

SHERIDAN STUDENT UNION AGENDA

Meeting:

Date:

Time:

Campus:

<i>AGENDA ITEMS</i>	<i>MOTION</i>	<i>PRESENTER</i>	<i>TIME</i>



Minutes of the 264th Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting
Sheridan Student Union Incorporated (SSUI)

Date: October 30th, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: SSU Boardroom, Davis Campus

Directors Present: Xinxin Zhang, Director, TRA, Chairperson
Michelle Lee, Director, TRA, Vice-Chairperson
Abhishek Hastir, Director, DAV
Chiragkumar Patel, Director, DAV
Yash Amitbhai Karkar, Director, DAV
Ty Defreitas, Director, HMC
Tarek Al-Shawwa, Director, HMC
Maiya Samuel, Director, HMC

Teleconference: N/A

Directors Late: N/A

Directors Absent: Mireille Dubé, Director, DAV, Secretary (Approved LOA)

Ex-Officio Members Present: Ben LeBlanc, President, Sheridan Student Union
Jamie King, General Manager, Sheridan Student Union
Maria Lucido-Bezely, Dean of Students, Sheridan College (*via teleconference*)

Ex-Officio Members Absent: N/A

Guests Present: Laura DiViesti, Special Projects Coordinator & CRO, Sheridan Student Union
Azhar Ahmed-Ali, VP DAV, Sheridan Student Union
Hanh Ngo, Senior Manager, Finance, Sheridan Student Union
Jim Horn, Auditor, MacGillivray Chartered Public Accountants and Business Advisors
Richard Mohorovich, Student, DAV

I Call to order at 6:42 PM by the Chairperson.

II Quorum 8 Board members present. (8 required for quorum)

III Approval of the Agenda

Be it resolved that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the 264th Board Meeting Agenda.

Moved: Zhang

Seconded: Lee

Motion Carries (8 In favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

IV Approval of the 263rd Meeting Minutes

- Two amendments were discussed including the removal of a new business item due to confidentiality, and the modification of the motion for clarification on the item surrounding the Elections Review Committee.

Be it resolved that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the 263rd Meeting Minutes as amended and presented.

Moved: Zhang

Seconded: Samuel

Motion Carries (8 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

V Item One: Audited Financial Statements

- Horn walks the Board through the draft audited financial statements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. He explains some recent new additions to the statements including note 11 on commitments.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors receive the draft Audited Financial Statements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Moved: Hastir
Seconded: Patel

Motion Carries (8 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

VI Item Two: General Election Timeline Revision

- DiViesti informs the Board that due to the expanded scope of the Governance and Elections Review Committee, that it be best that the General Election timeline as previously approved at the 256th meeting be revised to allow the committee enough time to conduct a thorough review of all items.
- DiViesti presents the Board with the revised timeline that would push elections back into March 2020 and wrap up prior to the week in which most students will have final exams. Zhang questions if students will have enough time in the week prior to exams to participate in voting. DiViesti and LeBlanc both inform him that as a result of that concern, voting has been extended to be 3-days as opposed to 2, as originally proposed, in hopes that with a longer voting period, more students will be able to find an opportunity to vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the revised timeline for the 2019-2020 General Election as presented.

Moved: Al-Shawwa
Seconded: Lee

Motion Carries (8 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

VII Item Three: 24/7 Learning Commons Access at Davis

- Hastir informs the Board that over the past few weeks he has been looking into the possibility of having the Learning Commons at the Davis Campus be accessible 24/7 in an attempt to alleviate some concerns students have on lack of access and space on campus. Upon looking into the history of the Learning Commons, he learned that when it originally opened it was available 24/7 but that was changed for unknown reasons. Concerns that have been noted by Sheridan representatives he has spoken with include the need for additional staffing including cleaning staff and security.
- He is looking for the Board to support the idea of looking into advocating for 24/7 access to the Learning Commons at the Davis Campus.
- LeBlanc voices issues also relate to the lack of surrounding areas around the Davis campus for students as compared to other campuses. HMC has a City of Mississauga library within walking distance, and Trafalgar already has 24/7 access to the Learning Commons. LeBlanc invites Hastir and other board members to a meeting he has with Joan Sweeney Marsh the following week to discuss this topic. He suggests that if there is no ability to increase the service hours year-round, that perhaps a starting point can be just during exams, or that the SSU can investigate booking free classroom space and advertise it as an open study space during exams.
- Lucido-Bezely adds that as part of the Campus Master Planning process, space issues are at the top of mind for the college and looking at short-term wins such as the ones LeBlanc have suggested is a great start. Increasing operating hours might not solve all the issues regarding space on campus.
- Mohorovich adds additional insight to spaces near campus that can be an option, and that often times students are unaware of classrooms and other spaces on campus that are empty and available to be used.

VIII Item Four: Leave of Absence Request for Mireille Dubé

- Zhang informs the Board that Dubé has requested a Leave of Absence from today's meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve Mireille Dubé's Leave of Absence for the 264th meeting.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Samuel

Motion Carries (8 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

IX New Business

- Al-Shawwa informs the Board that a student has reached out to him about exploring a sleeping lounge on campus and is unsure if that is Board business or who else to direct them to. LeBlanc asks Al-Shawwa to forward the email to himself and the HMC VP, Ayush Gupta, who can then connect with the student.
- DiViesti reminds the Board about the upcoming Open House on November 9th, 2019. Any directors interested in attending to speak about SSU to prospective students should email her ASAP.
- Hastir asks LeBlanc if he can obtain more information on fee payment deadlines for the Summer 2020 term. Currently in the Academic Calendar it shows that New Students and Returning International Students have a fee deadline in March, whereas Returning Domestic Students have a fee deadline in April, which Hastir feels is not fair to International students as the deadlines for international students are not usually separated in this manner. For example, in the Fall 2020 term, it is divided by New vs. Returning students, with no mention of Domestic vs. International. LeBlanc will reach out to the appropriate representatives within the Office of the Registrar and have more insight at the next meeting.
- DiViesti asks the Board and ex-officio members if they have had success getting access to the new generic board email. No one has been successful yet, she will follow up with IT to get everyone access ASAP.
- Hastir inquires about the process and ability for clubs to collaborate with the SSU on events. LeBlanc explains some of the processes in place and the barriers that sometimes surface as a result of the planning timelines. He informs the Board that the programming department is in the early stages of planning a calendar with a month of international/cultural awareness and will connect with Club Coordinators to see if any clubs want to participate in the programming.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors enter an in-camera session.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded: Al-Shawwa

Motion Carries (8 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)

X Adjournment

Be it resolved that the SSUI Board of Directors adjourn the 264th Meeting of the Board.

Moved: Zhang
Seconded:

Motion Carries (8 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)


Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Mireille Dubé
Secretary of the Board

Adopted by the Board in the meeting

of Nov. 13 / 2019,
(Date of Meeting)


(Signature of Board Chair)