with the University administration and meetings with SMUSA's lobbying organizations.

7. Proposal for Website Redevelopment

- a. The SMUSA Executive Team brought three updated quotes to the Board for website redevelopment. There was a supplier that seemed to stand out against the others and the Board needed some clarification on the cost and contract length. A decision will be finalized when the SMUSA Executive Team provides more information.

8. Board Schedule

- a. The Board Meeting Schedule for the rest of the year was discussed. We will be tentatively having meetings on the following dates: October 30th, 2016 in the Atrium, November 27th, 2016 in Loyola, January 22nd, 2017 in the Sobey Building, February TBA but during the week for Elections Review and referendum approval, March 5th, 2017 in the Atrium to discuss the preliminary



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budget for the academic year 2017/18 and Board of Director priorities, April 2nd in the Ozmon to vote on the 2017/18 budget. The Board are moving their meetings around campus to encourage students to sit in on the meetings and to ensure transparency and accessibility.

9. Other Business

- a. It was discussed by the Board that the person selected to be the DRO & CRO would not be allowed to apply for any SMUSA Executive Positions in the following academic year, due to a conflict of interest. This should be clearly reflected in the job description and explained to the successful applicant.
- b. **It was moved by Mr. Rakotondrafara and seconded by Ms. Bhaskar to go in camera at 7:38pm.**
- c. **The Board moved out of camera at 7:47pm.**

10. Adjournment

- a. **It was moved by Ms. Raebrun and seconded by Ms. Bhaskar to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. This motion was passed unanimously.**

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