



Saint Mary's University Students' Association

DATE:	Sunday, February 4 th , 2018
TIME:	4:45pm for 5:00pm
LOCATION:	Secunda Boardroom, 4 th Floor Sobey
PRESENT:	Ms. Deeksha Bhaskar (Chair), Ms. Jane Raeburn Jans (Vice-Chair), Mr. Lindsay Garwe, Mr. Mitchell Archibald, Mr. Oyindamola Oshobu, Mr. Ollando Brown, Ms. Valerie Caswell, Ms. Vicky Li
ABSENT:	Mr. Omar Semeda
GUESTS:	Mr. Ossama Nasrallah (President), Mr. Denis Amirault (VP Communications), Ms. Mary Navas (VP Student Affairs), Ms. Lexa Danielle Ali (VP Academic & Advocacy), Mr. Lawson Morassutti (VP Equity & Wellness), Ms. Maggie Redden and Ms. Eryn Kennedy (SMU Conflict Resolution Society), Mr. Salman Islam Sadib, Mr. Ciaro Moxey, Ms. Kaitlyn Amell, Mr. Francis E. Sena, Ms. Caroline Korytko, Ms. Victoria Hawkins (SMU Habitat for Humanity Society)
RESOURCE:	Ms. Maeve Mulroy, Recording Secretary

1. Ms. Bhaskar called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.
2. Ms. Raeburn Jans joined the meeting in call.
3. Adoption of the Agenda:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Caswell that the agenda be adopted as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
4. Consent Agenda Approval:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Oshobo and seconded by Mr. Archibald that the Consent Agenda be approved and adopted as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.**
5. Peaceful Schools Society Funding:
 - a. Representatives from the Conflict Resolution Society gave a presentation for the board regarding their upcoming trip to Northern Ireland.



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- b. The Board moved in-camera to discuss the request for additional funding by the Peaceful Schools Society.
 - c. In-camera:
 - i. It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Archibald that the meeting move in-camera at 5:18pm. The motion was passed unanimously.**
 - ii. It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Archibald that Ms. Mulroy and Mr. Nasrallah be permitted to be present for the in-camera discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.**
 - iii. It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Archibald that the society's request for \$2,000 in funding from the SMUSA reserve be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.**
 - d. Out of camera:
 - i. The Board arose out of camera at 5:26pm.**
 - e. The board approved providing \$2,000 in funding from the SMUSA reserve for the Conflict Resolution Society.
6. Ms. Li joined the meeting at 5:36pm.
7. Habitat for Humanity Society Funding:
- a. Representatives from the Habitat for Humanity Society gave a presentation for the board regarding their upcoming trip to build a veteran's village in Florida. They requested for an additional funding of \$3000.
 - b. Ms. Bhaskar notified the society presenters that the board would make its decision during a later in-camera session and would notify them of its decision via email.
8. President's Report:
- a. Logistical improvements allowed the Santamarian Ceremony and Winter Society Expo events to be successful this year, with \$4,000 fundraised from sponsors.
 - b. The Senate approved a motion on January 12th to have a full week-long Fall break in 2018, as a one year pilot project.



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- c. Mental health initiatives have continued on campus, with a “Take The Pledge” video created by Mr. Morassutti for Bell Let’s Talk, and \$1,500 donations given to both the Healthy Minds Team and the Student Athlete Mental Health Initiative.
 - d. The SMU Medical Response Team is now active, with an office on campus and \$5,000 in funding from St. John Ambulance.
 - e. All previous board meeting minutes and budget documents are now posted on the SMUSA website and are available for viewing.
 - f. Several society events will take place throughout February and March.
9. Chief Governance Officer’s Report:
- a. The Chief Governance Officer has been working closely with several parties regarding succession planning, and details will be finalized and presented to the board at a later date. The board will be updated further with reports and plans for next year.
10. Ms. Raeburn Jans left the meeting at 6:10pm.
11. Elections 2018 Timetable:
- a. The board approves the 2018 Elections timetable with one modification, through two motions presented by the Elections Committee:
 - i. **It was moved by Ms. Caswell and seconded by Mr. Archibald that the start time of the presidential debate be moved from 6:30 to 4:00pm. The motion was passed unanimously.**
 - ii. **It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Caswell that the beginning (February 12th) and end of campaign dates be approved as originally presented. The motion was passed unanimously.**
12. Referendum Questions:
- a. Society Funding Increase - The referendum question will read as follows:
 - i. Referendum Question One: SMUSA supports over 60 Student societies on campus every year. Do you agree to a \$10 fee, increasing in line with inflation (CPI Stats Canada), to enable SMUSA to provide over \$60,000 in funding to support current and future societies?

ii. It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Garwe that the first referendum question be approved with discussed modifications, as presented above. The motion was passed unanimously.

- b. SMUSA Gorsebrook Events - The referendum question will read as follows:
- i. Referendum Question Two: SMUSA operates the Gorsebrook lounge for all student. Do you support paying \$5 per year, increasing in line with inflation (CPI Stats Canada), to enhance programming and events and to provide free admission for all students for all Gorsebrook events (except Welcome Week events)?

ii. It was moved by Ms. Li and seconded by Mr. Garwe that the second referendum question be approved with discussed modifications, as presented above. The motion was passed with majority.

13. Ms. Ali and Mr. Morassutti left the meeting at 6:56pm.

14. HR & Governance Committee Report:

- a. In accordance with the committee's macro agenda, an HR and Governance Report has been completed by Mr. Archibald, Mr. Semeda, and Ms. Caswell.
- b. The committee's comparative policy review project has been put on hold until further notice.
- c. The committee has been working closely with Mr. Nasrallah to monitor presidential performance and to create a well-documented emergency plan, including presidential succession plan. The committee recognizes Mr. Nasrallah for all of his hard work so far this semester.
- d. The committee has identified several existing areas of risk, and as such has prepared several recommendations to the board.
 - i. The Board should approve a motion to support the cost of consultation as needed with its appropriate staff liaison for governance policy, Ms. Paula Minnikin.

1. It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Ms. Caswell that permission be granted by the board for consultation with

Ms. Paula Minnikin regarding governance policy, as part of previously approved governance review.

a. The motion was passed unanimously.

15. In-camera:

a. It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Garwe that the meeting move in-camera at 7:41pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. It was moved by Ms. Caswell and seconded by Mr. Archibald that the Habitat for Humanity society's request for \$2,700 in funding from the SMUSA reserve be approved. The motion was passed by majority.

c. It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Brown that the Board members currently holding Executive positions on student societies continue their term as Board of Directors for the year 2017-2018. The motion was passed unanimously.

d. It was moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Brown that all SMUSA Board members cannot hold Executive position titles or have any responsibilities associated with the titles stated in policy 6.3.12 of SMUSA Student Society Policy. The motion was passed unanimously.

16. Out of camera:

a. The Board arose out of camera at 9:34pm.

17. Adjournment:

a. It was moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Garwe that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35pm. The motion was passed unanimously.