



Saint Mary's University Students' Association

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Sunday, January 7 2018

TIME: 16:45 for 17:00pm

LOCATION: Ozmon Board Room

PRESENT: Deeksha Bhaskar (Chair), Lindsay Garwe, Mitch Archibald, Ollando Brown, Omar Sameda, Oyindamola Oshobu, Vicky Li

ABSENT: Jane Raeburn Jans (Vice-Chair), Valerie Caswell

GUESTS: Ossama Nasrallah (SMUSA President), Lexa Danielle Ali (VP Academic)
Mary Navas (VP Student Affairs)

RESOURCE: Deeksha Bhaskar

1. Ms. Bhaskar called the meeting to order at 17:08
2. Adoption of the agenda:
 - a. **It was moved by Mr. Sameda and seconded by Ms. Li that the agenda be adopted as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.**
3. **It was moved by Mr. Sameda and seconded by Mr. Archibald to accept the minutes of the December 10 meeting, as circulated.**
4. Society Funding Increase:
 - a. Mr. Nasrallah presented a proposal to increase the student society funding. This increase would allow societies to apply for up to \$5,000 funding per academic year as opposed to \$2,500 as it currently stands. A discussion followed.
 - b. **It was moved by Mr. Garwe and seconded by Mr. Brown to increase the amount of funding that each student society can apply for per academic year from \$2,500 to \$5,000.**
5. HR & Governance Committee Report:
 - a. The report was received as presented by the Committee Chair, Mr. Archibald. The board was updated about the comparative policy review that the committee is currently working on and the results of the review will be presented at the next meeting.
6. Elections Committee Report:

- a. The report was received as presented by the Committee Chair, Mr. Garwe. Mr. Garwe updated the board on the search for CRO and DRO for the year 2017-2018.

7. President's Report:

- a. The report was received as presented by Mr. Nasrallah. The board was updated on the upcoming Winter Welcome Week preparations. The incoming students include 25 new international.

8. In camera:

- a. **It was moved by Mr. Garwe seconded by Mr. Oshobu that the Board move in camera at 17:52. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. Out of camera:

- a. The Board arose out of camera at 18:11.

10. Adjournment:

- a. **The meeting was adjourned at 18:12 on a motion moved by Mr. Archibald and seconded by Mr. Li. The motion passed unanimously.**