

# SHERIDAN STUDENT UNION AGENDA

Meeting: 266

Date: November 27th 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Campus: HMC, President's Boardroom (A402f)

<i>AGENDA ITEMS</i>	<i>MOTION</i>	<i>PRESENTER</i>	<i>TIME</i>
Call to Order, Declaration of Conflicts of Interest, Approval of Agenda	BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the 266th meeting agenda as presented.	Xin Zhang	6:30 pm
Approval of 265th Meeting Minutes	BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the 265th meeting minutes as presented.	Xin Zhang	6:32 pm
Student Care Annual Review and Fee Recommendation	TBD	Del Peirera, Jamie King and Ben LeBlanc	6:35 pm
Policy Follow Up Discussion	TBD	Xin Zhang	7:20 pm
Sleep Space Initiative	N/A	Tarek Al-Shawwa	7:50 pm
Sports Shuttle Bus Initiative	N/A	Ty Defreitas	8:00 pm
International Student Committee	TBD	Maiya Samuel	8:10 pm
President Updates	N/A	Ben LeBlanc	8:30 pm
Board Operations	N/A	Abhishek Hastir & Ben LeBlanc	8:40pm
Study Space Initiative Follow Up	N/A	Ben LeBlanc & Laura DiViesti	9:15 pm

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New Business	N/A	All Directors	9:20 pm
Adjournment	BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors adjourn the 266th meeting.	Xin Zhang	9:35 pm



## Minutes of the 266th Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting  
Sheridan Student Union Incorporated (SSUI)

**Date:** November 27, 2019  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Location:** President's Boardroom (A402f), HMC

**Directors Present:** Xinxin Zhang, Director, TRA, Chairperson  
Michelle Lee, Director, TRA, Vice-Chairperson  
Mireille Dube, Director, DAV  
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

**Directors Late:** N/A

**Directors Absent:** N/A

**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, Acting Recording Secretary  
Jessica Marshall, VP TRA, Sheridan Student Union  
Del Periera, Student Care  
Larissa Chen, Student Care  
Anton Gemarino, Student, DAV & Student Life Coordinator, DAV, Sheridan Student Union  
Richard Mohorovich, Student, DAV

**I Call to order** at 6:40 PM by the Chairperson.

**II Quorum** 9 Board members present. (6 required for quorum)

**III Declaration of Conflicts of Interest** No conflicts identified.

### **IV Approval of the Agenda**

- LeBlanc requests that President's Updates items be moved up the agenda to after the International Student Committee item.

**BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the 266th Board Meeting Agenda as presented and amended.**

Moved: Zhang  
Seconded: Al-Shawwa

**Motion Carries (9 In favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)**

### **V Approval of the 265th Meeting Minutes**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors approve the 265th Meeting Minutes as presented.**

Moved: Zhang  
Seconded: Al-Shawwa

**Motion Carries (9 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)**



## **VI Item One: Student Care Annual Review and Fee Recommendation**

- Periera provides an overview of himself and his partner, Chen and the role Student Care plays in our insurance fee setting. He outlines the claims experience for 2018-2019 including the monthly and per capita claims for both health and dental claims, impact of OHIP+ on health claims. He outlines the claims projection process which is difficult as we determine a plan 2 years out and provides the Board two different scenarios for the 2020-2021 plan cost; option A = 4% change or option B = 8% change. The plan fee and cost has averaged a 2% increase over the past 6 years.
- King outlines the intent behind previous year's lack of fee change; which is mostly driven from the need to set fees 2 years out and difficulty in accurately projecting that far ahead.
- Changes proposed by the administration include increasing coverage for psychologists/social workers and counsellors, covering smoking cessation drugs, adding psychotherapists to the list of eligible mental health practitioners and covering oral contraceptives.
- Hastir asks Periera if Student Care provides insurance for international students; Periera explains that Sheridan is one of the few colleges who does not cover both domestic and international students under the same plan. GuardMe covers primary care, whereas StudentCare covers supplementary care.
- Defreitas inquires as to the timelines associated with implementing supplemental coverage for international students. Periera states that from Student Care's end it can be done rather quickly, King states that we are in the talks with the college about pursuing aligned insurance coverage and have been for the past few years.

## **VII Item Two: Policy Follow Up Discussion**

- Item tabled by Zhang to next meeting.

## **VIII Item Three: International Student Committee**

- Samuel starts off the conversation outlining the importance of the need to have a clear and concise scope for the committee at the outset. LeBlanc suggests looking at which elements can this board meaningfully influence; he suggests SSU international supports should be looked at first, as the influence there can be directly applied internally much easier than expanding outside of the scope of the SSU into the college.
- Hastir suggests this committee be a branch of the Outreach Committee. Lee as chair of that committee is hesitant as there are already projects underway by that committee, and this would change the scope of the outreach committee.
- Dubé suggests building off of the committees currently being held by Sheridan International Students Association (SISA). LeBlanc states that because this is a student led club, that would be difficult.
- Zhang suggests the committee focus on international health and dental insurance expanding to cover international students. LeBlanc respectfully asks that not to be under the committee as the administration has already started working on that.
- Lucido-Bezely states that this is a big complex topic and undertaking. She offers to meet with Board members outside of Board meetings offline to discuss further about the existing mechanisms of support for international students. She adds that there is currently a desire to create a Dean of Students Advisory Council and opens the invite for Director to take part in those meetings. She says we need to determine how we can connect efforts as opposed to creating new smaller siloed groups.
- Zhang states that based on feedback from international students at the Trafalgar campus they struggle with acclimating to the Canadian social culture. He asks Lucido-Bezely if there is anything in place now to help with that process. Lucido-Bezely states that there is, and she would be interested in having her staff coming to the Board in early January to discuss plans for pre-arrival for international students.
- Hastir asks Lucido-Bezely that considering there are international students at all three Sheridan campuses if faculty and staff get any training on dealing with concerns of first year international students. Lucido-Bezely responds that the topic of international student acclimatization is a big topic of conversation within her portfolio. She is building right now with the Centre for Teaching and Learning and in consultation with Associate Deans, training, consultation and modules available and providing historical details and data to determine what common issues are and how they can approach those from a Teaching and Learning perspective and informing faculty how and where they can refer students to get support on campus.

## **IX Item Four: President's Updates**

- LeBlanc updates the Board on new items and follows up on items from the 265<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - Campus Wellness Strategy

- Student feedback is being provided in a variety of different avenues including open feedback sessions for staff, faculty and students, and himself and the Vice President's being on the steering committee.
- Leah State, the manager of Wellness & Counselling is interested in meeting with the Board and Student Executives at SSU for a targeted feedback session. LeBlanc will set that up and communicate the date/time with Board members.
- Agenda Publication
  - LeBlanc seeks the Board's feedback on publishing meeting agendas on the SSU website two days prior to Board meetings to increase awareness as to what will be discussed at the meeting and hopefully increase student interest in attending meetings.
  - No objections from Director's on this idea. Moving forward agendas will be available on the SSU website 2 business days prior to a meeting.
- Board Secretary
  - The current interest is to have a non-voting director taking minutes to ease the challenges that have been expressed in the past with the secretary not being able to fully participate in the meeting due to the need to be taking minutes/notes. The current challenge with moving forward with this idea is that the current by-laws and letter patent state that the secretary will be a voting director of the Board. Management is currently assessing how they can leverage staff, such as DiViesti, to aid the secretary on a day-to-day basis in the meantime.
  - Dubé adds additional insight in to the responsibilities of the role of the Secretary and the time outside the meeting that needs to be dedicated to creating the agenda and minutes, which for her was around 3-4 hours for the creation of meeting minutes.
  - Hastir asks if the Secretary is paid additional compensation for their work, DiViesti indicates they are given an additional \$22.50 per meeting. Hastir asks if DiViesti is to take on those duties if she will be compensated at the same rate for the additional responsibilities, LeBlanc states that the additional compensation would not be provided, as she is a salaried staff member.

#### **X Item Five: In Camera**

- LeBlanc requests this item be in camera, with only directors and staff members present.

***BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors enter in camera session with Directors, Ex-Officio Members, DiViesti, Marshall and Gemarino.***

Moved: Zhang  
Seconded: Al-Shawwa

**Motion Carries (9 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)**

***BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors exit in camera session.***

Moved: Zhang  
Seconded: Al-Shawwa

**Motion Carries (9 In Favour, 0 Against, 0 Abstain)**

#### **XI Item Six: Sleep Space Initiative**

- Al-Shawwa outlines the intent behind the student's interest in dedicated sleep space and possible suggestions.
- Hastir states that this could cause a security concern and that every campus has its own unique needs so this if pursued should be on a campus by campus basis, so the needs of each campus are addressed properly.
- LeBlanc suggests this is something he can take back to assess the feasibility of it and report back to the Board at a later meeting.

#### **XII Item Seven: Sports Shuttle Bus Initiative**

- Defreitas states that this item can be removed as he will connect offline with LeBlanc to discuss this concept with the proper people at the table, including Athletics department staff.

### XIII Item Eight: Board Operations

- Hastir suggests having two different kinds of board meetings; one campus specific meeting to discuss student feedback between campus Directors and the respective Vice-President, and the second being a whole board meeting conducting corporate business and strategic items.
- LeBlanc pulls up the organizational chart and states that below him there are already numerous departments whose job duties entail collecting student feedback for future planning so if this idea were to be put into action it would duplicate the work and take it away from the staff who are hired to do that. In addition, it could be possible that some managers not want or allow their staff to attend these meetings.

### XIV Item Nine: Study Space Initiative Follow Up

- LeBlanc informs the Board that the posters and promotional material are all ready for next week's open study space initiative. Dubé asks if these rooms will be monitored to ensure they are used exclusively for studying; LeBlanc states they will not be monitored by SSU staff so there is no guarantee, but they are being marketed as space exclusive for studying.
- LeBlanc asks the Board for direction on providing coffee and tea at the sessions. The Board decides not to move forward with that for now as it would use their entire budget for the year on this one initiative but could investigate the idea in future semesters for a 'pay-it-forward' donation style to recover some of the costs. LeBlanc says that he can work with the Operations department to assess the feasibility of a 'pay-it-forward' concept at our coffee outlets.

### XV New Business

- Lee states that the Outreach Committee has been meeting and are looking for Board and staff feedback on the name of an event. Details can be found in the SharePoint. LeBlanc says that he can connect the committee with Mia Fatrdla, our Senior Manager of Marketing, Communications and Creative for support.

### XVI Adjournment

***BE IT RESOLVED that the SSUI Board of Directors adjourn the 266th Meeting of the Board.***

Moved: Zhang  
Seconded: Lee

**Motion Carries (8 In Favour, 1 Against, 0 Abstain)**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by,



Laura DiViesti  
Acting Recording Secretary

Adopted by the Board in the meeting

of Wed. Dec. 11/2019  
(Date of Meeting)

  
(Signature of Board Chair)